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PVSC One-Day Presentations **Winter 2023-2024**

PVSC invites current 2022-23 members (membership year ends 12/31/2023) and future 2024 members (2024 membership year January 1- December 31) to attend our seven free One-Day Presentations (ODP) that are listed below.

How to Register:

- Register online on the secure website with your username (most likely your email address), and password. If you have trouble, email, or call Sheila Krautkremer.
- To attend the One-Day Presentations, one in person and 6 on Zoom, you need a 2022-23 membership, and/or need to register for a 2024 calendar-year PVSC membership.
- If you need to pay membership dues and prefer to mail a check, include the registration form on the separate link (or separate page if mailed) with your payment made out to PVSC. If you are a current member and just want to register for the ODP events, you may call or email.
- Register for the ODP in-person presentation on Nov. 9th separately from the six Zoom presentations, which has one registration for all six.
- You must have an email address to take the ODP Zoom presentations, so please indicate your preferred email. All receipts and information are sent from the PVSC website, **not** the pvscmaine@gmail.com email. Be sure to check your junk or spam email folders if you don't receive a receipt in your inbox, especially if you've recently done updates to your browsers.

Membership:

- Membership dues are still \$25 for individuals and \$40 for two people at the same address. The 18-month 2022-23 membership ends on Dec. 31, 2023. PVSC, like most organizations, depends on yearly membership dues to offer great courses.
- Registration opens online on November 1, 2023 for the 2024 calendar year membership.
- If you do not have a 2022-2023 current membership, you will need to register for 2024 membership, then enroll for the two presentations.

Zoom Information

- For all 6 Zoom presentations, the recurring link will be emailed on the morning of each presentation.
- Please make sure you have received the email with the Zoom link before the class starts, not the day of the class! If you have not received the Zoom link prior to the class start, notify Sheila K. ASAP.
- Zoom presentations will be recorded and available for two weeks for those members who are registered.

In-Person Information for November 9th:

- [Penobscot County Superior Court: State of Maine Judicial Branch](#) PVSC will comply with all policies, including Covid/masking, of each location where we hold in-person courses and events.

Members of other Maine Senior Colleges: Email your name, mailing address, email address, phone number and your Senior College to adjust the PVSC membership fee. You will then be able to register online, or mail in the form without paying for the membership. Any courses or presentations that have defined maximum participants, first choice is given to PVSC members.

ONE-DAY PRESENTATIONS November/December 2023, January 2024

Thursday Nov. 9, 2023 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM IN-PERSON (Separate registration)

Topic: Two Scheduled Oral Arguments and Review

Presenter: Honorable Andrew M. Mead, Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court

Location: Penobscot Judicial Center, 78 Exchange St, Bangor, ME

Time: Meet at the Judicial Center by 9:40 AM

Case 1: 10:00 AM: 155 Spring Street LLC v. Eric Buggelyn

Summary: An individual rented a commercial building in Lewiston and installed heat pumps which could only be removed after a "walk-through" and inspection by the landlord. The renter started removing the heat pumps but prohibited the landlord from inspecting the premises. The landlord obtained a restraining order preventing the removal and the renter appeals despite the fact that the case has not been completed in the Superior Court.

Case 2: 10:50 AM: Dupuis, et al., v. Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland

Summary: Dupuis v. Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland: In this case the Plaintiff, Mr. Dupuis, is suing the Bishop, alleging that one of its employees sexually assaulted him more than 60 years ago. The statute of limitations initially ran in or before 1975, and Mr. Dupuis did not bring any claims before then. However, in 2021, the Legislature passed a law eliminating the statute of limitations for all claims based on sexual abuse of a child and made the law retroactive, which meant that claims that had been previously barred, like Mr. Dupuis's, could be brought. The Bishop argues the law violates the Due Process Clause of the Maine Constitution and also argues that it only applies to claims against individuals who commit sexual abuse of a child, not claims against institutions or organizations.

Each argument takes about 20-25 minute. The court conferences in chambers for about 20 minutes after each argument. Justice Mead will speak to the Penobscot Valley Senior College members in the Multi-Purpose Room at the courthouse at approximately 11:30 AM.

ZOOM PRESENTATIONS November/December 2023, January 2024

One registration for all six. Attend any you wish. All will be recorded.

Tuesday Dec. 5, 2023 4:00-5:00 PM on Zoom

Topic: Overview of the 1980 Legislation settling the Land Claims of the Penobscot Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

In 1980, the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act and its state law companion, the Maine Implementing Act, settled land claims brought by the Penobscot Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. In recent years, these Settlement Acts have become controversial. This presentation will provide an overview to the Settlements Act—particularly the federal law—the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act, including the reasons underlying their enactment and their essential processes.

Presenter: Timothy C. Woodcock, Attorney, Eaton Peabody Attorneys at Law

Tim Woodcock worked for Senator Bill Cohen in the U.S. Senate from 1979 to 1983. From March of 1980 to June of 1983, he was an attorney on the Senate Select Committee on Indians Affairs. In 1980, that committee considered, revised, and reported out the Maine Indian Claims Settlement which, with

the State law—Maine Implementing Act—settled the land claims of the Penobscot Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Tuesday Dec. 12, 2023 4:00-5:00 PM on Zoom

Topic: Challenges Facing Contemporary Journalism in the United States

Contemporary journalism faces enormous new challenges in the United States. From social media algorithmic programming to the rapid decline of the advertising-supported news model, to partisan media production and framing, to the employment of AI (artificial intelligence), the professional and ethical journalist in 2023 is confronted by a series of impediments unknown to their predecessors in the field.

This event is envisioned as primarily a discussion, fostered by a brief opening presentation in which challenges and issues are enumerated.

Presenter: Michael Socolow, UMaine Communication and Journalism

Michael J. Socolow is a media historian whose research centers upon America's original radio networks in the 1920s and 1930s. His scholarship on media history has appeared in numerous scholarly journals, and he is the author of *Six Minutes in Berlin: Broadcast Spectacle and Rowing Gold at the Nazi Olympics* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2016). He was awarded the 2018 Broadcast Historian Award by the Library of American Broadcasting Foundation and the Broadcast Education Association for *Six Minutes in Berlin*. In 2019, Professor Socolow was a Senior Fulbright Research Scholar at the News & Media Research Centre at the University of Canberra [Australia]. He is also a former broadcast journalist who has worked as an Assignment Editor for the Cable News Network and as an information manager for the host broadcast organizations at the Barcelona, Atlanta, and Sydney Olympic Games.

Tuesday Jan. 2, 2024 4:00-5:00 PM on Zoom

Topic: Hiking in Iceland

Presenters: John Bryant, Betty Jamison, Kris Reid

Information will be updated soon.

Tuesday Jan. 9, 2024 4:45-5:45 PM on Zoom

Topic: Understanding the Effects of Arsenic on Aging: An Invitation to Participate in the Healthy Water, Healthy Aging Study

Most people experience declining health as they age, but how much is due to normal aging processes, and how much is attributable to environmental exposures to toxic contaminants? MDI Biological Laboratory's Community Environmental Health Lab and the University of New England's Center for Excellence in Aging and Health have joined forces to try and understand the relationship between exposure to arsenic and other toxic metals in well water and self-reported health and well-being metrics for Mainers age 55+. We will share emerging results from a project called "Healthy Water, Healthy Aging". There are many environmental toxins that we all encounter every day, but arsenic is the focus of our study because here in Maine, over half of all households rely on private wells that are often contaminated with geogenic arsenic from surrounding bedrock. As part of our study, interested participants complete a drinking water survey and submit a well water sample for analysis of arsenic and other toxic metals. They are then invited to provide information on their general health and well-being on an annual basis. We are looking at associations between well water quality and self-reported health and well-being metrics in older adults to help improve health and inform public policy in Maine.

Are you interested in participating? Start with the drinking water survey at <https://www.anecdata.org/projects/view/healthy-water-healthy-aging>.

Presenter: Dr. Jane Disney

Dr. Jane Disney is an Associate Professor of Environmental Health at MDI Biological Laboratory. In addition, she directs the activities of the Community Environmental Health Laboratory. She is the co-developer of the citizen science online data portal, Anecdata.org. Since 2000, she has worked with multiple community partners, identifying and helping to remedy threats to public health and the clean waters on and around Mount Desert Island. With a 5-year grant from the National Institutes of Health, she launched “All About Arsenic” in 2018, a project that engages secondary school teachers and students as citizen scientists in collecting well water samples for analysis of arsenic and other toxic metals and sharing their findings in their communities. In a new collaboration with the University of New England, Dr. Disney is focused on the health of Mainers age 55+, with research to uncover the connection between environmental exposures to toxic substances and the aging process.

Tuesday Jan. 16, 2024, 4:00-5:00 PM on Zoom

Topic: The Ice Age Archaeology of Maine

Arthur will discuss archaeological evidence for human occupation of what is now Maine during the most recent Ice Age.

Presenter: Arthur Anderson, Ph.D.

Arthur Anderson is an associate teaching professor at the University of New England who studies the archaeology of cultural change through material culture on the coast of New England and Maritime Canada. His research has been documented in many publications including [Maine Archaeological Society Bulletin](#), the [Journal of Island and Coastal Archaeology](#), and others.

Tuesday January 23, 2024, 4:00-5:00 PM on Zoom

Presentation: Advances in Cancer Treatment Using Precision Oncology: The Maine Cancer Genomics Initiative

The goal of precision oncology is to improve a patient’s quality of treatment through the use of genomic information. The Maine Genomic Cancer Initiative (MCGI), led by The Jackson Laboratory in collaboration with all oncology practices in Maine, is an innovator in implementing precision oncology in rural and remote communities in the state of Maine. Dr. Rueter will talk about how this program was implemented and will report of some of the initial outcomes.

Presenter: Dr. Jens Rueter, M.D.

Dr. Rueter is the Chief Medical Officer at The Jackson Laboratory and the Medical Director for the Maine Cancer Genomics Initiative and the Associate Director for Translational Education at the JAX Cancer Center. As a member of the JAX senior management team, he works with a number of JAX clinical genomics and education experts as well as several national leaders on advancing the field of Precision Medicine with the goal of individualizing cancer treatments for individual patients and improving their outcomes.

Previously, Dr. Rueter was a hematologist/oncologist at EMMC Cancer Care and the medical director for EMMC Biobank and translational research in Brewer, Maine. After graduating from medical school in Berlin, Germany, Rueter completed his residency in internal medicine at Tulane University and fellowship training in hematology/oncology at the University of Pennsylvania.

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**PVSC Winter term of Zoom courses will begin the week of January 22, 2024.
Thank you for your continued support of Penobscot Valley Senior College.**