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At COCC since 1985, Patricia is now Professor of History, as well as adjunct professor for the University of Oregon at Bend, teaching such courses as Western Civilization, World History, East Asian History, Culture of the Enlightenment and Historiography. She earned a Master's in Asian History from SUNY, Buffalo, and a Ph.D. in Comparative History (Europe & China) from the University of Washington. After her schooling, she lived in Taiwan, studying Chinese and teaching English to Chinese businessmen. Patricia met her Dutch husband on Christmas Eve in the hot springs of a Catholic missionary's hostel in the Swiss Alps. They traveled together for several years, through Asia, the Middle East and Europe, and then rambled across the U.S. until they found Bend and decided to stay. Last fall she was on a another adventure, teaching for the Semester at Sea program. See the link: <http://www.semesteratsea.org/> (Fall 2008 voyage) for details about how she taught and led field trips around the world.

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Melissa earned an M.A. in Comparative Literature at Louisiana State University. She has lived in New Orleans and in France and is writing a doctoral dissertation (at LSU) on "Displacement and Creolization in Writings of the American South and the French Caribbean." She has also taught public speaking, debate, and dramatic performance skills at educational camps at Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley. She has traveled extensively, spending six months in Germany, the Czech Republic, and Slovenia; and two years traveling through England, Scotland, France, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey. Melissa currently teaches literature and composition courses at Portland Community College, Rock Creek.