Come Explore New Dimensions in Life
A dynamic approach to learning in history, science, the arts, and current events
Spring 2011
Your SAGE Program
SAGE, part of OLLI at the University of Southern Maine, provides academic lecture and discussion programs chosen by its members in topic areas such as history, culture, the arts, geography, anthropology, and science. Using University and community resources, the SAGE program offers a format in which enthusiastic learners can discover new realms of intellectual challenge and academic pursuit. SAGE encourages learners to explore new areas of interest and to meet and share their ideas and expertise.

General Information

Registration
A registration form is provided on the last page for your convenience. You may register by phone, by mail, or in person. Walk-ins are accepted on the day of the program; however, due to the increased popularity of these presentations, preregistration is STRONGLY recommended.
OLLI office phone: (207) 780-4406
OLLI office location: 210 Wishcamper Center, USM Portland Campus
OLLI Mailing address: OLLI - SAGE, USM, P.O. Box 9300, Portland, ME 04104

Cost
$7 per session, or $50 for the entire program per person. OLLI membership is not required.

Parking
Visitors may park in the USM parking garage on the Portland campus for $1 per hour. There is easy access to Hannaford Hall in the Abromson Center, which is connected to the parking garage. Handicapped parking spaces are available in the garage.

Weather Emergency
When weather conditions are judged hazardous, the decision to cancel classes at the University of Southern Maine will apply to all SAGE classes as well. For up-to-date cancellation information please call the University of Southern Maine Storm Cancellation Line at (207) 780-4800 or listen to local radio stations.

Program Planning Committee
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Spring 2011 Schedule
Nine Tuesdays, March 22 - May 17
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Hannaford Hall, Abromson Center on the Portland campus of the
University of Southern Maine

Tuesday, March 22
His Beat is Maine and the World

Presenter: William K. Nemitz, Columnist, Portland Press Herald and Maine
Sunday Telegram

His work has taken him from Bangor to Baghdad, from Augusta to Afghanistan,
and from Houlton to Haiti. Join Bill Nemitz, award-winning columnist for the
Portland Press Herald and Maine Sunday Telegram, as he reflects on the places
he’s been, the people he’s met, and the never-ending story of Maine.

Tuesday, March 29
Egypt on the World Stage

Presenter: Edward Knox, Former CIA Intelligence Officer and University
Historian

A presentation of Egyptian geohistory unfamiliar to most of us, since it comes
through the eyes of a former CIA intelligence officer. He’ll look at the many roots
of Egyptian culture, the invasion of Napoleon, the rise of Muhammad Ali, the
Denshawi incident, and Fashoda, a crisis on the Nile that nearly caused a war in
Europe.

Tuesday, April 5
George Washington’s Great Gamble

Presenter: James L. Nelson, Award-Winning Author and Historian

There were more men and cannons in the French and British fleets that joined
battle on September 5, 1781, than in all the armies in America. America’s
commander-in-chief, whose military experience had been entirely on land, was
gambling everything on a French victory at sea!

We welcome suggestions for future speakers and/or interesting programs.
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Tuesday, April 12
**U.S. Economy: Waiting for Superman?**

*Presenter: David Chute*

What will it take to revive the U.S. economy? Are we stuck in slow growth and high unemployment for an extended period of time? Looking at the past, we get some clues about what must happen for U.S. economic growth to perk up. Waiting for Superman is not a good option.

Tuesday, April 19
**A Community Approach to End-of-Life Decision Making: Is Maine Ready?**

*Presenter: Frank Chessa, Director, Clinical Ethics, Maine Medical Center*

Respecting Choices is a set of tools for advanced-care planning which has been embraced by the community in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. It’s led to dramatic differences in how end-of-life decisions are made. Dr. Chessa will provide an overview of the ethics of end-of-life decision-making as a prelude to discussing the desireability of a similar community approach in Maine.

Tuesday, April 26
**The Man Behind the Music**

*Presenter: Robert Moody, Music Director, Portland Symphony Orchestra*

Do you ever wonder what it means to be the music director of the Portland Symphony Orchestra? How do conductors spend their time when they’re not conducting? Get to know the man behind the music as Maestro Moody shares the answers to these questions and more about American orchestras in the 21st century!

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Tuesday, May 3
**Active Imagination**

*Presenter: Christopher Beach, Psychotherapist*

Chris Beach is a Jungian analyst right here in Portland. He has used *Active Imagination* himself for over 20 years and has helped to explain the method to others. Chris formerly served as headmaster of a secondary school in Kenya and as an assistant attorney general in Maine.

Tuesday, May 10
**The Science of Flowers** - **in 102 Wishcamper Center**

*Presenter: David Champlin, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biological Sciences, University of Southern Maine*

Biologists are learning a great deal about the genetics that control plant growth and flowering. Although this won’t be a “gardening talk,” the goal will be to enhance your appreciation of beauty in the natural world, whether you are a gardener or simply enjoy gardens and nature.

Tuesday, May 17
**Birds, Fish, and Snails: Archaeology Expands Knowledge of the Historic Gulf of Maine**

*Presenter: Nathan D. Hamilton, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Archaeology, University of Southern Maine*

Archaeological investigations of the Isles of Shoals focus on past marine communities and the teaching goals of the Shoals Marine Laboratory. This presentation on these “offshore” islands will examine specific environmental research issues for large samples of fish, birds, and marine snails recovered from 2007-10 excavations. The excavations provide an outstanding attempt to reconstruct past marine communities, environments, and climatic

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In the highly unusual event of an emergency, we reserve the right to substitute one of our speakers for another.
SAGE is part of another program of interest for older learners:

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at USM**

Are you 50 or older, with a curious mind and a keen interest in learning, just for the joy of it? You are invited to join with more than 1,200 like-minded Portland-area older learners who are members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, a learning community at the University of Southern Maine.

As a member of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, known as OLLI, you may choose from among an extensive array of courses in the liberal arts and sciences. The courses are peer taught; there are no entrance requirements — nor grades or tests. Your experience and your love of learning are what count. No college background is needed.

Annual membership in OLLI is $25. There is a fee of $50 for each course each term, as well as a nominal fee for other learning and social opportunities. Full and partial scholarships are available through a simple, friendly confidential process. For a listing of classes, call (207) 780-4406 or visit [www.usm.maine.edu/olli](http://www.usm.maine.edu/olli).

OLLI participates in the Maine Senior College Network (MSCN), an organization of the state’s 16 Senior Colleges. For more information or to find a Senior College near you, visit [www.maineseniorcollege.org](http://www.maineseniorcollege.org) or call (207) 228-8129.
Registration Form, SAGE Program, Spring 2011

Name ______________________________________________________
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☐ Please register me for the entire Spring series of SAGE lectures at $50

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