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# Linfield long



Deborah Olsen, instructor in history and competitive scholarships advisor, formerly director of academic advising, at Linfield since 1992, Edith Green Distinguished Professor

A memorable moment: Spring 2010 when I learned that one

student from Linfield had been named a Udall Scholar, another had won a Boren scholarship, and four others had been awarded Fulbright grants.

Favorite campus hangout: My office, chatting with a student about possible ideas for a Fulbright application.

Changes in students: I am delighted to see an increase in students' global awareness as well as their commitment to community service.

Will miss: The opportunity to engage students in history, not as a series of dates and names to remember but as a window into understanding humans and our world today.

Won't miss: Commuting from Tigard to McMinnville!

Biggest surprise: That I never tired of teaching, expanding my knowledge and understanding of history, and sharing my passion with young people.

Retirement plans: More reading, music, volunteering and travel with my husband, as well as service on boards, such as the Cultural Coalition of Washington County and In Mulieribus, the women's ensemble led by Anna Song, Linfield assistant professor of music.



Jill Timmons, professor of music/artist in residence, at Linfield since 1981

Favorite campus hangout: My office. It's where I meet with students!

Favorite course: All things "piano."

Learned from students and colleagues: Don't sweat the small stuff.

Will miss: The bright and talented students at Linfield that I have had the pleasure to mentor.

Won't miss: Meetings of any sort.

Biggest surprise: A concert review in the *New York Times* from Tim Page.

Best thing about Linfield: The interdisciplinary approach to the arts.

Retirement plans: I have been nominated for the artist roster for Perspectives Musicales in Paris. Beginning next fall, I hope to expand my work in Europe both with concerts and recording work. Secondly, I will be involved in the promotion of my new book with Oxford University Press, *The Musician's Journey: Crafting Your Career Vision and Plan*. In Portland, I will serve on the board for Urban Gleaners and lastly, I will expand my Lake Oswego studio for private students.



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**William Weaver**, associate professor of biology, at Linfield since 1983

**In the classroom:** My main teaching responsibilities were microbiology, immunology, and team teaching pharmacology, pathophysiology, genetics, nutrition and anatomy. For about 20 years I taught a section of freshman colloquium where I was able to become acquainted with students as freshmen and then follow their progress throughout their college career.

**On valued colleagues:** It is fitting that Jack Keyes and I are ending our academic careers together. We have been close friends for over 45 years. We were fellow graduate students and colleagues at Oregon Health and Science University before arriving on the Portland Campus in July 1983, the summer Linfield College Portland Campus became a reality.

**Will miss:** Working with students and coworkers. It was a pleasure to be with students who were doing such positive things with their lives.

**Won't miss:** The commute from home because of the ever increasing traffic.

**Retirement plans:** I am looking forward to spending more time with my grandchildren and at our cabin in Idaho, bicycling with my wife, and playing with my new DSLR camera.

**Jack Keyes '63**, professor of science, at Linfield since 1983

Jack earned a Ph.D. in physiology from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1969. After teaching at Cornell University Medical College and University of Oregon Medical School, he joined the Linfield College Portland Campus faculty as an associate professor of biology. He was instrumental in designing and implementing the science curriculum for the new school of nursing when the Portland Campus opened in 1983 and developed a new major, health sciences. He authored a book, *Fluid, Electrolytes, and Acid-Base Regulation*, as well as manuals for the physiology, pathophysiology and pharmacology classes and co-authored papers with students.

**John Thomas**, associate professor of philosophy, at Linfield since 1983

John received his Ph.D. in 1978 from the University of Edinburgh, his M.A. from the University of Washington and his B.S. from Portland State University. During his time with the college he taught various courses, from introductory to advanced, including January Term courses in Greece and Rome. In recent years he taught several courses online or through hybrid delivery.

*“A professor can never better distinguish himself in his work than by encouraging a clever pupil, for the true discoverers are among them, as comets amongst the stars.”*

– Linnaeus