

THE LAST LECTURE :

Why Oregon is Blue, Mississippi is Red, and the U.S. is Purple (and Polarized), or... How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Hyperventilation

Dr. William Lunch



Bill Lunch will look back over thirty years of Oregon and American political history, focusing on political developments in Oregon and nationally that have changed political choices for many voters, particularly here in the Northwest. His analysis will emphasize regional and partisan differences over political culture, race and gender, and environmental policies that have increasingly divided the nation in the years since he first arrived on the Oregon State campus.

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