

JUNE 1, 2015

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE of Currently for the 2014-15 academic year. The newsletter will be published once in midsummer and will resume weekly publication in the fall.

Honorary degrees for Maseeh, Cross, Cowles

Portland State alumni Fariborz Maseeh (pictured right) and Terry Cross will receive honorary degrees and speak at the University's commencement ceremonies Sunday, June 14, in the Rose Quarter Mode Center. Jeannine Cowles, supporter of music students and programs at Portland State, will also receive an honorary degree. Maseeh will speak at the 10 a.m. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony. He is an expert in the field of micro-technology and a generous supporter of engineering and mathematics on campus. Cross, speaker for the 3:30 p.m. Professional Schools ceremony, is an internationally known expert and advocate for the rights of American Indian families.

Proposals emerge in PSU leadership work session

Ideas ranging from a new "student success" center to the creation of a campus-wide General Assembly emerged during a daylong meeting of Portland State's academic leaders on May 26. About 100 faculty, students and administrators attended the Annual Leadership Planning Session, where they reviewed the University's strategic planning effort. [READ MORE](#)

Workshops on writing for the web

Staff and faculty may sign up for free training on writing web content that is search engine optimized (SEO). Instructor Jennifer Croft specializes in SEO and has worked on more than 500 websites, including 70 higher education sites. She is a consultant for Ruffalo Noel Levitz, a consulting firm that has been working on the PSU Online project. Three 90-minute sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 10. [RSVP to participate in the training.](#)

New seating for food cart diners

Last week students completed the [SOMA Parklet](#) in front of the food carts on southwest Fourth Avenue. Replacing two parking spaces, the parklet was designed by PSU architecture students in partnership with the South of Market (SOMA) EcoDistrict. More than \$15,000 was raised through crowdfunding to pay for the parklet, which was approved by the city of Portland's Street Seats program in winter 2014. The new wood structure includes seating for more than two dozen people.

Adding up online courses

Online education at Portland State has come a long way since the first classes were offered in 2000. Today the University offers six online bachelor's degrees, five master's, and 20 certificate, endorsement and licensure programs.

"The Criminology and Criminal Justice degree program started in early 2006 when online choices around the country were more limited for students," said Laura Hickman, director of the fully online bachelor's degree, one of the first at the University. "Now we are seeing students who are more dedicated to the program because they have carefully chosen it from among many options." [READ MORE](#)

Social Club gathering for faculty, staff

Join your colleagues for the Second Thursday Social Club on June 11 at 4 p.m. in the Office of Academic Innovation, 209M Smith Union. Started this year by a group of faculty, the social club is expected to continue through the summer. Food is provided and a cash bar is available until 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming performances

[Drama! Dance! Drums!](#)

from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, June 3, will feature Taiko drumming, Kabuki fight dancing and traditionally dressed courtesans in the Lincoln Recital Hall Room 75. The event is free and open to the public.

The Portland State University Orchestra presents [Brahms' Symphony No. 2 in D Major](#) at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, in Lincoln Performance Hall Room 175. Tickets are free with PSU ID or \$10 for the general public through the PSU Box Office.

The PSU Dance program [presents Catalyst](#), a performance of 12 new contemporary works by student choreographers at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, June 9 and 10, in Lincoln Performance Hall Room 175. Suggested donations of \$15 general or \$5 students will be accepted.

Program earns ambassador award

[First Stop Portland](#), a program housed in Research and Strategic Partnerships at Portland State, was recently recognized as a leader in international relations for the state with the Oregon Consular Corps Ambassador Award. The award honors organizations that demonstrate a commitment to advocating for cultural exchange, international understanding and trade relationship. First Stop Portland designs study tours for high-level delegations visiting Portland. Since 2009, it has hosted over 4,000 visitors from 36 countries.

Exhibit of architecture student works

The School of Architecture is celebrating the creative work of students in the undergraduate and master's programs with an end-of-year design exhibition, titled "[Embodied States.](#)"

Hosted by American Institute of Architects, the exhibit includes hand-painted sketches and drawings, material studies, mixed media, building models and other expressions of architectural design. The exhibit can be viewed at AIA Portland, 403 NW 11th Ave., June 4-26. An opening reception is scheduled from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on June 4.

On-campus Harvest Share continues

Fresh fruits and vegetables will again be given away on Monday, June 8, starting at noon outside Shattuck Hall on the Park Blocks. Harvest Share, sponsored by the Office of University Communications in partnership with Food Security and the Oregon Food Bank, will continue through the summer months on July 13, Aug. 10 and Sept. 14. Food is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and shoppers are encouraged to bring reusable bags.

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EVENTS

June 3
[Texts of Time \(ongoing exhibit\)](#)

[Art as the Agent of Social Change Exhibit](#)

[BRAVO Youth Orchestras Performance](#)

[Natural Capital in Cities](#)

[Drama! Dance! Drums!](#)

June 3, 17, 24
[OIT Workshop: D2L Basics](#)

June 3, July 8
[OIT Workshop: Google Drive: Spreadsheets](#)

June 4
[OAI Faculty Workshop: Writing a Narrative for Promotion and Tenure](#)

[Embodied States: Architecture Student Exhibit](#)

June 5
[OAI Faculty Workshop: Fellows for Community-based Learning Online](#)

[Art & Social Practice: Erin Charpentier & Zachary Gough](#)

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

[Chinese Dragon Boat Festival Celebration](#)

[Student Film + Video Show](#)

[PSU Orchestra: Brahms Symphony No. 2](#)

June 6
[Voce d'amore](#)

June 7
[Family-Friendly Commencement](#)

June 8
[Harvest Share: Free Produce](#)

June 9
[OAI Faculty Workshop: Course Building Basics](#)

June 9-10
[Dance Students: Catalyst](#)

June 10
[Search Engine Optimization Training](#)

[OIT Workshop: D2L Grades](#)

June 11
[OAI Faculty Workshop: Intro to Kaltura](#)

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

June 12
[Grad Weekend Golf Tournament](#)

[Multicultural Graduation](#)

[Chinese Movie Night: The Grandmaster](#)

June 13
[Guardians of the Dharma, or of the Empire?](#)

June 14
[Spring Commencement](#)

June 15
[Faculty Support Desk Summer Hours Begin](#)

June 17
[OIT Workshop: Google Mail](#)

June 18
[International Body Mapping Conference](#)

June 22
[Summer Session Classes Begin](#)

June 24
[OIT Workshop: Google Calendar](#)

June 24, July 13
[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports](#)

July 1
[OIT Workshop: Google Drive: Documents, Presentations, Drawings](#)

July 9
[Second Thursday Social Club for Faculty & Staff](#)

July 13
[Harvest Share: Free Produce](#)

July 15
[OIT Workshop: Google Drive: Forms/Surveys](#)

July 22
[OIT Workshop: Google Sites Intro](#)

August 10
[Harvest Share: Free Produce](#)

August 13
[Second Thursday Social Club for Faculty & Staff](#)

September 10
[Second Thursday Social Club for Faculty & Staff](#)

September 16
[New Faculty Orientation](#)

September 23
[Convocation](#)

September 25
[New Graduate/Teaching Assistants Orientation](#)

September 28
[Classes Begin](#)

[Currently Resumes Publication](#)

PEOPLE

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[Alan Yeakley](#)

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