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The UO Libraries continues to play an important collaborative role this fall in facilitating the UO Housing's series of panel discussions, Community Conversations, on topics of special interest to UO community members.

Whether the discussion topic is useless gadgets or iconoclasm, stress management or racism, UO librarians are contributing as panel members and resource specialists on topics covered in the sessions. Guides and support material for several sessions are being prepared by Elizabeth Peterson, humanities and literature librarian; Barbara Jenkins, head of reference and instruction; and other UO librarians.

The final Community Conversations session this fall is:

*Student Stress Management: Balancing Self-Care and Academic Performance*  
Tuesday, November 13, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (HTT)  
Pre-Panel Anxiety Relief Session: Nurse-led meditation and Relaxation Exercises, 5:30–7:00 p.m.  
Bean West Conference Room

Panel sessions air on Channel 23 each Wednesday following the event, from 8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

For more information on the library's involvement in the Community Conversation series, visit <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/reference/conversations.html>.

## UO to Host Regional Blackboard Conference Oct. 19

October 5, 2007

The University of Oregon will play host to hundreds of faculty members from across the Pacific Northwest when they attend the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest/Washington Blackboard Users Group (WABUG) on the UO campus on October 19. The annual meeting, which will be held in the Erb Memorial Union, is cosponsored and facilitated locally by the UO Libraries' Center for Educational Technologies (CET), which administers the Blackboard course management system for the UO campus.

According to JQ Johnson, director of CET, the meeting will offer a rare opportunity for UO Blackboard users and system administrators to learn more about Blackboard while networking with colleagues to discuss e-learning techniques and instructional technology. A highlight will be the keynote address by Dr. Cable Green, director of e-learning for the Washington Community and Technical College system. In a session of special interest to Blackboard administrators, Volker Kleinschmidt, Blackboard Inc.'s highly regarded software troubleshooter, will discuss technical issues with the software.

Presentations on specific Blackboard components having relevance to the UO campus are also planned, including the Yamada "Amiga" system, Flash, iTunes U, plagiarism software, and discussion-board use. A few vendor presentations and a small trade show are also part of the program.

With more than 900 UO instructors currently using some component of Blackboard in their teaching, the conference should be of interest to many members of the campus community. Conference registration is \$30 before October 12, 2007, \$40 after that date and at the door. For more information and a detailed schedule, visit <http://www.wabug.org/>.

## Contemporary Communes Topic of Oct. 25 Presentation

October 8, 2007

For more than three centuries a few idealistic Americans have rejected the ideal of rugged individualism in favor of cooperation and have come together in intentional communities. Although they typically receive little publicity, thousands of those communities are alive and well today. Find out more about contemporary communal living by attending "Communes Live! The Quiet Presence of Intentional Communities in America (and Especially in Oregon)," a talk and slide presentation by Dr. Timothy Miller, professor of religious studies at the University of Kansas. The event is scheduled for Thurs., Oct. 25, at 3:30 p.m., in Gerlinger Lounge.

This presentation will be an illustrated survey of contemporary intentional communities, including many that are active today in Oregon. Special attention will be given to ecovillages, artists' communes, countercultural groups, and lesbian communities.

Miller has been studying intentional communities for nearly twenty-five years and is immediate past president of the International Communal Studies Association.

He is also active in the American Academy of Religion's New Religious Movements Group, which he chaired for ten years.

He is the author of *The 60s Communes: Hippies and Beyond* (1999); *The Quest for Utopia in Twentieth-Century America* (1998); *The Hippies and American Values* (1991); *American Communes, 1860-1960: A Bibliography* (1990); *Following in His Steps: A Biography of Charles M. Sheldon* (1987); and the edited works *When Prophets Die: The Postcharismatic Fate of New Religious Movements* (1991) and *America's Alternative Religions* (1995).

Sponsored by the UO Folklore Program and the UO Libraries, the event complements the significant collection of materials available on intentional communities housed at the UO Libraries Special Collections & University Archives.

For more information, contact Daniel Wojcik, folklore program director, 346-3946.

## Wednesday Evening Drop-In Academic Advising Sessions in Knight Library Can Ease Your Pain

October 10, 2007

If you're faced with a lot of difficult decisions about choosing a major, registering for classes, keeping your grades up, and making sure you graduate on schedule, the Office of Academic Advising and the UO Libraries have teamed up to give you a helping hand.

Drop-in advising sessions will be available Wednesday evenings in the fall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Room 147A on the first floor of Knight Library.

The final session of fall term will be on Wednesday, November 7.

"Advisers will be on hand to answer questions about current classes, degree audits, possible majors, and schedule planning," says Karen Kennedy, an adviser from the Office of Academic Advising. "All undergraduates are welcomed to stop by for some one-on-one academic counseling." For more information on the services offered by the Office of Academic Advising, contact Karen Kennedy at 346-3211 or visit the office's website.

The sessions are just one example of how the library is using its new Learning Commons concept to benefit students. "We're very pleased to have Academic Advising offer drop-in advising and workshops in the Knight Library Learning Commons. With almost 4,000 students visiting Knight Library every day, we

encourage students, faculty, and academic support staff throughout the campus to use the rooms and equipment in the Learning Commons area to further their academic goals,” says Andrew Bonamici, associate librarian of instructional services. Visit the Learning Commons web page for more information on the facilities.

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So what exactly is a map mashup? Well, according to UO Maps Librarian Jon Jablonski, a map mashup “takes two disparate sources of data (say, Google Maps and the routes of your favorite hikes) and combines them into a new, more interactive web experience.” So what a DJ mashup does with two of your favorite songs (combines elements of both songs to create a new piece of music), map mashups do with two of your favorite web-based maps.

The mashup workshop will be held in the Edmiston Classroom in Knight Library on Monday, Oct. 29 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and again on Friday, Nov. 2 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All UO students are welcome to participate, regardless of level of expertise.

Preregister by calling or e-mailing Jon Jablonski at 346-3051, [jonjab@uoregon.edu](mailto:jonjab@uoregon.edu).

For those who want to put their mashup skills to the test, a map mashup competition will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14 as a part of National GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Day. More details about the competition will be provided in the workshops.

This event is sponsored by the UO Libraries Map & Aerial Photography (MAP) Library, Department of Geography, Infographics, and the UO’s student chapter of the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

# GIS Day on the Map at the UO Nov 14

October 25, 2007

Get your GPS trackers ready. Wednesday, November 14, is International GIS Day, and the UO is celebrating in style.

GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Day was founded by National Geographic in 1987 to provide an international forum for users of GIS technology to demonstrate real-world applications that are making a difference in our society. More than 80 countries will participate in GIS Day this year by hosting a variety of events.

Here at the UO, the GIS Day celebration will feature a map mashup competition, scheduled for 3 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, in the MAP Library, located in Knight Library. All UO community members--students, faculty, and staff--are welcome to enter their map mashups and display their entries. To enter, send an email to [jonjab@uoregon.edu](mailto:jonjab@uoregon.edu) by Monday, November 12, at 5 p.m., and be prepared to display your entry on Wednesday, November 14. A panel of map experts will select the winners and award the prizes, so get your mashups ready!

In conjunction with the competition, a presentation will be given on some of the maps that have been recently donated to the UO Libraries, including a map of Eugene from 1930.

At 3:30 p.m. on November 14 in Knight Library Browsing Room a group of UO scholars who use GIS in their research will give presentations on their work on Asia in the Japanese style of Pecha Kucha (pronounced peh-chak-cha). These fast-paced, informal presentations give each researcher six minutes and forty seconds to show twenty images. And, as if experiencing this dynamic presentation style wasn't enough, snacks will be provided.

GIS Day activities are sponsored by the UO GIS Committee, UO Libraries, Department of Geography, SSIL Lab, InfoGraphics Lab, and UO student chapter of the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

For more information on all GIS Day events, contact Jon Jablonski at (541) 346-3051.

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Beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27, and running until 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, Knight Library will be open continuously. All branch libraries will maintain their usual academic term hours throughout Dead Week and Finals Week.

**IMPORTANT:** Knight Library will be open only to current UO students, faculty, and staff during extended hours. All users will be required to show a current university ID to remain in or enter the building. Extended hours during Dead Week and Finals Week for fall 2007 are midnight to 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, 7 p.m. Friday to 11 a.m. Saturday, and 7 p.m. Saturday to 11 a.m. Sunday.

During these extended hours, access to photocopier machines and Learning Commons and ITC computers and printers will be available. However, other services, such as checkout of library materials, reserves and video checkout, and reference desk assistance, will not be available.

Intersession hours, including weekend and holiday closures, will be in effect for all libraries from Saturday, Dec. 8, to Sunday, Jan. 6. For complete information on intersession hours, visit the library's Hours page or call 346-3054 during the intersession.