

## Join us as we explore new dimensions in life!

An eight-week lecture series presented by OLLI, SAGE offers a dynamic approach to learning in history, science, the arts, and current events.



### THE BASICS

#### WHEN

Tuesday mornings,  
March 12 – April 30, 2024  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

#### WHERE

**In-person** at the USM Portland Campus,  
102 Wishcamper Center, Portland, ME

**Remote access** available online via Zoom. Link will be emailed the Monday before each lecture.



This will be a hybrid program!

### COST

#### INDIVIDUAL LECTURES

Members of the public may attend individual lectures for \$10 each.

#### OLLI MEMBERS ONLY

OLLI members may pre-register for the entire series for just \$50 each. (That's eight lectures for the price of five!)



MARCH 12

### Becoming What We Watch: How Television Has Skewed Our Perception of Reality

**GARY BERGQUIST**  
*Author & MIT-trained Computer Consultant*

Gary will shine a light on the unintended dysfunctional impact upon our society, culture and behavior by our embrace of this "ubiquitous box."



APRIL 9

### How Science Can Influence Policy: The Case of Bird-Building Collisions in Portland, Maine

**CHRISTINE R. MAHER**    **NICK LUND**  
*Professor of Biology, University of Southern Maine*    *Advocacy & Outreach Manager, Maine Audubon*

Christine and Nick will present data documenting the extent of bird-building collisions in downtown Portland and tell of subsequent efforts to implement local policy changes.



MARCH 19

### Dahlov Ipcar's Century (1917-2017)

**RACHEL WALLS**  
*Principal, Rachel Walls Fine Arts*

Rachel will share her knowledge of the life of Maine's renowned artist Dahlov Ipcar and her beloved paintings and illustrations.



APRIL 16

### Art & the Community

**DR. LAURA FREID**  
*President, Maine College of Art & Design*

Dr. Laura Freid will moderate a panel discussion on art and the community with Maine College of Art & Design's staff and faculty.



MARCH 26

### The Challenges & Opportunities Facing the New Superintendent of Portland Public Schools

**RYAN SCALLON**  
*Superintendent, Portland Public Schools*

Learn what Dr. Scallon sees as challenges as well as opportunities facing the largest and most diverse system in Maine with one third of its 6,500 students coming from multi-lingual homes.



APRIL 23

### An Informed Conversation About the United States Healthcare System & Policy

**JOHN GALE**  
*Senior Resource Associate, Population Health & Health Policy Program, USM*

John will provide an overview of the challenges facing our American healthcare system, compare our system with those in other countries, and tell what will be required to improve it.



APRIL 2

### "We Demand": The Story of an Epic Cross-Country Road Trip for Women's Voting Rights

**ANNE GASS**  
*Maine Author & Independent Historian*

Through historic slides and her historical novel, *We Demand: The Suffrage Road Trip*, Anne Gass will tell the true story of an epic cross-country road trip that took place in 1915.



APRIL 30

### Helping Those in Need: The Wonderful Work Done by Preble Street

**MARK "SWANNIE" SWANN**  
*Executive Director of Preble Street*

Learn how Preble Street "provides accessible, barrier-free services to empower people experiencing problems with housing, homelessness, hunger and poverty, and to advocate for solutions to these problems."

**REGISTRATION**

**HOW TO REGISTER**

There are three easy ways to register beginning February 14, 2024:

- **Register online.** Visit our website at [usm.maine.edu/olli](http://usm.maine.edu/olli).
- **Register by phone.** Call the OLLI office at 207-780-4406.
- **Register by mail.** Complete the registration form located in the Spring 2024 catalog. (Also available online.)

**HOW TO ATTEND**

**ZOOM LINK**

Participants will be emailed the Zoom link on the Monday before each lecture, to provide the option of attending remotely or in-person. Please register early to ensure you receive the link promptly.

**FOR MORE INFO**

**CONTACT**

We are here to help you! Please contact the OLLI Office if you need assistance. We are open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Call 207-780-4406 or email [olliatusm@maine.edu](mailto:olliatusm@maine.edu)

**THANK YOU TO THE PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

Claire Smith (Chair), Steve Abramson (Vice-Chair), Lynda Allshouse, Eileen Griffin, John Sutherland, & Kathleen Sutherland



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