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.”

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 involved in several Minnesota initiatives, including finding

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Scenes from OLLI Spring Celebration 2013
Photography by Don King, John Sutherland, and Tim Baehr
Some reflections on OLLI’S 15th year of operation

**Membership and classes**

OLLI has nearly 1,500 members at this writing and has offered a record number of classes during the year. Summer session, which will be the final session of this 15th year, looks to be a success as well. With current member help we can reach 1,500 members before the end of this 15th anniversary year if about 40 new members sign on before the start of all classes. Get some of your friends to join OLLI and take a class, and we can make it!

**Volunteers**

OLLI is successful because of a large number of volunteers and a competent and dedicated staff. All of our great faculty are volunteers, as are others who chair and serve on the committees, planning and carrying out the many activities and special events that complement our courses.

The office volunteers help bring it all together.

I would like to publicly thank our Standing Committee Chairs for their leadership during this year. They are Joan Aldrich, Education; Tim Baehr, Communications; Kathleen Sutherland, Community; Claire Knox, Nominating; Henry Warren, Resource Development; and Bob Bahm, SAGE.

We are losing three Board members who have served out their terms and one other who is unable to continue. Many thanks to Pat Muzzy, Denney Morton, Kathleen Sutherland, and Claire Knox for their Board service.

**Looking Ahead**

New OLLI Board members are Lynne Gammon, Janet Stebbins, and Jim Thorne.

Officers for the coming academic year are Dick Sturgeon, Chair; Sue Gesing, Vice-Chair; Joy Larrabee, Secretary. Standing Committee Chairs will be Joan Aldrich, Education; Tim Baehr, Communications; Paula Johnson, Community; Jim Thorne, Marketing and Resource Development; Lenore Fleming, Nominating; Bob Bahm, SAGE.

—Dick Sturgeon, Board Chair  dicksturg13@gmail.com
alternatives for prison, protecting children from abuse, and chemical dependency treatment programs.

A press release was sent out about this endeavor. Overnight, 155 e-mail responses flooded in from all over the globe, asking “How do you do this?”

With this success in hand, Paul decided to open his own consulting firm, Kiley Communications in 1995, serving private and public-sector clients until he closed it in 2008.

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

Wanted: Books for the OLLI Library

It’s time to refresh our OLLI Library. We’re hoping to update our current collection and are interested in adding books that have been used in OLLI classes over the past two years. If you have one you can bear to part with, please leave it in the designated box in the OLLI office. If multiple copies of a book are donated, extras will be saved for the OLLI book sale. Thank you.

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

OLLI 15th anniversary year draws to a close

With the June issue of the OLLI Newsletter, coverage of OLLI at USM’s fifteenth anniversary comes to a close.

During the past year, we have celebrated the anniversary with three lively essays by Joan Aldrich, a celebration during the fall OLLI Celebration (Ninth Week), and a series of mini-profiles of the “movers and shakers” from the early years of the Senior College and OLLI.

After three years as a Senior College, OLLI at USM was established in 2000 as the first Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, due to a generous endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. Since then, well over 100 OLLIs have been established nationwide. The OLLI National Resource Center is our neighbor in the Wishcamper building. You can see what the National Resource Center does here: http://www.usm.maine.edu/olli/olli-national-resource-center.

Our OLLI is also a member of the Maine Senior College Network. The MSCN has 17 Senior Colleges. Our OLLI is the only OLLI in that network. MSCN publishes a monthly online newsletter. You can see what MSCN does at its website: http://www.maineseniorcollege.org/index.html.
Education Committee Update

OLLI’s Education Committee welcomed two new members this past February: Matt Goldfarb and Sue Gesing. Ruth Story will be joining us, as of July 1, bringing our membership to 15, the maximum allowed within OLLI’s Operating Policies.

We look forward to the next academic year and, as always, welcome your suggestions and input. Our hopes for the coming year include trying to offer more courses that directly relate to Portland’s local history and culture. We also are seeking OLLI members who can provide instruction in music and applied arts. Please get in touch with us if you have knowledge in any academic field or interest area that you would like to teach.

Resources for potential faculty are available at the OLLI website, http://usm.maine.edu/olli/information-olli-faculty. Course proposals can be submitted directly to Rob Hyssong at rhsysson@usm.maine.edu.

This year the committee was able to support the offering of an impromptu workshop on Grimm’s Fairy Tales, an impromptu 20-hour course on Bones for Life™, and a free public lecture on global climate change.

We also recently organized two Brown Bag Lunch events; the first on “Team-Teaching,” with panelists Joy and Tan Larrabee, Kathleen Sutherland, Janet Gunn, Joan Aldrich, Sarah Franklin, and Ed Schwartz; and the second presenting “Tips for First-Time Teachers,” with panelists Tim Baehr, Rich Machlin, Evy Newlyn, Ellen Richards, Joan Aldrich, and David Morton.

If you would like detailed notes of panelists’ comments, and Q&A, e-mail Joan at aldrich1822@gmail.com, to request a copy.

Next year, we’ll sponsor Brown Bag Lunch Events during the fourth week of both fall and spring terms, designed to welcome and support new faculty. Three of our members are also working with interested faculty to present a special educational event, focusing on ethnic histories, during the 2014–15 academic year.

—Joan Aldrich, Education Chair

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Did It!

Tim Byrne and Linda McLoon win recognition for their work

Tim Byrne garnered five awards at the Maine Professional Photographers’ Association (MPPA) convention held recently in South Portland.

His album, “Garden Party,” won a state award as Lustre Color Album of the Year and a national Masterpiece Award from ACI. His image “Let’s Paint the Town” also earned a Masterpiece Award for a digitally enhanced image of the New York skyline two days before Hurricane Sandy. This image also won a Court of Honor as best image in class, presented by the MPPA.

Finally, Tim was awarded, for the second time, the President’s Cup from the MPPA for consistent quality of entries and knowledge over a six-year period of entries in the competition.

A detailed account is at http://tinyurl.com/TimByrne.

History Book Club off to flying start

The idea for the History Book Club began two years ago when students in John Sutherland’s class on Women in American history asked him for more books to read. The idea of a seminar was first investigated, but it was determined that a Special Interest Group based on the format of the existing OLLI Book Club was the way to go.

Now ending its first year, the club is looking forward to a busy second one.

While Sutherland and Draper Hunt were the original faculty members on board, they quickly decided that OLLI members should run the show.

The group agreed to meet nine times a year, excluding July, August, and December, generally on the second Wednesday of the month, from 3 to 4:30. Members vote on which books to read and discuss. Volunteers act as facilitators to open the discussion for 10 to 15 minutes and offer their particular perspective on the work. Sutherland notes that most of the group takes part in the often spirited exchange.

While history covers a wide area of inquiry, the first year was dominated by American history. Topics ranged from biographies and the Civil War to Americans in Paris to the African-American migration from the South. Sutherland notes that OLLI offers a large number of American history courses; thus, members are undoubtedly more familiar with that subject.

Sutherland has high praise for Sue Gesing, who came on board to help organize and coordinate the club’s operation. She helps with the book selection process, manages the group membership list, and e-mails members to provide information. Sutherland says, “She helps to make the trains run on time,” and is the one to contact for membership. (Her e-mail address is susangesing@gmail.com).

Gesing says of the first year’s success: “What is exciting about the group is the general enthusiasm for discussing history. There are lots of history buffs in the group, and this is a chance for each one of us to select topics, recommend books, and have discussions with our peers.”

A sample of next year’s books include The Proud Tower, by Barbara Tuchman; In the Garden of the Beasts, by Eric Larson; Team of Rivals, by Doris Goodwin; Revolutions in the Atlantic World, by William Klooster; and others.

—Don King
Announcements / Calendar / Special Events

Walking Club for June and July

In June and July, the Walking Club will visit three new destinations and one old friend.

**Wednesday, June 12** We visit Bowdoin College’s Coastal Studies Center on Orr’s Island: [http://tinyurl.com/Bowdoin-Coastal](http://tinyurl.com/Bowdoin-Coastal).

**Tuesday, June 25** We return to Gisland Farm and its peony gardens.

**Wednesday, July 10** We visit the Blackstrap Community Forest and Preserve in Falmouth: [http://tinyurl.com/Falmouth-Blackstrap](http://tinyurl.com/Falmouth-Blackstrap).

**Tuesday, July 23** We visit River’s Edge Gardens on Merrill Road in Falmouth.

As usual, we will meet at the Back Cove parking lot across from Hannaford at 10 a.m. (9:00 a.m. in July) to carpool. Bring your lunch and be prepared for sun and insects, depending on the weather. Call Rae Garcelon at 846-3304 for details, news of cancellations, and so on.

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June OLLI Night Out goes south of the border

Our dining group meets Monday, June 17, at 6 p.m. at Margarita’s Mexican Restaurant at 242 St. John St. in Portland. Parking is available on-site.

Check the online menu ([http://www.margs.com/locations/portland_st_john_street](http://www.margs.com/locations/portland_st_john_street)) for a fiesta of Latin favorites. They look ¡deliciosos! Don’t miss the fun.

Send an e-mail by June 15 to reserve your place.

After this June outing, we will take a break for the summer and start up again in September.

—Barbara Bardack
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Expedition to Turkey

OLLI at USM is going to Turkey, November 14–26, 2013. We’ll visit Istanbul, the ancient city of Troy, Canakkale, Asclepion, Kusadasi, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Necropolis, Hierapolis, Konya, Caravanserai, Cappadocia and Ankara. Included: round trip bus to Logan, round-trip airfare on SwissAir, 11 nights’ accommodations in 7 hotels, 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 9 dinners, air conditioned motor coach throughout Turkey and English speaking guides. The price for the trip is only $2350, without travel insurance. OLLI at USM requires that all travelers purchase travel insurance. New federal laws prohibit adding it into the price of the trip. There are options for insurance prices and coverage, and travelers will receive information at the proper time. Even with the most expensive insurance, the total price will be under $2700! Registration deadline is July 12, and the trip is limited to 40 travelers. You must be able to walk a half-mile unassisted on uneven terrain to go on this trip.

Call the OLLI office for more details, 780-4406.