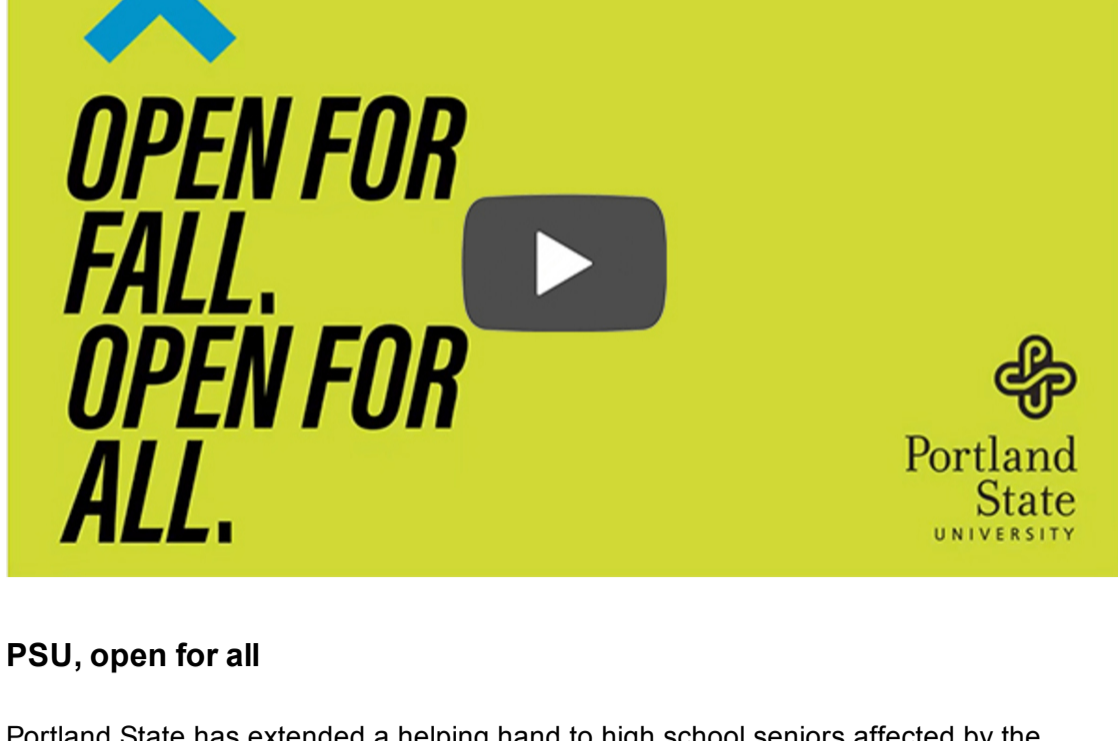




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News



PSU, open for all

Portland State has extended a helping hand to high school seniors affected by the pandemic's disruptions by waiving application fees, temporarily lowering GPA requirements, and providing a Summer Bridge program to help prepare selected incoming students for college. The University also will provide on-campus housing discounts for qualified low-income students and expand eligibility for the [Four Years Free](#) program. See [Provost Susan Jefford's video](#) and [read more](#) about the "Open for Fall, Open for All" campaign.

Portland State plans for an in-person fall term

In a [letter to campus](#), President Stephen Percy announced that spring and summer terms will be mostly remote with an expectation that the University will reunite for primarily in-person instruction fall term. Fall plans will follow public health guidance for social distancing, gathering size, mask-wearing and airflow. More details about how employees and students will be brought back to campus safely will be shared in the coming months.

Celebrate Black History month with the Pan-African Commons

Join PSU's [Pan-African Commons](#) for a celebration of the history and people of the African diaspora. Events kick off Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. with "[Misnaming and Identity Across the African Diaspora](#)" by Daniel Black, novelist and assistant professor of African American Studies at Clark Atlanta University. Other events include "Portland's History and the Black Experience" on Feb. 11; "Being Black at PSU," on Feb. 19; and more. [See what's coming up](#).



Toon Tour offers visitors a fun way to explore campus

Portland State has launched a self-guided tour with a twist. It's called the PSU Toon Tour and includes life-size cartoon cutouts scattered across campus. PSU and the Office of Admissions partnered with local artist, Mike Bennett, to create this fun way for people to explore our amazing campus in a safe, socially distant way. There are 24 stops, all visible from outside. Get out your phones and be ready to share photos using [#psutoontour](#). Start at [admissions.pdx.edu/tour](#).

Help make PSU more age friendly

In 2018, Portland State joined the global [Age-Friendly University \(AFU\) initiative](#), which fosters intergenerational learning and encourages older learners to participate in lifelong educational programs. PSU is contributing to a national study titled "Taking the Pulse of Age-Friendliness in Higher Education in the US Today." You can help by completing this anonymous, 10-15 minute [online survey](#) for staff, students and faculty. The results will identify how we can broaden and deepen our efforts.



Ken Mehlman delivers the 16th annual Solomon Memorial Lecture

Join Ken Mehlman this Thursday, Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. for a stimulating discussion on the state of today's political world and environment. A leader in impact investing, Ken Mehlman, co-head of KKR Global Impact, will discuss how that approach to investing is helping to lay the groundwork for a more sustainable future. He will also touch on the future of the Republican Party and his work with the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative's Policy Advisory Board. [Learn more and register](#).



Super Bowl fun, Campus Rec closure

Whether Sunday's Super Bowl is a nail-biter or a blow-out, keep the game exciting by playing in the free [NFL Super Bowl Predictions Virtual Challenge](#). No football knowledge is required. Score points by making accurate predictions to questions such as: Will the opening coin toss be heads or tails? PSU students, faculty and staff are eligible to win prizes. [Register](#) by 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 7. Due to Multnomah County's COVID-19 status, Campus Rec will [remain closed](#) through at least Feb. 14.

PSU in the news

Members of the Oregon COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee, including Kelly Gonzales, OHSU-PSU School of Public Health faculty, [shared vaccination priority recommendations with KGW](#); Steven Bleiler, mathematics and statistics faculty, broke down the [probability of winning the \\$1B Mega Millions prize](#) for the Associated Press; and Jola Ajibade, geography faculty, [spoke to NPR about climate migration](#).

Accolades

People

Jola Ajibade, Summer Allen, Scott Burns, Brett Forman, Ted Khoury, Evan Kirkley, Jennifer Ladwig, Scholle McFarland, Paige Parker, Cristina Rojas, Gianna Russo-Mitma, Peter Simon, Christina Williams, Heidi Williams, James Wilson, Rana Yaghmaian

Presented

Kim Brown, Kari Goin Kono, Paul Loikith, Lynn Santelmann, Sonja Taylor, Suwako Watanabe

Published/Exhibited

Rochelle Bloom, Carrie Collenberg-Gonzalez, M. Allen Cunningham, Douglas Deur, Jamie Hebert, Yiping Fan, Julia Freybote, Steven Johnson, Timm Menke, Max Nielsen-Pincus, Byeongdon ("Don") Oh, Jeremy Spoon, Jack Straton, Hyeyoung Woo

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[OIT Workshop: Excel — Intermediate Part 2](#)
[Department of Geology Seminar Series: Emily Johnson](#)
[Misnaming and Identity Across the African Diaspora](#)

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[Sex and the Red Queen](#)
[Show & Tell Graphic Design Lecture Series: Terence Hobson](#)
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[The Hello Girls: WWI and America's First Women Soldiers](#)
[Roundtable: Mishima Yukio's Popular Literature, Travesty and Entertainment](#)
[Men's Basketball vs. Montana](#)

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[Fridays @ 4: Asset-based Community Development Toward Affordable Housing](#)

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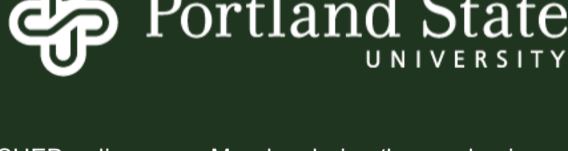
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[5th Avenue Cinema Virtual Program: Tongues Untied](#)
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1. **Jola Ajibade**, geography faculty, was interviewed for the article "[People Migrate When They Can No Longer Meet Their Basic Needs](#)," in Kapital, the leading Slovakian newspaper, on Jan. 11.
2. **Scott Burns**, geology faculty emeritus, was interviewed by KGW8 about rain and potential landslides on Jan. 11, and about earthquakes and the Shake Alert system on Jan. 19.
3. **Ted Khoury**, business faculty, has been named to the [#ThinklistAmplify](#), a list of influential scholars on social media around issues of responsible business.
4. **Scholle McFarland, Brett Forman, Evan Kirkley, Jennifer Ladwig, Summer Allen** and **Paige Parker**, University Communications; **Cristina Rojas**, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and **James Wilson**, now with the Portland State Foundation, were recognized for contributions to the [Spring 2020 issue](#) of Portland State Magazine, the University's alumni magazine. The magazine won a [CASE Gold Award](#) for "Magazine on a Shoestring" (with limited resources) from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The cover feature, "[1970: The Year That Shaped PSU](#)," written by former University Communications staffer Suzanne Pardington Effros, won a [CASE Silver Award](#) for feature writing.
5. **Gianna Russo-Mitma**, education adjunct faculty, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Oregon Counseling Association (ORCA) on Nov. 5, 2020. The award recognizes people who have contributed substantially to ORCA and the profession of counseling.
6. **Peter Simon, Christina Williams** and **Heidi Williams**, University Communications, were awarded a CASE Gold Award for "[Video on a Shoestring](#)" and a Silver Award for "Communications Pivot" by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for their video "[PSU is Resilient.](#)"
7. **Rana Yaghmaian**, education faculty, was awarded the Leona Tyler Award by the Oregon Counseling Association on Nov. 5, 2020. The award recognizes counselors who have made outstanding contributions to the profession, especially work with a significant impact statewide.

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1. **Kim Brown**, applied linguistics faculty, presented “Language Identity and Multilingualism in the 21st Century: Self and Other in our Globalizing World” as a part of a panel discussion on “Linguistic Diversity, Language Identity, and Multiculturalism in Asia and Implications for PSU” on Jan. 21. The event was co-sponsored by the Department of World Languages and Literatures and the Institute for Asian Studies, and moderated by **Suwako Watanabe**, Institute for Asian Studies director.
2. **Kari Goin Kono**, Office of Academic Innovation, and **Sonja Taylor**, university studies faculty, presented their paper titled “[Exploring Faculty Narratives as a Source for the Design and Development of a Culturally Sustaining, Pluralistic, Digital Curricula That Is Resilient in the Face of Our Current Global Pandemic](#)” at the Association of American Colleges and Universities conference Jan. 22.
3. **Lynn Santelmann**, applied linguistics faculty, co-taught a day-long workshop titled “Teaching Hybrid and Fully Online: Best Practices in Course Development and Delivery” at the annual Linguistic Society of America meeting Jan 7.
4. **Lynn Santelmann**, applied linguistics faculty, took part in a symposium and poster session on “Scholarly Teaching in the Age of COVID and Beyond,” where she presented “[Ten Trees a Day: How Gwilym the Trilingual Buffalo and Insights from Learning Science Can Improve Syntax Skills.](#)”
5. Students Emily Slinsky, Graham Taylor, Ilan Gonzalez-Hirshfeld, Abie Valenzuela and Emma Russell, members of Portland State’s Climate Science Lab — directed by **Paul Loikith**, geography faculty — presented their research at the 2020 virtual American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting. Presentations included research about atmospheric rivers, Pacific Northwest weather patterns and how they are affected by climate change, and the meteorology associated with fall and winter wood smoke pollution episodes in Portland.

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1. **Rochelle Bloom**, anthropology research assistant, and **Douglas Deur**, anthropology faculty, co-authored “Reframing Native Knowledge, Co-Managing Native Landscapes: Ethnographic Data and Tribal Engagement at Yosemite National Park,” published in *Land*.
2. **Carrie Collenberg-Gonzalez**, world languages and literatures faculty, published a chapter titled “The Deutsche Sommerschule am Pazifik: A Model and Asset to Small German Programs” in the book [“Outreach Strategies and Innovative Teaching Approaches for German Programs,”](#) edited by Melissa Etzler and Gabriele Maier and published by Routledge.
3. **M. Allen Cunningham**, English adjunct faculty, wrote a novel titled [“Q&A,”](#) published with Regal House Publishing.
4. **Douglas Deur**, anthropology faculty, and **Jamie Hebert**, anthropology research assistant, co-authored “Their Markers as they Go’: Modified Trees as Waypoints in the Dena’ina Cultural Landscape, Alaska,” published in *Human Ecology*.
5. **Yiping Fan**, urban studies and planning faculty, and **Julia Freybote**, business faculty, published “The Impact of Municipal Water Use Restrictions on the Pricing of Water-Sensitive Features in Single-Family Homes” in the *Journal of Real Estate Research*.
6. Samantha Hamlin PhD ’18, and **Max Nielsen-Pincus**, environmental science and management department chair, co-authored “From Gray Copycats to Green Wolves: Policy and Infrastructure for Flood Risk Management,” published in the *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*.
7. **Steven Johnson**, government, self-published a novel titled [“Junk Drawer at the Edge of the Universe.”](#)
8. **Timm Menke**, world languages and literatures faculty emeritus, wrote the entry “Konvergenz und Divergenz: zum Verhältnis von Martin Walser und Arno Schmidt” in “Einheit in der Vielfalt? Germanistik zwischen Divergenz und Konvergenz” published by Asiatische Germanistentagung in 2019 in Sapporo, Japan.
9. **Byeongdon (“Don”) Oh**, sociology, co-authored a paper titled “Legal Status and Psychosocial Well-being of Central Asian Migrant Women in Russia” in the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
10. **Jeremy Spoon**, anthropology faculty, co-authored [“Cultural and Spiritual Significance of Nature: Guidance for Protected and Conserved Area Governance and Management”](#) in the Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines, Series No. 32.

11. **Jack Straton**, physics and university studies faculty, had one of his photographs chosen to be part of Modern Art National, a joint show of 2D and 3D art, in Anna, Texas from Dec. 15, 2020 through Jan. 9.
12. **Hyeyoung Woo**, sociology faculty, and Elizabeth Withers, sociology graduate student, co-authored an article titled “Low Income Dynamics and Depression over the Life Course in South Korea” in Advances in Life Course Research.

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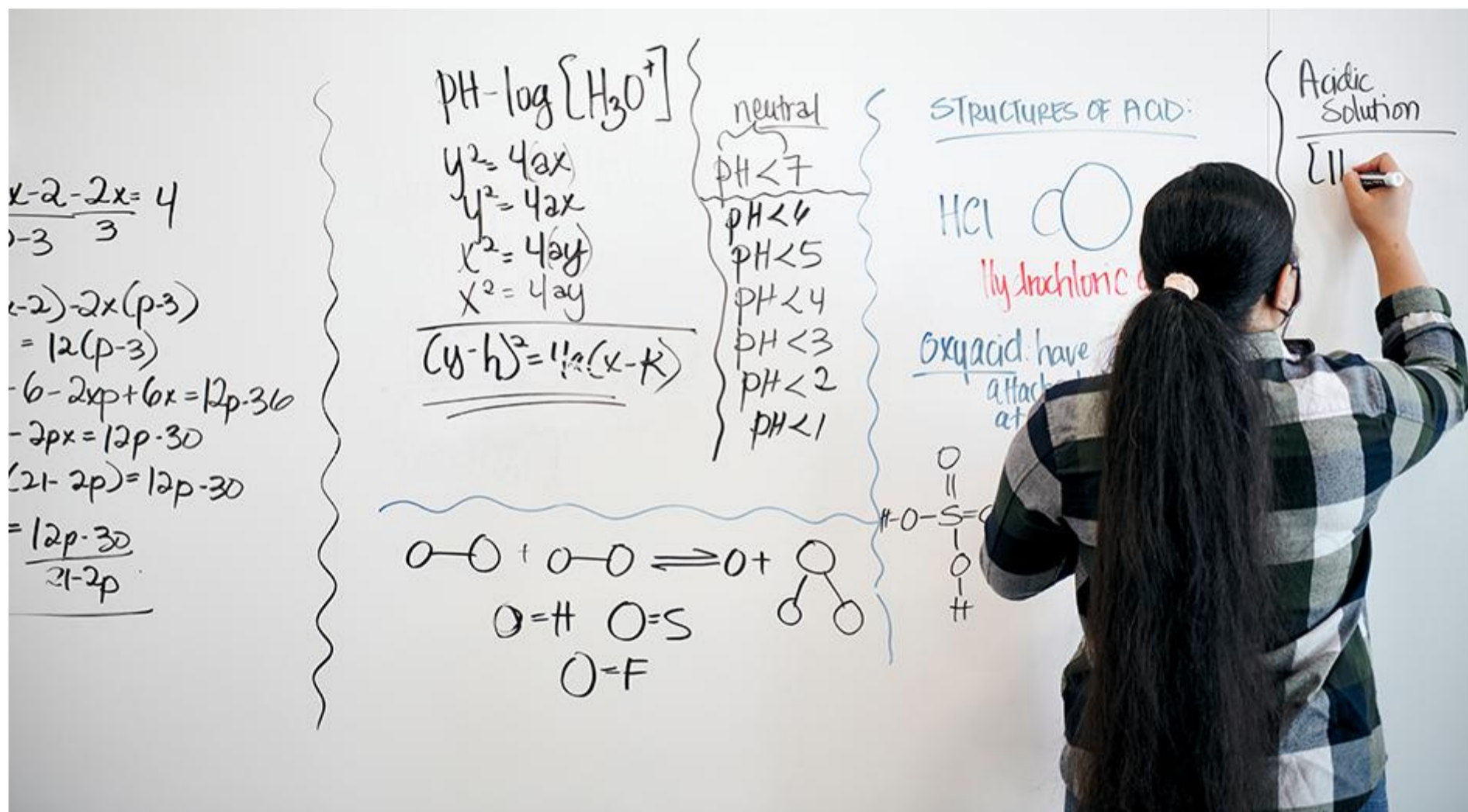


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1. **Óscar Fernández**, university studies faculty, received an Open Education Academic Innovation Mini-Funds Grant from Portland State University's Office of Academic Innovation (OAI), for winter and spring 2021 terms for his textbook draft titled "College Writing for Multilingual Students: Tips, Do's, and Don'ts."

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