

Spring 2018

# SAGE

*Intellectual Fun for People Over 50!*



**Come Explore New Dimensions in Life**

A dynamic approach to learning in  
history, science, the arts, and current events



# SAGE SPRING 2018 — *Intellectual Fun for People Over 50*

Each fall and spring, SAGE presents a series of Tuesday morning lectures that cover a wide array of topics of current interest. Our speakers are recognized experts from the arts, government, non-profit, education, business, and civic communities in Maine.

## REGISTRATION

**OLLI membership is required:** \$25 per year; may be paid with SAGE registration (see page 7).

**Series registration:** \$50 for admission to all eight lectures.

**Walk-in admission:** \$10 fee at the door for individual lectures. In Wishcamper 102, admission will be on a first-come basis **beginning at 9:20**. Walk-in seating is always available in Hannaford Hall.

**STARTING Feb. 21, you can register online at [www.usm.maine.edu/olli](http://www.usm.maine.edu/olli).** This is immediate and the best way to ensure seating in Wishcamper.

**STARTING Feb. 28, register by mail** (use form on last page): OLLI/SAGE, USM, P.O. Box 9300, Portland, ME 04104; **in person** at the OLLI office: 210 Wishcamper Center, USM Portland Campus; or **by phone:** (207) 780-4406.

**PARKING:** OLLI pays for members to park in the USM garage on Bedford St. Simply push the button at the entrance to gain access to the garage.

**WEATHER EMERGENCY:** In hazardous weather, the decision to cancel classes at USM will apply to SAGE programs as well. For up-to-date cancellation information, **call the USM Storm Cancellation Line at (207) 780-4800;** please do not call the OLLI office.

## PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

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# **SPRING 2018 SAGE SCHEDULE**

**Eight Tuesdays | March 20–May 8 | 9:30–11:30 a.m.**

Lectures will be held on the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine in Hannaford Hall at the Abromson Center or in Room 102 of the Wishcamper Center. Locations are noted for each lecture.

## **March 20, Hannaford Hall A Vision of the Future of USM**

*Presenter: Glenn A. Cummings, Ed.D., President, USM*

What does the future hold for USM? What is the vision for the Portland, Gorham, and Lewiston–Auburn campuses? What can we expect as USM grows? President Cummings will discuss the challenges to our academic community and current plans to address the next 20 years in the 21st century.

## **March 27, Hannaford Hall Survival in the Patagonia Wilderness for 87 Days**

*Presenter: Zach Fowler, Survival Expert and YouTuber*

Originally a boatbuilder by trade, Zach turned his life in an entirely different direction when he went on the History Channel's survival show, *Alone*, and won half a million dollars. He will share his incredible experience and the lessons he brought back home, which then led to his own survival show.

*Due to the popularity of our lectures, ONLINE registration is STRONGLY recommended.*

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**April 3, Hannaford Hall**  
**Transforming Medicine through the Power  
of Genetics and Genomics**

*Presenter: Edison T. Liu, MD, President and CEO, The Jackson Laboratory*

Genetics is the basis of all life sciences and the core of precision medicine. The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor has been at the center of this revolution for 88 years. Its president, accomplished researcher and cancer clinician Dr. Liu, will explore how these advances in genetics and genomics will change our future.

**April 10, Hannaford Hall**  
**Health Care for All in America —  
Can We Ever Get There?**

*Presenter: Trish Riley, Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy*

The U.S. spends twice as much as other developed nations on health care, yet we leave millions uncovered and get poorer results. Obamacare was easy to attack but difficult to replace. From her unique perspective, Trish will address the politics of reform at state and local levels and the outlook for our future.

**April 17, Hannaford Hall**  
**Second Generation, First Person:  
History, Memory, and Poetry**

*Presenter: Anna Bat-Chai Wrobel, Historian, Teacher, and Poet*

Child of Holocaust resisters and refugees, Anna gives witness to World War II globally and Hitler's "war against the Jews" through her parents' experiences, the worlds they lost and the ones they made. She fuses evidence-based historical analysis with personal narratives, transmitting these through discursive and poetic forms.

*In the highly unusual event of an emergency,  
we reserve the right to substitute one of our speakers for another.*

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April 24, Hannaford Hall  
**Democracy in a Time of Declining  
Political Norms and Traditions**

*Presenter: Ron Schmidt, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science,  
University of Southern Maine*

The U.S. Constitution provides the foundations of American politics, but the relationships among our complicated system of “separate branches sharing powers” are defined as much by norms of behavior as they are by law. Ron will consider possible long-term implications when a president of the United States treats the traditions of shared governance as impediments to his power.

May 1, Hannaford Hall  
**Six Months, Six Wheels, Lots of Ice Cream**

*Presenters: Sarah Cushman, Transportation Consultant;  
Rob Levin, Land Conservation and Non-Profit Attorney*

In 2016, Sarah, Rob, and their 9-year-old daughter, Cedar, bicycled across the U.S. Their motto was “Delaware to as far as we get.” They arrived in Seattle five and a half months and 3,930 miles later. Rob and Sarah will recreate that ride for us as they share their photos, adventures, and their new appreciation for people and place.

May 8, Wishcamper Room 102  
**Shakers Have Contributed More to  
American Culture than Just Furniture**

*Presenter: Leonard Brooks, Retired Director of the Shaker Museum and  
Library, Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village*

Shaker communities have made many contributions to America and the world in agriculture, architecture, inventions, industry, music, and the visual arts. Maine’s Sabbathday Lake Shaker community has been an active contributor to that heritage since 1783. Leonard will provide his personal insights into one of America’s most successful communal societies.

*We can say with confidence that each lecture will be entertaining and informative. So even if you think that one of them might not be your “cup of tea,” we bet you’ll still be delighted that you came. Consider a full subscription!*

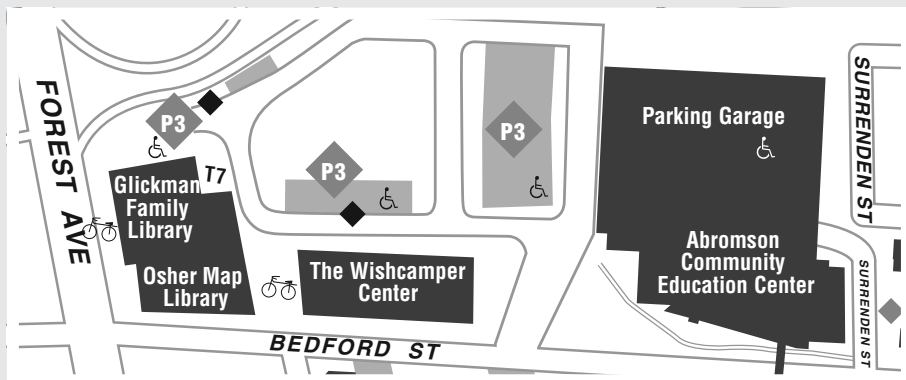
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## **SPRING 2018 LECTURE SCHEDULE**

**NOTE: All spring lectures will be held in Hannaford Hall except for the May 8 session, which will be in Room 102 Wishcamper.**

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March 27	<i>Zach Fowler</i>	<i>Survival Expert and YouTuber</i>
April 3	<i>Edison T. Liu</i>	<i>President and CEO, Jackson Laboratory</i>
April 10	<i>Trish Riley</i>	<i>Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy</i>
April 17	<i>Anna Bat-Chai Wrobel</i>	<i>Historian, Teacher, Poet</i>
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May 8	<i>Leonard Brooks</i>	<i>Retired Director of the Shaker Museum and Library, Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village</i>

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# SPRING 2018 SAGE Mail-in Registration

***Save Time - Register Online!***

OLLI will be pre-registering for the entire SAGE series (all eight lectures) **ONLY**. Online registration begins Feb. 21. All other registration options (phone, mail, or in person) start Feb. 28.

- We will not pre-register for individual lectures.
- **IN HANNAFORD HALL, walk-in seating** will be available for \$10 at the door. In Wishcamper 102, seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTER ME FOR THE WHOLE SAGE PROGRAM FOR \$50

**NOTE: YOU MUST BE AN OLLI MEMBER TO  
SUBSCRIBE TO THE FULL SAGE SERIES**

**(Membership is \$25 and runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)**

I AM A CURRENT (2017-2018) OLLI MEMBER

SIGN ME UP AS AN OLLI MEMBER for \$25 (DOB: dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

\$50 enclosed for entire SAGE program

\$75 enclosed for entire SAGE program plus OLLI membership

Payment method:

Check (payable to OLLI)  Mastercard  Visa  Discover  Cash

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