

MAY 11, 2015

Office hours with the president

President Wim Wiewel will host open office hours in the Simon Benson House from 9 to 10 a.m., Friday, May 15, and 2 to 3 p.m., Friday, May 29. These are casual meetings for faculty and staff who would like to talk with the president. There will be sign-up sheets, and the time allotted to each person will depend on how many people are signed up. For more information contact the President's office at 5-4411.

Celebrate and learn about the Provost's Challenge

The Provost's Challenge allocated \$3 million from 2013 to 2015 to fund and support 24 faculty and staff initiatives. Now the offices of Academic

Affairs and Academic Innovation are hosting a celebration to recognize these projects and allow the PSU community to learn more. The Provost's Challenge Celebration will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, in the Smith Union Ballroom. It is free and open to faculty, staff and students. [RSVPs are suggested](#). Read more about successful projects on the [Provost's Challenge website](#).

Social Club gathering for faculty, staff

Join your colleagues for the Second Thursday Social Club on May 14 at 4 p.m. in the Office of Academic Innovation, 209M Smith Union. This new socializing event is organized by a group of faculty. Food is provided and a cash bar is available until 6:30 p.m.

Satire on stage in Lincoln Hall

Molière's comic play *The Misanthrope* has as much satirical bite today as it did in the 17th century. Molière asks how honest can we be with each other, and how honest

should we be? A translation by American poet Richard Wilbur plays in Lincoln Hall May 14-30. Tickets are \$8 for faculty and staff and available from the PSU Box Office. [READ MORE](#)

Rankings and awards

The Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling program in the Graduate School of Education is [ranked 18th in the country](#) (out of 88 schools) by U.S. News and World Report.

The University's graduate programs in Biology, Linguistics and Urban Planning and Policy, as well as the School of Social Work, have been [rated by students](#) as top 25 programs and schools in the nation through GraduatePrograms.com.

Oregon's Kitchen Table, a program of the College of Urban and Public Affairs, [is a finalist](#) for Harvard University's Roy and Lila Ash Innovations in Public Engagement in Government Award.

New crime data website for Portlanders

A new Portland State website that provides crime and public safety data for Portland residents and policymakers launched last

week. Students and faculty from the Criminology and Criminal Justice program worked with the Portland Police Bureau to create the site, which provides longer-term crime trends, geographic distribution of crime in the city and temporal patterns in criminal offending. Its goal is to provide residents and visitors with the critical information needed to accurately assess their risk for victimization. [READ MORE](#)

Revised policies adopted

The University Policy Committee has approved revisions to two policies, which have now been adopted: Student Conduct and Responsibility Policy, and Financial Irregularities Policy. These and other University policies can found in [PSU's Policy Library](#).



'The Little Match Girl' performance

Choir presents 'The Little Match Girl'

The Portland State Chamber Choir is partnering with New Avenues for Youth to present a free performance of "The Little Match Girl Passion" at 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, in Waterfront Park. Audience members are invited to bring a blanket to donate to homeless youth after the event. "The Little Match Girl Passion" is a haunting choral work about poverty and homelessness based on the Hans Christian Andersen story of the same name. Composer David Lang won the Pulitzer Prize for the piece in 2008. The Chamber Choir will also perform the work in a more traditional concert setting at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in southeast Portland. [READ MORE](#)

ePSU Marketplace adds Dell products

Dell products have been added to the ePSU Marketplace, an online portal where departments may purchase supplies from a variety of vendors at contract pricing. Office supplies, computer hardware and laboratory equipment are some of the items that can be ordered through the site. Weekly trainings are offered for registered departmental personnel. [READ MORE](#)

New report on college affordability

Decreased state funding is responsible for nearly 80 percent of the rise in public education tuition from 2001 to 2011, according to a new report from Demos, a liberal think tank in New York. "[Pulling up the Higher-Ed Ladder: Myth and Reality in the Crisis of College Affordability](#)," states that between 78 percent and 79 percent of the tuition increases at public institutions occurred because of declining state funding, while 5 percent to 6 percent came from administration costs and 6 percent came from construction.

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[How Capitalizing on Positive Events Builds Personal and Interpersonal Resources](#)

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[OAI Faculty Workshop: Markup I](#)

[Performance Recital: PSU Classical Voice Area](#)

[Art & Sports Lecture: Nathan Warner](#)

[Second Thursday Social Club for Faculty & Staff](#)

[Challenging Institutional Racism and Coalition Building within the Asian Pacific Islander Community](#)

[Imaging Life at High Spatiotemporal Resolution](#)

[The Challenges of Climate Change Policy: What's in the Toolbox?](#)

[Transmit Culture: A Conversation with the Editor of Kinfolk](#)

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[Theater: The Misanthrope](#)

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[OAI Faculty Workshop: Faculty Fellow for Community-based Learning Online](#)

[The Economics of Climate Change: What Motivates Human Behavior](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Faculty Fellow for Program Redesign](#)

May 17

[Strings of Three Nations: A Celebration of Music from China, Japan & Korea](#)

[Chamber Choir: The Little Match Girl Passion](#)

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[Kellogg Awards with speaker Mike Davis: Writing as Rioting](#)

PEOPLE

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