Veronica Dujon to Discuss Debt Relief for Developing Countries

On Thursday, May 21, Veronica Dujon, Associate Dean of PSU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Professor of Sociology, will present “The Impact of Sovereign Debt on the Ebola Epidemic: A Success Story.” She will provide a brief historical context of the origins and impact of the debt crisis in the developing world, the emergence of the social justice organization The Jubilee Network in response to these conditions, and its success in shifting how global financial leaders think and act on issues of devastating social consequences.

An internationally recognized leader in the study of social sustainability, Dr. Dujon received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Recently, she has published two edited volumes with PSU colleagues: Understanding the Dimensions of Social Sustainability with Jesse Dillard and Mary King, and Social Sustainability: A Multilevel Approach to Social Inclusion with Jesse Dillard and Eileen Brennan. She also writes in the areas of natural resource use and Third World economic development.

The meeting will be held in Room 333, Smith Memorial Student Union. A light lunch will be available at noon. Veronica Dujon will speak at 1:00pm. Following her talk, we will hold our traditional spring Ice Cream Social, this year featuring gelato. Please join us for this event.
President’s Message

The April President’s Luncheon was enjoyable in many ways. We heard from President Wiewel about issues important to PSU, gave awards to deserving RAPS supporters, gained new members, met our scholarship recipient Robyn Lynn and generally had a good time. Thank you to all who attended and made our lunch such fun. Special thanks to Charlene Levesque who coordinated the event so successfully.

I am looking forward to the wine tasting event at Storyteller Wine on Sunday, May 3. Barbara Alberty, a former president of RAPS, and her son Michael who owns the Storyteller Wine Company, have made this fundraiser for our scholarship possible. I hope to see many of you there for an enjoyable afternoon.

--Priscilla Blumel

RAPS Wine Tasting Event

Save the date! You are invited to join us for a wine tasting on Sunday, May 3 at the Storyteller Wine Company (5511 SW Hood, just off Macadam in Portland) to benefit the RAPS Scholarship fund. Barbara Alberty’s son, Michael, owns the shop and will open it just for us (and any family or friends you want to invite) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm that day. There will be refreshments to accompany the tasting; entrance fee is $15.

In addition, Michael put together a “mystery case” of Kermit Lynch wines. Kermit Lynch is a highly regarded distributor and a friend of Michael’s. The wines he selected for the case had a value of $399; he offered it in his shop for $199 and sold all 30 cases in the first week. One of those cases has been donated to us and will be raffled at the wine tasting. Raffle tickets will be offered for sale at the wine tasting for $5 each; you need not be present to win. Please call Carissa at 503-725 3447 to register if you have not already purchased a ticket.

--Eileen Brennan

RAPS Scholarship Fund

The RAPS Scholarship Fund was enriched last month by the proceeds of The Robert W. Vogelsang Memorial Wine Raffle and a contribution from Barbara Alberty
The RAPS Book Group will discuss *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki at its next meeting on Tuesday, May 21. Amazon describes this book as “a brilliant, unforgettable novel from bestselling author Ruth Ozeki – shortlisted for the Booker Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award. Full of Ozeki’s signature humor and deeply engaged with the relationship between writer and reader, past and present, fact and fiction, quantum physics, history and myth, *A Tale for the Time Being* is a brilliantly inventive, beguiling story of our shared humanity and the search for home.” The meeting will be at Joan Shireman’s home, 13584 SE Snowfire Dr., Happy Valley. Contact Joan at joanshireman@gmail.com or 503-698-9951 to let her know that you are coming and to get directions. The Book Group meets at 1:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome.

--Joan Shireman

The RAPS Bridge Group will meet (or has already met) on Tuesday, April 5, 2015. We meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. Given the timing of the monthly RAPS Sheet, let me inform you of upcoming bridge sessions: June 2 and July 7. We gather in the conference room of Friendly House’s Anderson Building. This building is on the north side of NW Savier Street, around the corner from the main entrance to Friendly House at 26th and Thurman. Playing begins at 1 pm and continues to about 4:30 pm.

We are friendly and are always looking for new players. If you wish to join us, please contact Steve Brennan, 503-646-6297. My email address is the.steve.brennan@gmail.com.

--Steve Brennan

The RAPS Hiking Group hiked from the Rowena Crest Plateau to Tom McCall Point on April 10. We were fortunate that the trail was already open for the season and we did not have to hike the lower-level alternate. We welcomed Pati Sluys, a recent retiree from the School of Education. We hiked in two groups due to late afternoon commitments of some of the hikers. This was a wildflower hike and Tom Dieterich, Tom Hard and Larry Sawyer took advantage of close-up photography opportunities. All were aware of the fresh poison oak beside the trail and avoided it. Tom Dieterich compiled a partial list of 17 of the many flowers by their Latin names.

The Friday, May 8 hike will be the Weldon Wagon Road, 5 miles round trip with 1050 feet elevation gain. This is hike #158 in Sullivan’s 100 Oregon Hikes, 4th edition. This should also be a wildflower hike. Bring a sack lunch. The trailhead is in Washington across from Hood River, in the White Salmon River valley near Husum. Meet at the SE corner of the Gateway Transit Parking Garage at 9 am to carpool to the trailhead. Google the “Weldon Wagon Trail” to view descriptions and images of the hike. Confirm participation with Larry Sawyer at 503-771-1616 or by email at larry_sawyer@comcast.net. (There is an underscore between “larry” and “sawyer” in that email address.)

--Larry Sawyer

The RAPS Writers Group is perhaps one of RAPS’ best-kept secrets. For about ten years, the group, never more than six members, has met once a month to share writings. We are looking for new members and a new facilitator.

Group members simply bring to the group whatever they are writing, read it aloud, and talk about it. The members respond, discuss the topic, and ask questions (very much like a Book Group) and offer help or suggestions when requested. The small group has been successful and productive since its inception. It has been a rewarding experience, which we hope will continue.

What have they written? For whom do they write? Two have published books, though publication is not a criterion. Stories, poems, memoirs for families and friends, topics of current interest, all have their place. Experimentation is always encouraged.

The facilitator duties are light and include sending notices of monthly meetings and informally guiding the group discussion. If you have an interest in writing or knowing more about the group, please let me know (colinkeld@gmail.com) or give your name to Carissa in the RAPS Office. (raps@pdx.edu)

--Colin Dunkeld
RAPS Awards Presented at President’s Luncheon

Chik Erzurumlu presents Outstanding Retired Faculty award to Steven N. Brenner in recognition of his continued and outstanding service to PSU.

Steve Brannan presents the Special Recognition Legacy Award in Beryl and Vic Dahl in recognition of exceptional dedication and service to the Retirement Association of PSU.

Tony Leineweber received a Special Recognition Award (in absentia) in recognition of his exceptional dedication to the welfare of PSU.

Theodore G. Grove was born July 8, 1936 in Mendota, Illinois and died July 3, 2014 in Portland. He earned a B.A. and M.A. in Speech from the University of Washington and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University. Before joining the faculty of Portland State University, he was Assistant Professor and then Associate Professor of Speech at Pennsylvania State University and a Visiting Associate Professor at Queens College of the City University of New York.

With his first wife, Zee, and their three children, he moved to Portland in 1973 to join the faculty of Portland State University’s Speech Department. He was chair of the department from 1979 to 1992. He retired from Portland State University in 1993 so that he could move with his second wife, Kerry Lewis, to Reno, where she could pursue graduate studies at the Medical School of the University of Nevada, Reno, while he looked after their young son. In 2006, he was an Instructor at the Consortium International University in Paderno la Grappa, Italy.

Professor Grove was a prolific scholar. During his career, both before and after he joined Portland State University, he published extensively in the field of interpersonal communication, including three books of which he was sole author, and a fourth of which he was the co-author. He also gave many presentations and conducted workshops in communication for governmental, commercial, and educational organizations, far more than can be listed here. One of his Portland State colleagues observed that his scholarship was based on a “mastery of statistical analysis.” Professor Grove was a member of the Speech Communication Association, the Western Speech Communication Association, and the International Communication Association.

His wife, Kerry, children Mark Lewis-Grove, Kelly Sholes, Ellice Heaston, and Brian Grove, four siblings, and six grandchildren survive Professor Grove. RAPS offer sincere condolences to Professor Grove’s family.

John Cooper, Professor Emeritus of English
Terry Ann Rohe, Professor Emerita of the Library

Glacier Lily
Photos from the Hiking Group

Balsamroot

Lyle, Washington from McCall Point

--photos by Larry Sawyer