Profile

Paul Kiley
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Be confident. Be adventuresome. That is what Paul Kiley has taught over the last year in his courses “The Courage to Create” and “Adventuring Solo with Confidence.”

[Ed. Note: The Profile of Paul Kiley is being reprinted here. Due to a proof-reading error, last month’s Profile was missing three sentences.]

Teaching at OLLI might be called a culmination of a career that was destined for the field of education but unexpectedly took a 180-degree turn. The Boston native and Irish citizen (by virtue of his grandparents being Irish immigrants) had earned a B.A. in education at Boston College and was on his way to a M.A. at Ohio University to become a university teacher.

Then the killings of students at its sister school of Kent State by Ohio National Guardsmen, and the closure of Ohio University in May of 1970 changed all that.

He decided to join VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and was assigned to a once-prosperous but now impoverished copper town in Northern Arizona where he lived with a 12-member Mexican family, helping to organize the community and working to improve health services. “The year there changed my life, and I decided to devote it to social justice.”

It was a mission that was to bring him back to New England, where he became program director for Head Start’s Family Service Outreach on Cape Cod for four years.

In his years in promoting social justice, Paul became

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I know many people think of summer as OLLI’s “slow” season, but that just isn’t true. This summer OLLI is offering 18 courses and four workshops, with over 400 enrollments! Once again, this is the largest summer offering so far.

This past year we have celebrated the 15th Anniversary of Senior College/OLLI at USM.

During our 10th Anniversary, OLLI hit 1,000 members for the first time. I was really hoping that we would hit 1,500 during our 15th Anniversary. I’m very happy to report that as of today, OLLI has 1,529 members! Of course this joy is short-lived, as all memberships expire June 30 and must be renewed for 2013–2014. But OLLI has grown every year, and there’s no reason to expect anything different in the coming year.

The Fall term looks absolutely amazing. Seventy courses and workshops are being offered. Seven courses are being offered on Thursday evening, including a very special partnership between OLLI and the Confucius Institute, offering an eight-week course on Chinese culture and language. The Confucius Institute is providing two Chinese scholars to USM for the year to teach, lecture, and be general goodwill ambassadors.

Many thanks to the Muskie Institute for providing the space and opportunity for OLLI to be part of this endeavor.

Also, in the fall, OLLI and Muskie are combining to offer eight lectures about politics both here in Maine and beyond. The lectures will be Thursday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:30 and are free and open to the public. Speakers who have already committed to this series include Angus King, George Mitchell, and Barney Frank. Check the OLLI Newsletter and the website www.usm.maine.edu/muskie/politics-then-and-now for the final schedule.

Classes, workshops, SAGE, lectures….the fall looks exciting and robust. Don’t miss out!

—Susan Morrow, Assistant Director for Program

Hootenanny anyone?

Interested in forming a Hootenanny Special Interest Group? Let’s meet on Wednesday, July 17, at noon in room 113 to discuss the possibilities. [Ed. Note: No, it’s not a club devoted to owl-goat hybrids. A hootenanny is an informal gathering of folksingers.]

For more information, please call Alan Mill at 400-6170 — or just show up.
OLLI Advisory Board

I hope you all are having a pleasant summer.

The Board has welcomed three new members: Janet Stebbins, Lynne Gammon, and Jim Thorne. When you see them, please thank them for agreeing to serve.

OLLI seems to be setting new records with each term. Thanks to your enrollment in courses and spreading the word to friends and colleagues, we have set a new record and moved well past the goal of 1,500 members before the start of our 16th year this fall.

We will also set a record this fall, with the largest number of course offerings of any term since our inception.

In November we will conduct our third OLLI book sale. I encourage you to begin saving books for it. Information on when we will begin receiving your donated books will be available in the September Newsletter.

—Dick Sturgeon, Board Chair
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Thursday nights will be special this Fall

If you choose to venture out after dinner on a Thursday evening, we can promise you an opportunity to “find your bliss” through OLLI’s evening course offerings. Wishcamper Center will resound with the sights and sounds of dancing, music, photography, Socratic dialogue, film studies, Chinese Language and culture instruction, and an exploration of ancient Egyptian history!

There’s something for everyone, and we’re asking OLLI members to help spread the word to friends and neighbors who are over 50 but still working during the daytime. And even if your own schedule allows you to choose day or evening hours for OLLI classes, why not give Thursday evenings a try!

OLLI’s Fall catalog, coming out soon, will provide more detail about each of these courses:

- Visiting Chinese Scholars/Muskie Institute — Chinese Language and Culture
- Joan Aldrich — Exploring the Nature of Prejudice through Film
- Tim Byrne — Personal Photographic Projects
- Domenica Cippolone and Peter Stead — Very Basic Recorder: Introduction to Playing Music and Having Fun
- Bonnie Harlow — History of Ancient Egypt

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OLLI Runs on Volunteers ● OLLI Runs on Volunteers

Kiley is a well-rounded traveler, adventuring solo through Southeast Asia, Western Europe, and Canada. He just returned from a trip to Italy. He is also an experienced teacher, having taught college courses in the Minnesota and California higher education systems for 12 years prior to coming to Portland.

Paul decided to move to Portland two years ago. He was visiting relatives in December 2010 and spent time walking all over Portland. He took the ferry to Peak’s Island, and when the boat turned about to head back to Portland, he saw the city across the water and thought, “I want to be here.”

Paul’s OLLI students have pointed out that his courses, “The Courage to Create” and “Adventuring Solo,” can be sources of personal discovery and growth.

—Don King

Remember to pick up a CLYNK bag at the office for your deposit bottles and cans!

SAGE lectures set for fall

Here’s a sneak peak at the fall lineup. The SAGE brochure is in production now, and should be mailed out soon with instructions for registering. Watch for it!

- Jennifer Rooks, MPBN: Broadcast journalism
- Dick Woodbury: Politics
- Robert Moody: Portland Symphony
- David Giansiracusa: Palliative care
- Don Perkins: Barns in Maine
- Margaret Hathaway and Carl Schatz: Goat farming
- Steve Bromage: Maine Historical Society
- Sam Hayward: Chef, Fore Street
- Nat Hamilton: Archaeology

A note about subscriptions: We urge everyone to consider a full subscription over choosing individual lectures.

Many people have reported that lectures that did not seem appealing, based on the title alone, often proved to be the most informative and sometimes even the most memorable.

Subscribing to the entire series encourages you to expose yourself to topics you might not think you’d find interesting or engaging. New learning — isn’t that what SAGE is all about?

—The SAGE Committee
OLLI Excursions: Autumn adventure
September 28 — last excursion of the year!
Depart at 8:45a.m., return about 7:30pm; cost is $77 per person, which includes the bus and driver gratuity.

After a Saturday drive to Wolfeboro, NH, we will board the M/S Mt. Washington for a scenic 2½-hour cruise around the shores and islands of the Tri-State’s largest body of water, Lake Winnipesaukee. Long a tourist destination, the lake has been home to scenic cruises, first by a 178 ft. steam-driven wooden side-wheeler in 1872. The “new” ship is 230 ft. long and powered by diesel engines.

Lunch will be on our own at the ship’s Fantail Grill.

After debarking, we will visit the Wright Museum of World War II History, depicting that seven-year period of our history. Beautifully displayed with excellent signage are ship models, uniforms, weapons, vehicles, and medals. Of particular interest is a video presentation of women in the military. The Time Tunnel is a nostalgic journey through each of the war years — pop culture, cost of a car, average income, and homeland news.

Castle in the Clouds, our last stop, is high in the Ossipee Mountains. This 1914 stone mansion, built in the Arts and Crafts style, expresses the movement’s philosophy of living in harmony with nature. Its sixteen rooms illustrate the exquisite design and craftsmanship of the period and include the latest in early 1900’s household technology and luxurious living. A shuttle will transport us from the bus stop/bathrooms to the Carriage House and Castle. The Carriage House includes a small art gallery and lounge where we will be able to get a snack for the trip home.

For this and any OLLI Excursion, you must be able to walk a quarter of a mile unassisted.

To reserve, either mail your check to OLLI, P.O. Box 9300, Portland, ME 04104, or call 780-4406 to pay with a card, or register in person at the office. Deadline for registrations is Sept. 9. There will be no refunds after Sept. 13.

For further information, call trip Leaders Liz Johnson (773-1904) or Gael McKibben (774-7177).

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- Val Hart — Socrates Café, OLLI-style
- Jack Lynch — Line Dancing: A Cross-Cultural Perspective (also offered Thursday afternoons)

The Education Committee thanks OLLI’s Thursday evening faculty. Now it’s up to OLLI members to support our programming! Hope to see you there!

—Joan Aldrich
Education Chair
Print shop closing to affect OLLI

USM closed its print shop as of June 14, 2013, giving the USM community less than a week’s notice.

This has a definite impact on OLLI, since all catalogs, SAGE brochures, and the Newsletter have been printed in the USM print shop since OLLI began. The quality has been high, the turnaround time has been wonderful, and the convenience of having things delivered from the print shop to our office or to the mailroom has been appreciated.

Now all printing must be done off-site. This means additional time, expense, and effort. Because of all of these factors, this will be the last issue of the OLLI Newsletter that will be printed and mailed.

We will still produce a wonderful, informative Newsletter each month, but it will be electronic, computer-based only. For those who have no access to a computer, the OLLI office will photocopy a few copies each month and make them available in the literature racks in the Wishcamper Center. We knew this day would come sooner or later. The USM decision just moved the date up on us.

Each month, Rob sends a link to the Newsletter on the OLLI website via e-mail to all current members. Be sure to renew your membership for the upcoming year and check your e-mail at the beginning of each month. Then the Newsletter is just a click away.

[Ed. note: You can still get a paper copy of the Newsletter by printing it yourself, or by asking a friend to print it from the OLLI website. You can also print the Newsletter from the USM Computer Lab at Luther Bonney, or at the Glickman Library, for a nominal charge.]

Politics Then and Now, in Maine and the Nation

Fall 2013 Speaker Series presented by the Muskie School of Public Service and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Save the Dates:
Thursday Afternoons, 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m., beginning September 19
USM Portland Campus

Speakers include the following:

Tom Allen
Fmr. U.S. Congressman
September 19
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Wishcamper Center, Room 133

George Mitchell
Fmr. U.S. Senator
September 26
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Abramson Center, Hannaford Hall

Kenneth M. Curtis
Fmr. Maine Governor
October 3
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Location TBD

Angus King
U.S. Senator
October 17
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Wishcamper Center, Room 102

Barney Frank
Fmr. U.S. Congressman
October 31
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Abramson Center, Hannaford Hall

For more information: http://www.usm.maine.edu/muskie/politics-then-and-now
Walking Club lists July and August trips

NOTE: The Walking Club meets at 9 a.m. during July and August at the Back Cove parking lot across from Hannaford’s. Please be aware that you need to lock your car at and keep valuables out of sight or with you.

The Walking Club plans a busy two months.

Tuesday, July 23: We have a treat in store. We will be visiting the River’s Edge Farm at 54 Merrill Road in Falmouth. This farm features beautiful flower gardens and many walking trails, some to the Presumpscot River. It belongs to Steve and Darlene Lansky. Steve is the brother of one of our walkers, Lynn Clarke.

Wednesday, Aug. 14: We will walk at the Trout Brook Watershed in Cape Elizabeth. (http://www.cumberlandswcd.org/troutbrook/)

Tuesday, Aug. 27: We will have our annual excursion to Great Diamond Island. For both of these August trips, we will have lunch at the homes of walkers who live nearby. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Diamond_Island,_Maine)

Bring your lunch, beverages, sunscreen, and bug repellant; and wear suitable clothing for the weather conditions.

For more information, call Rae Garcelon at 846-3304.

Civil War history talk open to OLLI members

The Osher Map Library invites OLLI members to join us in the Cohen Educational Center on Tuesday, July 23, from 11:35 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for a special presentation by Kenneth E. Thompson titled “Forgotten People and Events in Civil War Maine History.” The talk will highlight numerous little-known people and notable events from the Civil War era in Maine that have since faded from history.

Kenneth E. Thompson, Jr., a Portland-based historian and genealogist, is a 14th-generation Mainer and USM graduate. While serving in the army, he held the position of Assistant Command Historian, writing history and establishing a museum. He is the author of several books on Maine History, including Civil War: Maine Hall of Fame, Political, Judicial, And Military Leaders; Deceive to Win: The Maine-New Hampshire Border Controversy; and Portland Head Light and Fort Williams: An illustrated history with a walking guide map.

OML’s exhibition, Torn in Two: 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, will be open for OLLI members and their guests before and after the lecture from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

The lecture is free to OLLI members and their guests. Please RSVP by Friday, July 19, by phone (780-4406) or e-mail (oll@usm.maine.edu).