

MAY 1, 2017

Play about Jews in Hitler’s army

The Mitzvah Project, a one-person play and lecture about the more than 100,000 men of Jewish heritage who fought in Hitler’s army during World War II, is coming to Portland State on Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in 115 Lincoln Hall. Actor Roger Grunwald performs and co-created the play. The performance is free, but tickets are required from the PSU Box Office at 5-3307 or from portlandstate.universitytickets.com. [READ MORE](#)

Film One Day at PSU

On Tuesday, May 2, PSU is calling on all staff, faculty and students to capture short video clips of cool things happening on campus for the annual One Day at PSU video. No previous video experience or special equipment is necessary—simply capture short video clips on a smartphone throughout the day and email them to connect@pdx.edu or share them using [instructions from this website](#).

Capstone Fair this Thursday

See the diverse nature and scope of the Capstone courses taught at Portland State at the annual [Capstone Fair](#) Thursday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 327 Smith Union. [University Studies Capstone courses](#) take students out of the classroom and into the field to work on community projects; the Capstone Fair enables students to talk with faculty who are teaching Capstone courses and to discover which Capstone will be the most meaningful for them.

Festival of South Asian films

Portland State University is hosting [Film South Asia Festival](#), a showcase of rarely seen documentaries and non-fiction films from India, Pakistan, Burma, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The films highlight issues relevant to the diversity of experience in South Asia today, including forced displacement, poverty, entrepreneurship, disability, sexuality, press freedom, political violence and acts of resistance. All films are screened with English subtitles. The festival runs through May 7.

Input sought on teaching-intensive positions

The campus community is invited to an open forum on the viability of “tenure for teaching-intensive faculty” positions at PSU. A Faculty Senate task force will present research on models from other universities, and is seeking opinions from those attending. Forums will be held in 026 Smith Union (formerly Green Roots Café) on Tuesday, May 9, at noon and repeated on Wednesday, May 10, at 2:30 p.m. They are open to all interested parties. Feedback will help determine whether the Faculty Senate pursues this question.

Call for adjunct award nominees

A new [Adjunct Faculty Award](#) has been created to recognize and honor outstanding contributions by Portland State adjunct instructors and researchers. Two nominees, an adjunct instructor and an adjunct researcher, will receive \$1,000 each. Faculty, staff and students are invited to submit nominations for the award by Monday, May 15.

One year down, one to go

The University broke ground one year ago on the Viking Pavilion. The massive remodel includes space dedicated to athletics and academics and a regional 3,000-seat event center for concerts, conferences, trade shows, high school sports and more. PSU Conference & Event Services is already accepting reservation requests for the center as well as six AV-equipped breakout rooms. The [department website](#) has floor plans and contact information. The Viking Pavilion is scheduled to open in April 2018. [READ MORE](#)

New issue of Focal Point

Focal Point is the annual review published by the Research and Training Center for Pathways to Positive Futures, a School of Social Work endeavor that aims to improve the lives of youth and young adults with serious mental health conditions. Each year’s Focal Point explores a topic; this issue, “[Justice and Recovery](#),” focuses on the prevalence of mental health conditions among justice system involved youth and solutions to these challenges through new research findings. [Previous issues](#) of Focal Point are also available on the Pathways RTC website.

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EVENTS

May 1
[OAI Faculty Event: JumpStart Writing Program](#)

[Bike Challenge Kickoff Party](#)

[Regular Faculty Senate Meeting](#)

May 1-11
[Passionfruit - MFA Exhibition](#)

[American Logs - MFA Exhibition](#)

May 1-31
[PSU Bike Challenge](#)

May 2
[Portland State Tweetup and Summer Session Info Fair](#)

[OIT Workshop: Google Mail](#)

[FS Training: Procurement Basics](#)

[The Mitzvah Project](#)

May 3
[OIT Workshop: Excel Intermediate](#)

[HR Training: Electronic Personnel Action Form](#)

[OIT Workshop: Google Calendar, Google+, Hangouts](#)

[Korea Night: Journey to Seoul](#)

May 4
[OAI Faculty Event: JumpStart Writing Program](#)

[All Majors Career and Internship Fair](#)

[University Studies Capstone Fair](#)

[Lester Newman Biology Seminar Series](#)

[Archaeology: Cultural Resource Management for the Lake Oswego – Tigard Water Partnership Project](#)

[Early Childhood Lecture: Playing in the ‘In-Between’](#)

May 5
[Portland Climate Action Collaborative Symposium 2017](#)

[OAI Faculty Event: Textbook Writing 101 Workshop](#)

[Center for Public Interest Design Talk: Mark Lakeman](#)

[HR Training: Queer Inquiry Workshop for Faculty](#)

[Help Organize PSU’s Seed Library](#)

[Chemistry Seminar: Tahir Ghani](#)

[Dance at Sanskriti’17](#)

[Film South Asia: Cities of Sleep & News for Jaffna](#)

[Promised Land screening & Chinook and Duwamish Tribes Discussion](#)

May 5-25
[Can Art Inspire Me to Think Critically About...? Exhibition](#)

May 6
[Confucius Institute Contests at PSU](#)

[Contemporary Chinese Society: A View from the Films of Zhang Yimou](#)

[Film South Asia: Blood Leaves Its Trail & Muzaffarnagar Baaqi Hai](#)

May 7
[Film South Asia: The Journey Within](#)

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