2009-2010 Program Committee Report

My overall goal for this year was to provide interesting and stimulating topics for discussion while highlighting various facets of the University’s current academic expertise and research programs, including a look at our current studentbody. I was assisted in great measure throughout the year by the truly amazing MiMi Bernal-Graves. The programs in brief:

**September:** Special tour of Portland’s Classical Chinese Garden.

**October:** Mark Gregory, Associate Vice President of PSU, discussed the University’s updated plan for the University District.

**November:** Professor Grant Farr drew on his personal and academic experience in outlining the current situation in Afghanistan.

**December:** The annual Holiday Dinner was held at the Multnomah Athletic Club. Thanks, Mary, for helping arrange things.

**January:** Representatives from the University’s Office of Sustainability and other sustainability programs discussed their activities and the $25million Miller Foundation grant.

**February:** Professor Lisa Weasel drew on her recent book and research to discuss genetically modified foods and the world reaction to them.

**March:** Chet Orloff told us about his class in Urban and Public Affairs in which students are designing a virtual “Museum of the City” which will create an internet site with “exhibits” from around the world regarding the history of cities. Also in March RAPS members were given a special tour of the renovation work at Lincoln Hall. My, how things have changed.

**April:** The annual President’s Luncheon was held at University Place. President Wiewel discussed his plans and goals for the University.

**May:** Melissa Trifiletti, Director of New Student Programs at PSU, joined two Student Ambassadors to talk about our current studentbody and what it’s like to be a PSU student today.