

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next issue of *Currently* will be published on Tuesday, Dec. 1.



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## News



### Vikings give thanks

We asked students, staff, faculty and alumni to share why they're thankful. The heartwarming responses have been flowing in. [One example](#) from history professor Catherine McNeur: "I am grateful for my students... Any professor will tell you, a course is only as good as the students in it and they have filled me with hope when I needed it most." Check PSU's social media channels, such as [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#), all this week for more messages of gratitude.

### Help shape new supports

During these unprecedented times, most of us are experiencing stress beyond the normal demands of our jobs. To better understand the challenges employees face and identify new ways of supporting them, campus leadership and PSU's Incident Management Team have put together a short survey. Participation is voluntary and anonymous. Data will be compiled into a report that will be shared with executive leadership and the Incident Management Team's Employee Support Workgroup as well as with the campus community. [Take the survey here.](#)

### Updates to campus mask policy

PSU's Face Coverings Policy has been updated to reflect changes to statewide guidance, including [new Oregon OSHA rules](#). Face coverings are now required in all indoor settings, such as shared spaces like break rooms and study spaces, as well as outdoors when physical distancing isn't feasible. Masks with valves and face shields not paired with masks are also prohibited. An email sent last week linked to the outdated mask policy. Please review the current [PSU Face Coverings Policy](#) for details, including limited exemptions and enforcement.

### Give dollars. Make change.

The 2020 virtual Oregon Employees' Charitable Fund Drive is underway at PSU, running through Dec. 31. State employees who pledge have an immediate positive impact on both Oregonians' lives and Oregon's livability. See this year's [giving guide](#) for more information. Download and use the [paperless process and document upload form](#) to give to your favorite nonprofits via convenient payroll deductions. For more information visit the [PSU Charitable Fund Drive webpage](#).

### Undergraduate research report released

Between fall 2018 and fall 2020, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Committee (UROC) explored current undergraduate research practices at Portland State and avenues to create new and exciting research opportunities for our diverse undergraduate student population. The UROC has now prepared its final report and invites faculty and staff feedback. See the report and information about participating in the discussion — including a Dec. 3 [virtual workshop](#) — on the [committee's website](#).



### Support students with children

This year has been particularly difficult for students with children, many of whom are grappling with a lack of childcare and resources on top of struggling to make ends meet during the holiday season. You can help by donating to the Resource Center for Students with Children's Winter Wonder Fund! Funds are distributed to student parents based on family size and provide critical assistance to students in need. Please visit the [RCSC Foundation page](#) and donate by Dec. 4.

### Campus access updates

Smith Memorial Student Union's south entrance, nearest to Fariborz Maseeh Hall, now has electronic access; Smith is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Due to Gov. Kate Brown's statewide COVID-19 freeze, some campus resources, including Campus Rec and the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art at PSU, are closed through Dec. 16. (See the [Coronavirus Response page](#) for details.) The Outdoor Program office is closed Nov. 26-29, but otherwise remains open. Check out its [Thanksgiving weekend gear rental special](#).

### PSU in the News

The impact of the COVID 19 surge on the economy was [top of mind for KPTV](#) when they turned to Hiro Ito, economics chair, to explore the possible ramifications; Dara Shifrer, sociology faculty, produced a study on educational inequity that caught the attention of the [Atlanta Journal Constitution](#); Barbara Dudley, senior fellow in CUPA's Center for Public Service, taught a 2013 class on the student debt crisis now featured in [Harper's Magazine](#).

## Accolades

### People

Scott Burns, David Johns, Maura Kelly, Cassio de Oliveira, Jack Straton

### Presented

Jola Ajibade, Sarah Dougher, Jon Holt, Maura Kelly, Nicole Rigelman, Hyeyoung Woo

### Published/Exhibited

Nike Arnold, Kathi Inman Berens, Heejun Chang, Maura Kelly, Rachel Noorda, Cassio de Oliveira, Shafiq Rahman, Aaron Roussell, Jeremy Spoon, Lindsey Wilkinson

## Events

### November 23

[Zoom into Fall: Demystifying Breakout Rooms](#)

[Crafting with Little Vikings \(Zoom\)](#)

### November 25

[Geology Speaker Series: Dr. Cyrena Goodrich](#)

[Crafting with Little Vikings \(Zoom\)](#)

### November 26

[Thanksgiving holiday](#)

[Sports Zoom Chat](#)

### November 27

[Day after Thanksgiving holiday](#)

[What's Up: A Wellness Podcast presents — Demystifying Therapy](#)

### November 29

[Bob Lewis: How Can You Afford to Do Those Things? \(Registration Deadline\)](#)

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Every week during the academic year, Currently celebrates faculty and staff accomplishments, including appearances on panels, presentations, recent publications or performances, and research grants.

1. **Scott Burns**, geology faculty emeritus, was inducted in the first cohort of fellows at the (virtual) annual Sigma Xi meeting on Nov. 5. Sigma Xi, the international scientific research honorary of 25,000 scientists worldwide, honored 20 fellows at the meeting. Burns has been on the board of the local Sigma Xi chapter for 30 years, and he was president of the chapter for five of those years.
2. **David Johns**, retired adjunct political science faculty, was interviewed for a Q&A titled "[Conservation Science Shouldn't Be All About Us: David Johns Writes About Freeing Earth and Other Species from Human Domination](#)" in Psychology Today on Nov. 13.
3. **Maura Kelly**, sociology faculty, was invited to join the Safe from Hate Alliance, which includes Oregon stakeholders from across the construction trades committed to addressing job site harassment and discrimination.
4. **Maura Kelly**, sociology faculty, was interviewed for "[Racism on the Jobsite: How Hate Erodes Construction's Bottom Line](#)," a five-part article series about racism in the construction trades, for Construction Dive.
5. **Cassio de Oliveira**, world languages and literatures faculty, chaired a panel on "The Musical Negotiation of Russian Imperial Identities" at the (virtual) annual conference of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies.
6. **Jack Straton**, physics and university studies faculty, won the Juror's Choice award in a national joint show of 2D and 3D works of art at October National 2020 in Decatur, Illinois, from Oct. 2-30.

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1. **Jola Ajibade**, geography faculty, presented “Urban Natures: Interrogating Social Justice and Resilience Planning in Coastal Cities” at Dartmouth College on Nov. 12.
2. **Sarah Dougher**, university studies faculty, presented “Humanities Light the Way to Higher Education: Four Models” at the National Humanities Conference.
3. **Jon Holt**, world languages and literatures faculty, presented “My Brother’s Husband: Changing Attitudes towards Same-Sex Marriage in Japanese Manga” at the Encorepreneur Cafe in Portland, Oregon, on Nov. 1.
4. **Maura Kelly**, sociology faculty, participated in the webinar “Addressing Jobsite Culture: Take Action to Create Safer Work Environment” presented by the Regional Respectful Workplace Model Review Committee.
5. **Nicole Rigelman**, mathematics faculty, co-presented “Catalyzing Change: Initiating Critical Conversations and Actions for Equitable Early Childhood and Elementary Mathematics” at the Virtual Conference of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics on Nov. 13.
6. **Hyeyoung Woo**, sociology faculty, presented “Korean Families Yesterday and Today” at the Korea Institute at Harvard University.

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1. **Nike Arnold**, applied linguistics faculty, and Rima Elabdali, MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) '16, published "Group Dynamics Across Interaction Modes in L2 Collaborative Wiki Writing" in *Computers and Composition*.
2. **Kathi Inman Berens** and **Rachel Noorda**, English faculty, published "[Ooligan Press: Building and Sustaining a Feminist Digital Humanities Lab at a R-2](#)" in *Digital Humanities Quarterly*.
3. **Heejun Chang**, geography faculty, co-authored "[The Right to Urban Streams: Quantitative Comparisons of Stakeholder Perceptions in Defining Adaptive Stream Restoration](#)," published in *Sustainability*.
4. **Maura Kelly**, sociology faculty, and JaDee Carathers, sociology PhD, co-authored "Beyond Tolerance: Policies, Practices and Ideologies of Queer Friendly Workplaces," published in *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*.
5. **Maura Kelly** and **Lindsey Wilkinson**, sociology faculty, co-authored the "[2020 Evaluation of the Highway Construction Workforce Development Program](#)," submitted to the Oregon Labor and Industries and Oregon Department of Transportation.
6. **Maura Kelly**, sociology faculty, co-authored the "[Regional Respectful Workplace Model Review Committee Recommendations: Tools to Address Jobsite Culture in Construction](#)."
7. **Cassio de Oliveira**, world languages and literatures faculty, published "The Trial as Performance in High Stalinist Cinema" at the (virtual) annual conference of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies on Nov. 8.
8. **Shafiq Rahman**, business faculty, published "The Investment Performance of Ethical Equity Funds in Malaysia" in the *Journal of Risk and Financial Management*.
9. **Aaron Roussell**, sociology faculty, performed a reading titled "[In Pursuit of 'Voluntary Compliance': Police Protest-reform Cycles](#)" for Disarm PSU Education.
10. **Jeremy Spoon**, anthropology faculty, published "[Anatomy of Disaster Recoveries: Tangible and Intangible Recovery Dynamics Following The 2015 Nepal Earthquakes](#)" in the *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*.