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**OSHER@DARTMOUTH  
ANNUAL MEETING  
2016**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**The Quechee Inn  
at Marshland Farm  
Quechee, VT**

# *Agenda*

**10:45 - 11:00 AM**

*Arrive and be seated*

**11:15 AM**

*Performance by  
Walt Cunningham  
& Xavier Collier*

**11:30 AM**

*Greeting from Dartmouth College  
Campion Award Presentations  
Welcome from OSHER@Dartmouth President*

**12:00 PM**

*Luncheon*

**1:00 PM**

*Dartmouth College President Emeritus,  
James Wright*  
**“Enduring Vietnam:  
Reflections on a War and Those Who Served”**

**2:00 PM**

*Adjourn*

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## STUDY LEADERS

During our 2015-2016 academic year, OSHER@Dartmouth members participated in one or more of 198 courses, made possible by the dedication, time, and talents of 170 Study Leaders whose names are listed below. The Leadership Council, all standing committees, and all 1,575 members appreciate and thank these Study Leaders for their contribution to our continuing success.

- *Sylvia Sands Paxton, President*

Bill Ackerly	Jennifer Davey	Christine Hawkins
Lisa Adams	Joe Davis	David Henderson
Meredith Angwin	Scott Davison	Vic Henningsen
Walter Barndt	Jeremy DeSilva	Nick Heyl
Narain Batra	Carole Dunne	Michael Hillinger
David Bisno	Lynn Dunton	Mary Ann Holbrook
Pete Bleyler	Judith Edwards	Dan Hopkins
Chuck Bohi	Toni Egger	Heidi Hoskin
Mary Boyle	Christopher Ehret	Bob Jakoubek
Katharine Britton	Theodore Eismeier	Charles Memusi Johnson
Susan Brown	John Engelman	John Johnson
Charles Buell	Jo Evarts	Barbara Jones
Hank Buermeyer	Jürgen Ewert	Gerry Jones
Eric Bunge	Roger Feldman	Nelson Kasfir
Barbara Butler	Sylvia Field	Sarwar Kashmeri
John Butterly	Roy Finney	Virginia “Winkie” Kelsey
Patricia Cashman	Cheryl Fish	Jim Kennedy
Faith Catlin	Ann Garland	Don Kivell
Anne Campbell Chandler	Bruce Garland	Werner Kleinhardt
Bob Christie	Scott Genzer	Bob Koester
George Clark	Wayne Gersen	Andrew Kostanecki
Guy Collins	Barry Glennon	Roland Kuchel
Dan Collison	Maynard Goldman	Gail Kuhl
Peter Concilio	Irene Green	Herb Kummel
Gregory Cook	Samantha Davidson Green	EDM Landman
Larry Crocker	Lewis Greenstein	Eugene Lariviere
Richard Crocker	Susan Greenstein	Melissa Laverack
Patricia Crossett	Mary Grizzard	Lana Leggett-Kealey
Harte Crow	Landon Hall	David Levintov
Ford Daley	Bob Hargraves	Mark Lewis
Charlet Davenport	Jacques Harlow	Frank Logan

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*(Study Leaders, continued)*

Martha Lorden	Andrew Petersen	Melinda Stucker
DeWitt Mallary III	Lynn Peterson	Bill Sullivan
Josette Malley	David Pruitt	Philip Tierney
Raymond Malley	Hannah Putnam	Parker Towle
Judy McCarthy	Janet Rae	Bradley Truax
Susan McCaslin	Amanda Rafuse	Tom Urgo
Marll McDonald	John Randolph	Patti Warren
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Joe Medlicott	Ellis Rolett	Jeff Wheeler
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Norman Merrill	Steve Rounds	Dwight Wilder
Norman Miller	Steve Rowe	Mame Willey
Valerie Miller	R. Heathcote Russell	Jim Wilson
Hanan Miron	Peter Saccio	Jim Wooster
David Mize	John Sanders	
Gerald Monroe	Robert Santulli	
Evangeline Monroe	Laura Schneider	
Kevin Moquin	Susan Schweizer	
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Mark Nelson	Ann Semprebon	
Patricia Norton	Jeanne Shafer	
Suzanne Nothnagle	Bruce Shinn	
Sheldon Novick	Iain Sim	
Mary Otto	Tom Simon	
Rita Palanov	Marc Smith	
Sylvia Sands Paxton	Martin Smith	
Richard Pearson	Cindy Stableford	
Richard Peck	Jon Stableford	
Beth Perera	Dennis Stern	

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## VOLUNTEERS

This past year, a talented group of OSHER@Dartmouth members donated their time, effort, and patience to supply much-needed support for both their fellow Osher members and the office staff. Volunteers helped with a wide variety of tasks, including greeting visitors to the office, relaying phone calls, setting up for classes at the D.O.C. House, offering assistance at Tech Cafés, and providing vital support during registration periods. The office staff is tremendously grateful for the help and generosity of the individuals listed here, and any we may have inadvertently omitted.

Elaine Ball	Nora Gould	Robert McConnaughey
Joan Baret	Janette Hannah	Dail Mueller
Barbara Barnes	David Henderson	Tom Quinn
Steve Campbell	Mary Ann Holbrook	Bob Riccio
Courtney Campe	Sandy Huff	Rosemarie Scibetta
Nancy Carter	Marilyn Hunter	Jim Schmidt
Gael Clauson	Renate Jaacks	Margaret Schmidt
Susan Cohen	Marcie Ann Kennedy	Mary Jane Simpson
Susan Copeland	Emily Kletzein	Cindy Stableford
Jo Ellen Courtney	Faith Knapp	Barbara Sykes
Margot de l'Etoile	Nancy Lagomarsino	Anne Taylor
Bruce Findley	Judy Landry	Cynthia Thompson
Lynn Garfield	Carolyn Lutes	Bill Tingle
Ann Garland	Josette Malley	Paul Titus
Claudia Gibson	Greg Marshall	Lisa Torres

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# *Thomas B. Champion Award for Exceptional Service*

## **Anne Baird 2016 Recipient**



Anne has given exceptional service to ILEAD/OSHER@Dartmouth as a full time volunteer for the last nine years. When a job needs to be done and Anne is asked to help, she steps up and moves us forward.

Anne joined us in the fall of 2005 when she retired from twenty-four years as a pediatric social worker at DHMC. She signed up to take lots of courses and in 2008 joined the Curriculum Committee recruiting study leaders, vetting proposed courses, helping develop and upgrade the role of class reps and working to refine the evaluation form as part of the Evaluations subcommittee. She also became the permanent Secretary of Curriculum for all these years creating timely, accurate records of proceedings.

Anne was elected to two terms on the Leadership Council from 2009-2014. She was Secretary of the Leadership Council for five of those six years. In 2014 she was asked to serve on the Planning Committee where she has been part of an ad hoc committee examining the wisdom and readiness for OSHER@Dartmouth to hire an Executive Director. She continues to work on the Planning Committee.

Since December 2015 Anne and Nora Palmer Gould have 'curated' art exhibits in the OSHER office in Hanover and many of the covers of our catalogs that you so admire are photos taken by Anne. Anne acknowledges all the capable, committed volunteers she has worked with through the years. The Champion Award for exceptional service is given to Anne in gratitude for all that she has contributed to OSHER@Dartmouth.

# *Thomas B. Champion Award for Exceptional Service*

## **John Ferries 2016 Recipient**



John Ferries has been an exceptional volunteer for OSHER@Dartmouth through the years as study leader and volunteer on many committees. John currently serves on Leadership Council where he contributes a great deal, sharing his wisdom and experience from his position on the Board of Adventures in Learning in New London where he lives.

John has been on the Summer Lecture Series committee for the past four years and became co-chair of the 2016 Summer Lecture Series “The New Medical Frontier” last fall. There he worked with his co-chair Pete Bleyler to choose a topic which is relevant, timely and will appeal to many. John has been responsible for recruiting the speakers a job which requires patience, creativity and persistence. He has brought us a first-class line up.

He has been a member of the Marketing and Communications Committee for four years helping develop our OSHER@Dartmouth brand ‘Discovering the new. The provocative. The timeless.’

John’s courses such as Modern China, The Digital Revolution, Albert Barnes and His Art Collection, South Africa after Apartheid, Steve Jobs, and J.P. Morgan are legendary and sought out by many members.

John contributes a quiet dignity to OSHER@Dartmouth committees. When he does speak he is thoughtful and relevant. We have all benefited from his many contributions. We are a better organization thanks to John and all he has given to us.

# *2016 Annual Reports*

## **President's Report**

Thanks to all the members, volunteers, study leaders, lecturers, committee members and staff for a wonderful 25th anniversary year and continuing excellence as we “Never Stop Learning.” We welcome Laura Belback, Program Assistant, and Diane Doe, Administrative Assistant, who join our invaluable Lisa King, Program Manager, and Sarah Chamberlin, Marketing and Communication Coordinator, in our 7 Lebanon Street office. Stop in and see the wonderful changing art exhibits.

We are working to strengthen ties with Dartmouth College by co-sponsoring special lectures and round table groups (one of which had 60 Dartmouth undergrads in attendance), utilizing Dartmouth Alumni Travel, working with students and professors at the House Communities that will be in place in the fall of 2016, collaborating with the Rassias Center and DCAL (Dartmouth Center for Advancement in Learning).

We thank Dartmouth President Hanlon, who addressed members at our fall convocation. We offered 198 courses with 2,940 students in attendance during the fiscal year. We initiated a Book Fair, and will start a pilot project of summer courses next month. Our standing committees worked diligently to provide you with the best programs possible. We continue to investigate space which will be appropriate for OSHER@Dartmouth, where we can have our offices and classes in one location.

We ended our last fiscal year with 1,575 members. We continue to strive to offer timely and interesting programming for our growing

membership. With the expansion to two locations, 7 Lebanon Street and the DOC House, and increasing our staff from two to four to provide our study leaders and members continued quality service, the Leadership Council voted to increase membership and course fees for the first time in seven years.

We look forward to another successful year, innovative programming, and will continue to strive to be more transparent with our membership.

*- Sylvia Sands Paxton, President*



## **Marketing & Communications Committee Report**

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the M&CC is to build awareness of and participation and membership in OSHER@Dartmouth by promoting its programs as well as the positive social aspect of being a member.

Our communications all feature our logo, with its distinctive message, “OSHER@Dartmouth - Discovering the new. The provocative. The timeless.” This year we have added a subtext to most messages, “Never Stop Learning.”

### **Personnel**

Several changes occurred this past year. Mary Niles took on the added responsibility of Vice-Chair. After a number of years editing the newsletter, Jeff Bendis turned this role over to Richard Neugass. Laura Schneider joined the committee.

### **Activities, Accomplishments and Initiatives**

Our year began with plans to celebrate and publicize our 25th

Anniversary and some concern over a decrease in membership. In response, several programs were initiated or expanded:

Town Rep Program – Mary Niles organized and directed the efforts of 31 members who volunteered to post announcements on their town listservs, as well as hang posters and distribute OSHER@Dartmouth literature in their communities. We believe that this led to a well-attended 25th Anniversary Convocation at Spaulding Auditorium where President Hanlon delivered the keynote address. The town reps have also helped publicize our Summer Lecture Series, Special Lectures, and the new OSHER@Dartmouth art exhibitions at 7 Lebanon St. All these events have seen excellent attendance.

Collaborative Advertising – A program is currently underway to exchange *pro bono* advertising with other area non-profits such as Northern Stage, Opera North, The New London Playhouse, and the Shaker Barn. OSHER@Dartmouth ads will appear in their programs and theirs will be in our course catalogues. Sylvia Paxton has been instrumental in the launch of this initiative.

Quarterly Newsletter – To reflect the addition of a fourth season of courses, the newsletter has been expanded from three editions to four.

Real Estate Agency Initiative – We believe that OSHER@Dartmouth can be one of several key factors that lead retirees to settle in the Upper Valley. To leverage this we have begun supplying brochures, with a message focused on prospective home buyers, to Real Estate agencies in the region. Bruce Macdonald has led this effort.

NPR Underwriting – This year saw the first sustained underwriting campaign on both New Hampshire and Vermont Public Radio. The campaigns coincide with seasonal course registration plus the Summer Lecture Series. We have seen a strong response

to the course offerings and our membership has risen steadily throughout the year. Joan Hartwell has worked to coordinate this program and direct its message.

- Steve Tofel, Chair

*Marketing & Communications Committee: Steve Tofel (Chair), Mary Niles (Vice-Chair), Richard Neugass (Secretary), Jeff Bendis, Joan Hartwell, Bruce Macdonald, Laura Schneider, Joe Tofel, Sarah Chamberlin (ex officio), Amy Olson (ex officio), Sylvia Paxton (ex officio).*



## Curriculum Committee Report

This past year, the Curriculum Committee kept up with changes in office location and personnel and new software, and brought in new members as we continued to offered 198 courses. And looking ahead, we are finishing putting together the Fall 2016 catalogue and have already started on Winter 2017! This is my last Curriculum Committee report, and the new volunteers are as follows:

Heading the committee will be Sandra Hoeh, who brings energy, knowledge of Hanover, and higher education experience to the position. Replacing me as Vetting head will be a revolving group of Toni Egger, Jim Wilson, and Vic Hennigsen, who will examine the course proposals. Ann Garland will head up an already well-functioning Study Leader Support group, which was previously headed by Martin Smith. Finally, Barb Jones will take over the Evaluation group from Jon Stableford.

The Committee will lose Martin Smith, Jim Heffernan, Jon Stableford, and myself. As the outgoing head, I want to particularly thank Jon for his good advice on issues that were not directly in

his area of responsibility.

Heading the Curriculum Committee has been both challenging and fun for me, made easier by working with a responsive office staff and active Committee members.

BUT – Remember that ALL Osher members contribute to the Committee. Members suggest new persons to add to the nearly 200 leaders who volunteer their time, expertise, and energy to the great courses that OSHER@Dartmouth offers. Just tell Lisa or Curriculum Committee members your discovery, and we'll follow up!

- Charlie Buell, Chair

*Curriculum Committee: Ginia Allison, Toni Egger, Ann Garland, Wayne Gersen, Jim Heffernan, Vic Henningsen, Sandra Hoeh, Barbara Jones, Martha Lorden, Jim Schmidt, Bill Secord, Martin Smith, Jon Stableford, Melinda Stucker, Bill Sullivan, Jim Wilson.*



## Finance Committee Report

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, to oversee the finances of OSHER@Dartmouth. We now provide a Treasurer's Report to the Leadership Council on a regular basis, copies of which are archived for members to read in the folder 'Finance Committee' on our website at [osher.dartmouth.edu/about/](http://osher.dartmouth.edu/about/).

The biggest change to our finances over the past two years has been an addition to our stream of revenue; the income earned from investing the \$2 million Osher Endowment. In fiscal year 2014-15 that revenue was reserved to finance the move to, and

the first payments for, the offices at 7 Lebanon Street. In the current fiscal year (2015-16) we have been able to broaden the use of the Osher income while remaining true to the objective of the endowment which is to enhance the member experience. Members have enjoyed the 25th anniversary convocation and first Annual Osher Lecture, two roundtable events, and are on the brink of participating in our first ever Summer term of courses, all of which are supported by Osher income.

Your Finance Committee continues to seek ways to restrain the growth in our costs, and increase the efficiency of our organization. Over the past months a sub-committee has been working to develop an enhanced online registration system that will provide office staff with greatly enhanced reporting capabilities. As I write, the final specifications are under review and the pricing of the new system is being negotiated. The new system will have greater flexibility, allowing for additional features to be added on for member convenience into the future.

Your organization ended fiscal year 2014-15 with a modest deficit on its operations. In a departure from the practice of the past few years I will not present here a statement of our current year finances since only a forecast for the entire year, which ends on June 30th, can be provided at this time. Rather, I shall provide members with a comprehensive end of year report after the books have closed for the fiscal year. (Members can view Finance Committee documents online via our website links at [osher.dartmouth.edu/about/](http://osher.dartmouth.edu/about/).)

Once again the Finance Committee thanks Mary Ella Zietz and her team in the Dartmouth Finance Center for excellent support in managing and reporting our financial transactions. I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable support of the members who have served on the Finance Committee over the past year.

*- Iain S. Sim, Treasurer and Chairman, Finance Committee*



*Finance Committee: Iain Sim (chair), Bill Dietrich, Roy Finney, Ann Hargraves, William Paxton, Sylvia Paxton (ex officio), Bob Pomeroy, Linda Spencer-Green, Rob Titus, Pat Vlamynck, Kristin Wood.*



## **Membership Services Committee Report**

The Membership Services Committee was not officially active during our 2015-16 year, although many dedicated members and volunteers provided valuable time and effort to support a wide variety of activities and events throughout the year. The committee will resume activity in 2016 with Laura Schneider as Chair.



## **Planning Committee Report**

In 2015-16, The Planning Committee began the year with a review of the Strategic Plan (2011-15) and a seminar on fundraising. Subsequently, the Committee decided to concentrate its efforts on advancing the following strategic planning priorities: Determining Whether or Not to Hire An Executive Director and Promoting New Community Collaborations. In addition, the Committee engaged a team of Tuck student consultants to do a Best Practices Survey of other Osher affiliates; conducted an organizational assessment survey; entertained recommendations for succession planning from former presidents; and sponsored a presentation by Dartmouth For Life, a program within the Office of Alumni Relations.

*- Skip Sturman, Chair*

*Planning Committee: Anne Baird, Tom Blinkhorn, Bruce Macdonald, Sylvia Paxton, John Sanders, Iain Sim, Punch Taylor, Stew Wood, Steve Tofel, and Sarah Chamberlin.*



## **Study/Travel Committee Report**

The Study/Travel Committee's trip to Namibia is taking place in early May. There are two more trips under consideration at this time, one to the Pacific Northwest for the solar eclipse in 2017 and another to East Germany in 2018.

The Study/Travel Committee is working on aligning our activities more with Dartmouth Alumni Travel in the future. This will involve changes in some of our procedures, and it will also give OSHER@Dartmouth members more travel opportunities.

*- Martha Clark & Carol Harris, Co-Chairs*

*Study/Travel Committee: Martha Clark, Jo Evarts, Jürgen Ewert, Fieke Fabricant, Carol Harris, Anne Hartmann, Dan Hopkins, Bob Koester, Bronwen Lewis, Marcia Stone, Jo Tate, Paul Tuhus, and Jeff Wheeler.*



## **Summer Lecture Series Committee Report**

A special committee has been working hard – and making very good progress – on the 2016 Summer Lecture Series to be held again this year in Dartmouth's Spaulding Auditorium on Wednesday mornings from July 13 to August 17.

The theme this year is “The New Medical Frontier,” a relevant and timely subject considering the profound transformation in the healthcare industry already underway and likely to affect all of us. Different aspects of this theme will be covered: macro changes; human genome sequencing; the heart; the brain; the global frontier; and innovation underway at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. The driving force of emerging new technologies will be explored. Nine prominent speakers have been recruited.

Five corporate underwriters are supporting the entire series: Caldwell Law; Kendal at Hanover; Wells Fargo; Dartmouth-Hitchcock; and the Byrne Foundation. Others are sponsoring individual lectures.

The Summer Lecture Series represents an important OSHER@ Dartmouth program. It is our leading outreach to the community, it is our most visible program, and it provides our best new member sampling experience. About 500 people attend each lecture.

Program mailers and announcements, and other Summer Lecture Series publicity pieces, will go out from the Osher office starting in late May. Registration can be done online or at the door in Spaulding on the day of the lecture.

*- John Ferries and Pete Bleyler, Co-Chairs*

***Summer Lecture Committee:*** *Ginia Allison, Pete Bleyler, Tom Blinkhorn, John Ferries, Michael Galbraith, Ann Hargraves, Corlan Johnson, Deborah Luquer, John Mathews, Joe Medlicott, Sylvia Sands Paxton, Rosemarie Scibetta, Iain Sim, Townsend Swayze, and Steve Tofel.*

