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## FREE DISCUSSION ABOUT SCIENCE AND CITIZENSHIP

March 4 event is part of Oregon Humanities' statewide Conversation Project

Bend, OR – February 24, 2016 ~ Americans have more confidence in scientific and medical leaders than in leaders of any group except the military, according to National Science Foundation polls. However, the relationship between citizens and science is often fraught with misunderstanding and mistrust, especially on topics like climate change. Why is our relationship with science so complicated? Why do we mistrust a field for which we profess respect? How can citizens use science to make better decisions together?



This is the focus of “In Science We Trust? The Role of Science in a Democracy,” a free conversation with Gail Wells on Friday, March 4, 2016 starting at 6:00 pm at the High Desert Museum. A no-host bar will precede the program. This program is hosted by the Museum and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Wells was born in Oregon and has lived here for most of her life. She has written about all kinds of things, but mainly scientific and historical topics, for more than 30 years. Midway through her career she completed a graduate degree in scientific and technical communication at Oregon State University, and now makes her living as a science communicator.

Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state's future. For more information about this free community discussion, please contact [Christina Cid](#) at 541-382-4754 ext. 233.

Oregon Humanities (921 SW Washington, Suite 150; Portland, OR 97205) connects Oregonians to ideas to change lives and transform communities. More information about Oregon Humanities' programs and publications, which include the Conversation Project, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Idea Lab, Public Program Grants, and Oregon Humanities magazine, can be found at [oregonhumanities.org](http://oregonhumanities.org). Oregon Humanities is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

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