Dr. Jim Peck Discusses Humanitarian Missions on November 17

The November member meeting will feature “Hope in Hell: Operating in a Civil War Zone.” In a vivid and moving illustrated lecture, Dr. James (Jim) Peck will talk about the challenges, realities, and benefits of working as a volunteer physician with Doctors without Borders (Médecins sans Frontières), the international humanitarian nongovernmental organization (NGO) founded in France in 1971 in response to the Biafran War. Dr. Peck is one of over 30,000 medical professionals, logistical experts, water and sanitation engineers, and administrators providing medical aid every year in over 70 countries around the world.

Jim has been on 13 humanitarian missions. Working as a volunteer physician for Doctors without Borders, he has served in Liberia, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Nepal, and Cameroon during the time those countries were torn by civil strife. He has also been on five faith-based missions to India, Central Nigeria (Biafra), Tanzania, Cameroon, and the Dominican Republic. In addition, he has taught at the Alliance for Global Clinical Training in Tanzania on two different occasions. He will be going to South Sudan in December on another humanitarian mission.

Dr. Peck is Adjunct Professor of Surgery for the Division of Vascular Surgery at OHSU. A specialist in general and vascular surgery, he has been in private practice in Portland since 1981 and is the senior partner of Surgical Associates. He is a past President of the Pacific Coast Surgical Association.

The meeting will be held in Room 333 Smith Memorial Student Union. The meeting begins at noon on Thursday, November 17 in Room 333 Smith Memorial Student Union. A light lunch will be available at noon, with Dr. Peck speaking at 1:00 pm. Please plan to join us.
Co-President’s Message

Each newsletter is packed with information, and this is no exception. Notice that there are two additional inserts this time – the scholarship contribution letter and December holiday brunch flyer. As you well know, a key mission of RAPS is support of students whose academic focus is some aspect of gerontology. At this morning’s Administrative Briefing, I was again reminded of the educational costs students incur these days, but also several innovative ways the university is trying to mediate costs. We too are being innovative, making such an important contribution when we support the scholarship work of RAPS, and so if you are able, I hope you will respond to the scholarship committee’s letter.

The party’s on – the Holiday Brunch, December 11th. My thanks to Dawn White for negotiating to keep the brunch price reasonable. Go girl! I hope to see all of you there, and perhaps think about bringing someone new -- maybe recently retired from PSU or other higher education institution, or someone who’s been retired for a while, got disconnected for whatever reasons, but whom you think might really welcome the opportunity to attend. Notice an important change – the December 2nd RSVP deadline is now actually the final deadline for getting your money in. That’s different and may feel quite different for some of you, perhaps a bit more restrictive. We’re no longer able to be as flexible as we have been in the past. If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me, Dawn, or Adam, our office manager.

Finally, Happy Thanksgiving to you and those important in your life.

--Susan Poulsen

RAPS Scholarship Contributions

Scholarship contributions were received by the PSU Foundation from the following individuals in conjunction with the RAPS Spring Wine Tour led by Scott Burns:

Nancy Benson  
Priscilla Blumel  
John (Steve) Brennan  
Nancy Chapman  
Terril Doherty  
Ansel Johnson  
Robert Lockerby  
Larry Sawyer

We also received donations from the Robert W. Vogelsang Memorial Wine Raffle.
RAPS Group Reports

The RAPS Book Group. On October 18 the RAPS book group met at the home of Eileen and Steve Brennan to discuss David McCullough’s *The Wright Brothers*. The book, and our discussion, focused on the personal characteristics of the brothers, traits that allowed them to patiently focus on the details of flight, and then to enjoy the fame that came with success. We noted that the support of family and friends was also part of the story of their success.

Our meeting on November 15 will be at the home of Brian Lewis. We will be discussing *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson. Set in the Edwardian era, *Thunderstruck* tells the interwoven stories of Guglielmo Marconi and his invention of the wireless, and Hawley Crippen, an unlikely murderer. Brian’s home is at 12828 SW Walnut Street, Tigard, 97223. Contact him at 503-590-5890 or brianlewispdx@gmail.com to let him know whether you can be there, and to get directions. If you want to plan ahead, the December meeting of the book group will be on December 13, a week earlier than usual, and we will be discussing *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. The book group usually meets the third Tuesday of every month at 1:30. New members are always welcome.

—Joan Shireman

The RAPS Bridge Group. The RAPS bridge group meets in the afternoon on the first Tuesday of each month. We begin play at 12:15 pm. We try to finish up by 4 PM. We meet in Smith Center, usually on the second floor, but sometimes on the third floor. Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming months, bridge dates, and times:

- Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 12:15 pm in SMSU 296
- Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 12:15 pm in SMSU 294
- Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 12:15 pm in SMSU 294

I will send out the reminder email notice closer to each date we play.

The RAPS bridge group members are very 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. On October 11, the RAPS Hikers followed the Cape Falcon trail to the point and back. There was a break in the weather, and the view from the point was beautiful. The down side was the trail had several muddy spots and lots of tree roots on the trail. The Terdals hosted a potluck lunch at their home a few miles south of the trailhead. The seven hikers had a pleasant social interaction at the lunch.

The final hike of the year will be a local hike at Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge. This hike will have very little elevation gain. Depending on the loop options, the hike will be less than four miles. The hikers will have lunch in the Sellwood area. Be prepared for wet sections of the trail and high water which will determine our loop choices. We will meet at 9:30 am in the Sellwood Riverfront Park parking lot on November 8th. The park is located between the Sellwood Bridge and Oaks Park on Oaks Park Way.

To view a pdf of the hike description, go to [www.pdx.edu/raps](http://www.pdx.edu/raps) and click on the RAPS Hikers quick link. We will not be starting the hike at the Milwaukie street trailhead as described in the pdf. RSVP to Larry Sawyer at 503-771-1616 or larry_sawyer@comcast.net by November 7.

--Larry Sawyer
In Memoriam: Major Morris, 1921-2016

Major Morris was born May 12, 1921 in Cincinnati, OH and died June 11, 2016 in Escondido, CA. He served as Portland State University’s Affirmative Action Officer from 1979 to 1986. As a member of the president’s staff, he was responsible for the development, administration, and monitoring of the Portland State University’s Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Program. He was also responsible for the University’s Minority Student Recruitment Program, working directly with public school and community college administrators and counselors. Periodically, he taught a graduate level course in the School of Education dealing with cultural diversity in the classroom. He was also concerned about attracting members of minorities for appointment to staff or faculty positions and encouraging the enrollment and success of students of color.

Major served in the Italian campaign in World War II as a member of the all African-American 92nd Division. After the war, he attended college on the G.I. Bill. He worked as a research technician at MIT, carrying out metallurgical experiments. He also instructed MIT undergraduates in photography and photomicrography. He went on to earn an MA in Education from Harvard University. He worked to improve the outcomes for minority students in New England before his appointment at Portland State University. While at MIT, he began taking photographs for the University and the Boston Globe, thus beginning his lifelong interest in photography. He later published a book of photographs titled Nurture Their Dreams. He created a website for his photographs, http://www.majormorris.net/

Major Morris retired from his full-time position at Portland State in 1986. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lia Morris, and is survived by his wife, Anne-Grethe Morris. RAPS extends sincere condolences to Major Morris’s family.

--John R. Cooper, Professor Emeritus of English

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Memorial Event for Daniel Bernstine on November 10

Portland State University will hold a memorial event honoring former PSU President Daniel O. Bernstine on Thursday, November 10 at Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom. Doors open at 1:30 pm, and the tribute ceremony begins at 2 pm, with a reception to follow. Please RSVP if you plan to attend by calling Rachel Martinez at 503-725-4488. Instead of flowers, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the PSU Student Food Pantry to be donated in President Bernstine's honor.

Daniel Bernstine died Sept 24, 2016. He led PSU between 1997 and 2007, a period of remarkable growth at the university. In a message to the university community in September that announced Daniel's passing, President Wim Wiewel said, “Dan left an impressive legacy in his 10 years as president of Portland State, and he will be remembered for his quiet, strong leadership in time of extraordinary growth for the university.”

Upcoming RAPS Events

**Sunday, Dec. 11**—Annual RAPS Holiday Brunch at Multnomah Athletic Club. Event begins at 11:30 am, with brunch served at 12:30 pm. **RSVP no later than Friday, Dec. 2**, to Adam at the RAPS Office, 503-725-3447. Cost of the holiday brunch is $23 per person.

**Thursday, Jan. 19**—“I Can See Clearly Now . . . Rains Are Gone over the Oregon Economy. What Clouds Might Be on the Horizon?” Tom Potiowsky, Chair of the Economics Department and former Economist for the State of Oregon, speaking on Oregon’s economy. 238 SMSU.

**Thursday, Feb. 16**—“The French Far West.” Claudine Fisher, Professor Emerita of French Language and Literatures, talks about writing historical fiction, discussing her family history and how she came to be born in North Africa. She is finishing a third novel in a trilogy based in part on her family history. The three historical novels cover more than 100 years, from the Revolution of 1848 in Paris through the Algerian war of 1957-62. 294 SMSU.
Crossing a stream on the Cape Falcon trail, October RAPS hiking tour in Oswald West State Park.

Enjoying Cape Falcon’s vista on the October RAPS hike.  

–Photos by Larry Sawyer
October 2016

Dear RAPS member,

Have you ever thought about a time when you might need medical help or other assistance in your home to continue living your life as you would like? Have you ever thought about a time in the future when you might benefit from the services of a social worker?

We have. That’s why we work so diligently to be able to provide a scholarship each year to a student who is passionate about a career related to gerontology, a career serving our future needs. RAPS scholarship recipients are planning to work in many fields ranging from health to housing; their work will improve the lives of all of us as well as the lives of other older people.

The cost of a college education for graduates and for undergraduates continues to rise. For example, at PSU tuition and fees this year for a graduate student averages $16,700 for three terms for a resident and $26,976 for a nonresident, not counting increases in the cost of living, especially in housing.

The first RAPS scholarship was awarded in 2011-12. This year Tanya Kindrachuk, a senior in the Aging Services and Community Health Education programs, received our sixth scholarship. While giving one $3,000 scholarship each year, RAPS has also raised more than $22,700 toward the $25,000 required to endow our scholarship fund.

More than ever we need your help to continue awarding these scholarships and to reach our goal of an endowed fund with the University.

Please help us in any way you can at this joyful time of the year. You will be helping to make life a little easier for a worthy student!

Thank you for your support.

Nancy Chapman
Scholarship Chair

Susan Poulsen
RAPS Co-President

Dawn White
RAPS Co-President

RAPS Scholarship Donation Form

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ____________________________ State _______ Zip ________
Phone ____________________________ Email ____________________________
Donation Amount: $ ____________________________
Donation made in memory of ____________________________
Donation made to honor ____________________________

Make checks payable to: PSU Foundation and noted for RAPS Scholarship
Please mail to RAPS@PSU, PO Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751

Or, to use a credit card, go to https://www.pdx.edu/raps/scholarship-fund
Sunday December 11, 2016
Socializing begins at 11:30am
Brunch is served at 12:30m
MAC Club
1849 SW Salmon St.
$23 per person, this includes gratuity

Free Parking
You can pay by check or credit card. If paying with a card please call our office at (503) 725-3447. Please make checks payable to “PSU Foundation.”

Unfortunately, no payments can be accepted after Dec 1st.

Brunch Menu
Fresh orange, grapefruit and cranberry juice.
Sliced fresh seasonal fruit
Scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese and herbs.
Crisp bacon.
Roasted red potatoes with sautéed onions.

House-made pastries, including MAC cinnamon rolls.
House-made granola with low fat yogurt.
Cheese blintzes with berry compote.

Have dietary restrictions? Please let us know and we will make sure to