

**Press release for *Slow Learners: Two Hundred Years of Unheeded Warnings***

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FREE DISCUSSION ON WHY WE IGNORE COMPELLING WARNINGS ABOUT POPULATION GROWTH, CONSUMER CULTURE, AND MORE

Event part of the statewide Conversation Project: A New Chautauqua.

(YOUR CITY, Ore.)—(month, day, year of press release)—Why have cogent, compelling warnings—that exponential population growth must be stopped, that faith in technology to solve our problems is misplaced, that consumer culture cannot bring satisfaction—been ignored for more than two centuries?

This is the focus of “Slow Learners: Two Hundred Years of Unheeded Warnings,” a free conversation with Oregon State University professor emeritus Richard Clinton on **(day of week), (month, day, year) at (time) at (name and program location address)**. This program is hosted by **(host organization)** and sponsored by **Oregon Humanities (formerly Oregon Council for the Humanities)**.

Clinton is professor emeritus of political science at Oregon State University, where he taught international relations, Latin American politics, American foreign policy, and alternative international futures. He currently teaches in the Honors College at OSU.

For more information about this free community discussion, please contact (name) at (phone) or (e-mail).

Through the Conversation Project program, Oregon Humanities (OH) offers statewide opportunities for civic dialogue and humanities learning with an emphasis on discussing contemporary issues through interactive, facilitated conversations. Oregon Humanities (813 SW Alder St, #702, Portland, OR 97205) is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities that believes in the power of ideas and insights to transform communities. More information about OH's programs and publications, which include the Conversation Project: A New Chautauqua, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Teacher Institutes, Summer Honors Symposium, Public Program Grants, and *Oregon Humanities* magazine, can be found at [oregonhumanities.org](http://oregonhumanities.org).

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