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university honors program newsletter

A Digital Convocation in honor of our graduates



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LOOKING AHEAD

Graduate school, career building, fellowships, law degrees...oh my!

The future of our graduates is bright, no matter what they're planning.

No global crisis can change that.
We are so proud!

A WORD FROM DR. JOY HART

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONORS PROGRAM

Dear University Honors Program Graduates:

If you wanted your graduation to be memorable, to be different, to stand out, well—as in so many of your other pursuits, you succeeded. Of course, as we put plans into place to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding class, none of us could have imagined that we would be celebrating with you remotely. Although the celebrations are taking place in a different format, expressing our pride in you is just as sincere. Time passes quickly, and it truly seems that just weeks ago you were signing up for your first semester of UofL courses at New Cards Orientation. Then, soon after, many of you were taking the Honors first-year seminar, participating in Honors Student Council programming, and/or having your first fall semester Honors advising appointment, and some of you were in my Honors first-year LLC course.

Fast forward: Now, we complete the cycle—from the welcome of Orientation to the welcome to the ranks of Honors graduates. As you reflect on your journey from matriculation to graduation, we hope that you'll treasure many memories—as these memories are the real graduation gift. As each of you unpacks this gift box of memories, you'll likely find memories of study groups and student organizations, of poring over course materials and then mastering a concept, of talking with your favorite advisors and professors, of laughing with friends and challenging others to do their best, of more clearly understanding your strengths and learning to address areas for improvement, of taking intellectual risks and growing from these endeavors, and especially of what you and your class have accomplished and can accomplish together.

As our university, city, state, nation, and world face challenges, there are more lessons to be learned. Citizens, like you, with strong foundations built on interdisciplinary bedrock will lead the path to solutions. Even as we socially distance, the interconnections of the world are highlighted—as is the importance and resilience of human connection. I have no doubt that your advisors and professors have emphasized that “wicked problems” won't be solved by one discipline alone—that it is through interdisciplinary approaches and interprofessional teams that such problems can be surmounted. The pandemic that we now face underscores the importance of collaboration and contributions from multiple perspectives. Building from an interdisciplinary foundation is your specialized knowledge and experience. Thwarting the spread of the virus and addressing the individual and social ramifications requires expertise from health care to history, economics to epidemiology, biology to business, education to engineering, philosophy to philanthropy and from communication to commerce, social work to psychology, music to mathematics, art to anthropology, and many other areas.

Your graduation also can be memorable because of how you bring people together for change. You can demonstrate and lead interlinked initiatives fostering positive outcomes. As Honors students, you were known for your tenacity, drive, commitment, and intelligence, and these attributes, which fueled your undergraduate successes, are the exact ones that will fuel your contributions to addressing the pandemic and future problems. We are confident that you will turn the resolve and determination that you brought to your studies and university life to address problems and create better ways of living and for the world to thrive. In short, even in these times of uncertainty, we remain confident that the future will be better because of you. Again, congratulations! We are beaming with pride (even though you can't see our smiles behind the masks). One last assignment: Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,



P.S. We hope that you make an A+ on the remaining assignment!

HONORS GRADUATES

HONORS PROGRAM

In order to graduate from the Honors Program, students must complete a minimum of 15 hours of Honors courses and maintain at least a 3.35 cumulative GPA. Honors students come from all colleges/schools and personal paths, and we couldn't be more proud of them all.

See our website for the full list of degree candidates! <https://louisville.edu/honors/about/Honors-Graduates>

HONORS SCHOLARS

The University Honors Scholars Program deepens the Honors experience. Students join during or after their sophomore year, committing to maintain a higher GPA (3.5 minimum) and additional Honors coursework. To graduate with this distinction, Scholars must complete at least 4 interdisciplinary Scholar Seminars or 3 Seminars and a Senior Honors Thesis. Many Scholars travel domestically or internationally through these Seminars, representing the Honors Program, UofL, and Kentucky. They've worked hard to earn this distinction—great job, everyone!

DECEMBER 2019

Caitlin Ahern • Samantha Cranfill • Layne Cutler • Samantha McHenry • Cassidy Meurer • Sindhu Parupalli • Calvin Pham • Alexander Price • Savanna Roberts • Brooks Vessels

MAY 2020

Bayley Amburgey	Cierra Craft	Olivia Hennis	Aysha Omar	Sara Ulanoski
Keionna Bailey	Benjamin Crouch	Cay Johnson-Miller	Justin Overstreet	Regan Wakefield
Scott Barrett	Caroline Culver	Cameron Keeton	Sarika Polcum	Ashley Ward
Emily Behr	Janet Dake	Savanah Kennedy	Travis Ray	Jessalyn Welch
Natalie Bonura	Sarah Donnell	Brittany Lowe	Emily Rich	Amanda White
Victoria Clemons	Emma Doyle	Parker Lucas	Heather Short	Jillian Winn
Courtney Coomes	Molly Emdee	Jared Lunsford	Caroline Smith	Rebecca Witt
Savanna Cooper	Danielle Graves	Maria Martinez	Vanessa Streble	
Emilie Cornett	Ja'Myeela Gulzar	Nicole McGrath	Madison Swingholm	
Spencer Cox	Gabrielle Hak	Caitlin McGuigan	Samantha Timmers	





HONORS GRADUATES

ARTS & SCIENCES SENIOR HONORS THESES

December 2019

Sarah Ernst, *summa cum laude*
Cassidy Meurer, *summa cum laude*
Tyler Pollitt, *summa cum laude*
Brooks Vessels, *summa cum laude*

These students spent months researching and writing their Senior Honors Thesis, a process that culminated in the presentation and defense of their work. Congratulations on your success!

May 2020

Bayley Amburgey, *magna cum laude*
Kylee Auten, *summa cum laude*
Abby Betts, *summa cum laude*
Eric Bush, *summa cum laude*
Anna Carter, *summa cum laude*
Evan Clark, *summa cum laude*
Caroline Culver, *summa cum laude*
Joseph Garcia, *summa cum laude*
Praneeth Goli, *summa cum laude*
Lucus Hodge, *summa cum laude*
Erica Lush, *magna cum laude*
Nicole McGrath, *magna cum laude*
Susan Pallmann, *summa cum laude*

Carolle Pinkerton, *magna cum laude*
Emily Rich, *summa cum laude*
Addison Riney, *summa cum laude*
Max Rogers, *summa cum laude*
Heather Short, *summa cum laude*
Elizabeth Standridge, *summa cum laude*
Madison Swingholm, *magna cum laude*
Jared Thomas, *summa cum laude*
Taylor Thomas, *summa cum laude*
Samantha Timmers, *magna cum laude*
Sara Ulanoski, *summa cum laude*
Amanda White, *summa cum laude*
Jillian Winn, *summa cum laude*



BEST THESES AWARDS

IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES

Congratulations to **Max Rogers!** Max's thesis was selected as the Best Thesis in the Natural Sciences. Max's thesis is titled "Filifactor Alocis: Resilience and Manipulation against Neutrophil Effector Functions in a Dysbiotic Oral Environment" and was overseen by his mentor Dr. Silvia M. Uriarte, professor of Oral Immunology and Infectious Diseases.

IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Congratulations to **Eric Bush!** Eric's thesis was selected as the Best Thesis in the Social Sciences. Eric's thesis is titled "An Examination of One Country, Two Systems in Xi Jinping's China" and was overseen by his mentor Dr. Julie Bunck, professor of Political Science.

HONORS GRADUATES

SENIOR QUOTES

Final messages, advice, and reflections from some of our soon-to-be graduates, in their own words or through quotes they find meaningful. We'll miss you, but we know you're off to accomplish great things!

Skyler Fether

"It has been an **honor** learning with you all!"

Emma Ison

"Do something that sucks. Embrace it. The only way to get better is if you have to dig deep and **find out what you are truly capable of.**"

Brie Ogbulu

"**Somebody's life will be in your hands one day.** Study like it."

Savanna Cooper

"**Peace out!!** But I'll be back."

Christopher Mikos

"**Build your own dreams** - or someone else will pay you to build theirs."

Jared Showalter

"I graduate with **Honors.**" -*Nicki Minaj*

Andrew Schmidt

"Don't just wait for an opportunity to help those around you. **Create the opportunity yourself.**"

Deepak Sharma

"Don't quit, struggle now and **live the rest of your life as a champion.**" -*Muhammad Ali*

Scott Barrett

"**Ships move.** That's why they call 'em ships."
-*Ricardo Tubbs, Miami Vice (2006)*

Samantha Timmers

"Hermione! When have any of our plans ever actually worked? We plan, we get there, all hell breaks loose!" --*Harry Potter commenting on the year 2020, probably*

Keionna Bailey

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take. **Get comfortable with being uncomfortable** and challenge yourself!"

Jayna Winchester

"Aristotle is credited with saying "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." That is college, interacting with all these people to come out smarter, yes, but more importantly, **sound in the understanding of your education and values.**"

Bayley Amburgey

"If I didn't **define myself for myself**, I would be crunched into other people's fantasies for me and eaten alive." -*Audre Lorde*

Cay Johnson-Miller

"How I wish it could stay this way forever, and yet **change mocks us with her beauty.**" -*Olaf, Frozen 2*

Emily Rich

"My time at the University of Louisville has been more fulfilling and rewarding than I ever could have dreamed. From my classes to my involvement, **I cannot imagine a better undergraduate experience.**"

Joseph Fahmy

"To whom much is given, **much is tested.**"

Cierra Craft

"God is within her, **she will not fall.**" -*Psalms 46:5*

Danielle Kluttz

"The sooner you stop searching for **the white squirrel**, the sooner you will find **the white squirrel.**"

Grant Maglinger

"The two hardest things to say in life are hello for the first time and **goodbye for the last.**"

Justin Overstreet

"What feels like the end is often **the beginning.**"

Haasya Kanamarlapudi

"And at the end of the day, your feet should be dirty, your hair messy, and **your eyes sparkling.**"
-*Shanti*

Savanah Kennedy

"From global travel, to academic opportunities, to being able to know my profs better, to making friends, **the Honors Program gave me so much.**"

Natalie Bonura

"Here's to the best four years of my life! Thankful for all the friends and memories I have to take away from this season. **Go Cards!**"

HONORS AWARDS

2020 Outstanding Honors Graduate Award SPENCER COX

We are incredibly pleased to announce Spencer Cox as the **2020 Outstanding Honors Graduate!**

Spencer will graduate this May *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor's degree in Sustainability, double minors in Environmental Analysis and Geography, and a certificate in Geospatial Technologies. He also graduates with the distinction of **University Honors Scholar**. Spencer embodies the characteristics that the University Honors Program and the University of Louisville hope to see in our students – **academic excellence, exemplary leadership skills**, and a **deep commitment to community service and civic engagement**. During his time here, Spencer served as an **Honors first-year seminar teaching assistant** for three years, held multiple leadership roles within Honors Student Council (including **Vice-President of Service and Vice-President of Philanthropy**), and presented his work at multiple Honors conferences. Spencer has been one of our most active **Honors Host** volunteers for the past three years, dedicating numerous hours to meeting with prospective Honors students and their family members. Additionally, Spencer completed **hundreds of hours of service and fundraising work** in the Louisville community, most notably with Louisville Grows and the Americana Community Center. We are incredibly proud of his accomplishments and delighted to recognize Spencer Cox as the recipient **2020 Outstanding Honors Graduate**.

Traditionally, the outstanding graduate is asked to deliver the keynote address to the attendees at our annual Honors Convocation Awards Ceremony. Although we are sadly unable to host Convocation this year, Spencer graciously agreed to provide both a video and written copy of his address. Congratulations, Spencer!

To watch a video recording of this speech, please visit:
tinyurl.com/OHGSpeech

• **For those of you that know me, howdy!** For those of you that don't, my name is Spencer Cox. Just some background before we get into the rest of this: I am a Catholic school-kid from Northern Kentucky, also known as the the promised land, who came to UofL to be closer to my sister as well as some extended family in the area. But I stayed for the friend I made along the way, the unique academic opportunities, and also - for the Honors Program. And I spent a lot of time in the Honors Program.

I am an Honors kid through and through; I complained about getting a B+, which I maintain was harsh if not totally unfair, I suffered from flashes of imposter syndrome, and most importantly, when anything in the slightest would go wrong, I ran to my advisor to help me. Maybe you can't relate to all of these experiences, but I'm sure you relate to some of them.

Clearly I thought like an Honors kid, but I also actively engaged with the Honors Program. From *countless* Honors Student Council meetings, to checking a lot of you in for your advising appointments as a front desk worker at Etscorn, to shepherding the future of the Honors Program through their campus visits as an Honors Host, to finally being a Honors Student Success Ambassador and Peer Mentor for a group of amazing first year students this past year...I spent a *lot* of time in the Honors Program.



But the best experience I've had in Honors was joining the Service/Social Justice Living Learning Community. This year-long program dramatically changed my way of thinking and how I viewed the world. I spent the next two years of my life planting seeds, trees, and weeding - all in order to help Louisville Grows, a local non-profit, achieve its mission.

HONORS AWARDS

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE CONT.

By the second semester of me volunteering once or twice a week with Louisville Grows, I started to bring 5...7...9...12...15 people with me. Whether we were trying to weed a greenhouse and get it ready for a big sale, or we were teaching kids how to grow peaches, we had people there volunteering. But that's not where my service journey ended. I joined and led the Service Committee of Honors Student Council, continuing to do countless service projects and events. Finally, this last year I co-lead a huge fundraiser called the Book and Media Sale (BAMS). We collected almost 28,000 items in order to sell and will donate 100% of the proceeds to the Americana Community Center.

Through all of these experiences, I learned a couple key things, one of which is compassion. For the first time in my life, I felt like I could adequately empathize with those around me. Instead of trying to lead movements, as I did in high school, I learned about allyship and the value in being a part of organizations without controlling them. I am still learning about allyship and I want to continue to get better and learn how to better conduct myself and how to better support people when they ask for help.

The next important thing I learned was how to listen. I spent 8 years of my life in youth leadership development seminars that traveled around Cincinnati and the United States. One of the marquee phrases was that "You have two ears and one mouth, thus you should listen twice as much as you speak."

Well, I was 16 and I don't think I understood pretty much anything, let alone this saying, until recently - the beauty of being able to actually hear someone. The beauty of being able to sympathize with what they're saying and respond correctly. Understanding where people are and where they come from is a crucial part of

growing, and that's something I learned through listening. This may all sound dramatic - something I've been called a few times in college - but this is what we need to bring to our professional careers. Compassion for those around us, but more importantly, those we cannot see. When we finally do see these people - we need to listen to them. We need to have compassion for them. Then we act and support them in any way that we can. We need to become the servant-leaders of our world who do everything in their power to help others.

We see these people all around us now, in this time of societal collapse. There are citizens like you and I who are standing up and doing not only what is right, but what is *needed*. This has been where I have found hope - in the seemingly endless compassion others have put forth during this time. I see it in the neighborhoods we all live in and in the grocery stores we all buy food in. And while this has been a challenging time for us, we will get through it using compassion and listening - and maybe a little bit of patience.

I could sit here and say I learned a lot about rocks or whatever my major was. I could sit here and talk about all the good times I had with my buddies playing boardgames, studying in the library or just going on hikes and walks around the greater Louisville area. But I feel like I should sit here and ask you all to consider compassion and listening as you move into your futures as physicists, public health officials, engineers, or wherever else you might be headed. We have a responsibility to do what we can to make our surroundings better and I know that we will.

Thank you all for this incredible experience and this journey we've been on for the past four or so years. **Go Cards!!!** •

CONGRATULATIONS, SPENCER!



Spencer, far right, relaxing at a holiday party with fellow Honors students, Fall 2018



Spencer presenting on "Soccer in America" at PopCon!, a pop-culture conference hosted by HSC, Spring 2019

HONORS AWARDS

2020 Outstanding Service to Honors Awards

Traditionally, the University Honors Program hosts an annual Convocation Awards Ceremony at which we recognize these award winners. Though we are unable to host Convocation this year, we invited Emily and Danielle to share some thoughts with us about their undergraduate experience. Those comments are included here. We hope that you will join us in congratulating Emily Behr and Danielle Graves as recipients of the 2020 Outstanding Service to Honors Award.

EMILY BEHR



Emily graduates this May *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in Jazz Studies and a minor in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. She also graduates with the **distinction of University Honors Scholar**. During her undergraduate years, Emily served as a **three-time teaching assistant** for Professor Kimcherie Lloyd's Honors Music 100 course, held multiple leadership roles within Honors Student Council (including **Executive Vice President and Vice President for Diversity & Inclusion**), presented her work at Honors conferences, and routinely volunteered her time and service to help with Honors events. She was awarded an **Etscom Foundation Scholarship for 2019-20**. In summer 2020, she received an **Etscom Summer International Award**, through which she developed a music instruction curriculum for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

Dearest friends, family, and mentors,

I hope this note finds you well in a time of profound uncertainty and widespread sorrow. In reflecting on both this challenging new era and graduating from UofL, I'm very honored to offer a few celebratory words for everyone who completed this semester, especially my fellow seniors. I hope that you all can look back on these past four years with happiness and a well-deserved sense of accomplishment. I'm deeply grateful to the countless people in my life who made my time at UofL a meaningful, transformative experience.

I know this year's graduation is not how we imagined it would be, for students and teachers alike, but I applaud every student and educator who is working through many unprecedented obstacles. Each person will navigate this time differently, as each individual's struggle is unique. In all of our day-to-day frustrations and inconveniences, I urge everyone to take precaution and hold space for those who are experiencing severe hardships or coping with the unfathomable loss of loved ones.

I'll conclude this note with a twofold challenge to all of you – first, to practice deliberate self-love and compassion; and second, to think critically about this crucial turning point in history. How can we lift each other up? How can we transform the unjust systems that plague our society? Ask yourselves the question, "Can I do more?" If the answer is no, then rest. If the answer is yes, then work towards the future you want to see.

With love and gratitude.

CONGRATULATIONS, EMILY!



Emily, third from left in the front row, with members of the HSC Diversity and Inclusion Committee and guests during an "Exploring Faiths" event.

HONORS AWARDS

OUTSTANDING SERVICE CONT.

DANIELLE GRAVES

Danielle Graves graduates this May cum laude with Bachelor's degrees in Biochemistry and Political Science. Danielle also graduates with the *distinction of University Honors Scholar*. Over the past four years, Danielle has held multiple significant leadership roles on Honors Student Council, including her work as *President for the 2019-20 year and Vice President for Academics in previous years*. As an undergraduate, Danielle developed presentations for multiple Honors conferences at the Kentucky and national levels, served as an *Honors Host*, and conducted extensive undergraduate research in both biochemistry and public health. She has recently been awarded a *Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to the Czech Republic for 2021*.



Hi, my name is Danielle Graves. I'm from Louisville, KY. This month I'm graduating with degrees in Bio-Chemistry and Political Science and this coming year I will be teaching English in the Czech Republic with a Fulbright award and applying to medical school.

I got involved with Honors Student Council in my freshman year. HSC was where I felt most at home on campus, it was my community. It was where I made close friends and found a meaningful way to give back to Honors students and the Louisville community. When you find people that you love on campus, it makes you really excited to serve them. I was proud to serve as VP of Academics and President of HSC on council and give back to my Honors community - and I feel really grateful for having been given this recognition now!

CONGRATULATIONS, DANIELLE!



Danielle is pictured in mouse ears with her Kentucky Honors Roundtable peers



Danielle presenting at the 2019 UofL PopCon! on the depiction and use of medicine in hit series "Game of Thrones"



NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

2020-2021 UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE FULBRIGHT RECIPIENTS

The U.S. Student Fulbright Program, a federally-sponsored international educational and cultural exchange, recognizes academic merit and leadership potential. The program promotes mutual understanding between U.S. residents and people in more than 155 countries worldwide. Fulbrights are among the most prestigious awards in higher education.

ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Alison Buchelt graduates this spring with a degree in Education; she will spend next year working in classrooms in **Spain** as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant.

Evan Clark is a McConnell Scholar graduating this spring with an individualized major concentrating on International Relations, Spanish, History, Political Science, and Linguistics. Evan will travel to **Spain** next year as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant.

Danielle Graves has been selected as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant for the **Czech Republic**. Danielle is a member of the Brown Fellows Program and graduates this spring with majors in Biochemistry and Political Science.

Megan Lenahan earned degrees in Art and Latin American & Latino Studies in 2018; she will travel to **Costa Rica** as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant.

Travis Ray will graduate this spring with majors in Biology and Spanish, and has received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to **Spain**.

Jared Thomas is a McConnell Scholar majoring in Political Science; Jared will teach English in **Malaysia** as a Fulbright ETA.

Niara Wakaba will teach English as a Fulbright ETA in **Jordan**. Niara was a Muhammad Ali Scholar and Porter Scholar here at UofL, and earned her degree in Political Science in 2019.

Taylor Williams has been selected as an English Teaching Assistant for **South Korea**. Taylor graduated in 2019 with degrees in English and Asian Studies, and was a Martin Luther King Scholar, Honors Scholar, and recipient of a 2019 Critical Language Scholarship.



RESEARCH/STUDY AWARDS

Nana Ama Bullock is working toward a doctorate in Public Health at UofL, and has been selected for a Fulbright-Fogarty Public Health Fellowship to do research in **Ghana**.

Kasey Golding graduated in 2018 with a major in Political Science; she was a Jones Scholar, Honors Scholar, and 2017 ESU Scholarship recipient. Kasey will travel to **Hungary** next year to study International Relations.

Lucy Kurtz will receive her bachelor's in Bioengineering this spring, and has been selected for a Fulbright research award for **Canada**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RECIPIENTS AND SAFE TRAVELS IN THE FUTURE!



NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

ROTARY GLOBAL GRANT

Elshadai Smith-Mensah earned her B.S. in Business Administration and Marketing in 2019. She will pursue a master's in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the London School of Economics, supported by a grant from the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Global Grants support humanitarian work, scholarships, and vocational training projects aimed at building international relationships, promoting peace, and improving lives.

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The CLS program provides opportunities for overseas language and cultural immersion for students interested in critical languages that are essential to the United States' engagement with the world. COVID-19 has cancelled the program for the time being, but we would like to congratulate the recipient regardless!

Evan Clark, a McConnell Scholar, received a Critical Language Scholarship to study Russian. He is a 2020 Arts and Sciences graduate who has earned his Bachelors of Arts through an Individualized Major, with focuses on International Relations, Spanish, History, Political Science, and Linguistics.

BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS

Brittany Lowe will spend next year studying Swahili in Tanzania as a Boren Scholar. Brittany graduates this spring with degrees in Economics and Marketing.

The Boren Awards provide undergraduate & graduate students in all fields of study with funding for up to one year of immersive study abroad in languages and regions of interest to U.S. national security.

Celia Cusick, a McConnell Scholar graduating with a degree in Philosophy, has been selected for a Boren Scholarship to Croatia for next year.

Madeline McCloud, a junior Grawemeyer Scholar majoring in Chemistry and Psychology, has been awarded a Boren Scholarship to study Mandarin in Taiwan.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION (KY BRANCH) SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP

The English-Speaking Union is a non-profit educational service organization. Its summer study abroad scholarships for college juniors and Kentucky teachers are intended to promote the advancement of knowledge in an expanding global community. COVID-19 has cancelled the program for the time being, but we would like to congratulate the recipients regardless!

Abby Posey is a Martin Luther King Scholar majoring in History and Pan-African Studies; Abby has received an ESU Scholarship to study History at Cambridge.

Sabrina Collins is a Grawemeyer Scholar and Political Science major. Sabrina was selected to study History, Politics, and Society at Oxford.

MOORE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Sidney Garner has been selected as the 2020 recipient and will graduate in 2021.

The Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP) is a paid summer fellowship designed to foster the entrance of talented students from diverse backgrounds within the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts into academia.

MARY CHURCHILL HUMPHREY SCHOLARSHIP

Mary Churchill Humphrey endowed the University of Louisville Centenary Memorial Scholarship in the late 1940s. This generous scholarship has enabled graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences to pursue advanced study in the United Kingdom for more than fifty years.

Meagan Floyd graduated from UofL in 2013 with degrees in Political Science and Social Change. Meagan was a McConnell Scholar and received a 2013-2014 Fulbright ETA to Malaysia; she will pursue a degree in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies at Oxford.

HONORS NEWS

KENTUCKY HONORS ROUNDTABLE, SPRING 2020: A LEAP DAY CONFERENCE!

On Friday, February 28 and Saturday, February 29, the Honors Program staff were pleased to host almost 150 people at the Spring 2020 Kentucky Honors Roundtable. The conference is held each semester at a different KY university, bringing together students, staff, and faculty to share ideas, have conversations, and proudly show off the hard work that individuals have done in class or labs, on theses, or just for fun! From the poetry of Sappho to the ability of children to read different clocks, KHR presenters had a lot of things to say about a wide variety of topics. UofL had great representation - thanks to the following students for spending your weekend with us! Special thanks to Honors Host, Emilie Cornett, for volunteering her time on a Saturday to help with the conference. We're very proud of you and your work.

Afi H. Tagnedji

Unleashing Student Voice for Structural Change

Alex Michalak

The Camorra: The Underground Italian Crime Syndicate

Amaiya L. Crawford

Fangs and Claws: Femininity, Queerness, and Color in Horror

Anam Ahmed

Mean or Nice?: Children's Willingness to Update Beliefs in the Social Domain

Emily Behr

Music, Resistance, and Resilience in Palestinian Refugee Camps

Evan Clark

From Valladolid to Venezuela: The Legacy of Las Casas in the Current Venezuelan Crisis

Eve Kopsolias

Artistic Fangirl Meets Scientific Research: A Match Made in Heaven

Hannah White

BTS, The Beatles, and the Meaning of "Boyband"

Heather Ness

Indoor Air Quality

Henrietta Ransdell

NOT Indiana Jones: Unearthing Evidence of Colonial Imposition in Bluefields, Jamaica & Diverting Waste, Feeding Communities: The Cardinal Cupboard

Jensen Smith

Microbubble-Induced Aggregation of Red Blood Cells

Kayla Payne

Reducing Maternal Morbidity Rates in the U.S.

Louise Scharff & Nada Kaissieh

Food for Thought

Madison Swingholm

The Role of Universalism in Social Democratic Welfare Regimes: A Closer Look at the Case of Norway

Mel Blank & Spencer Cox

Community Outreach in Honors

Nora Alshimary

One Foot in Either Door

Sam Kessler

KY Policy Development Strategies in Distillery Byproducts and Biomass Energy

Sidney Garner

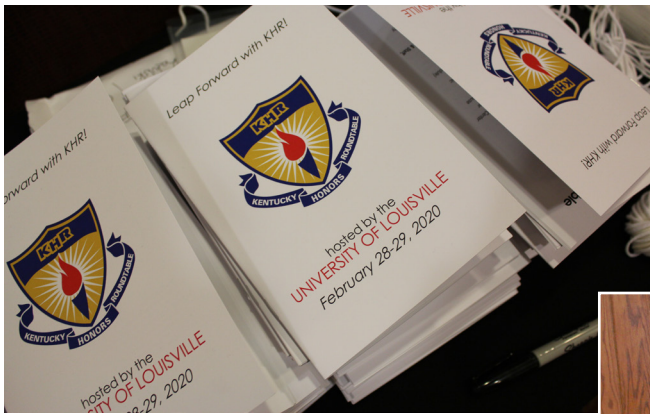
Then vs. Now: Slavery in Film and Television



HONORS NEWS

KENTUCKY HONORS ROUNDTABLE: A PHOTO REVIEW

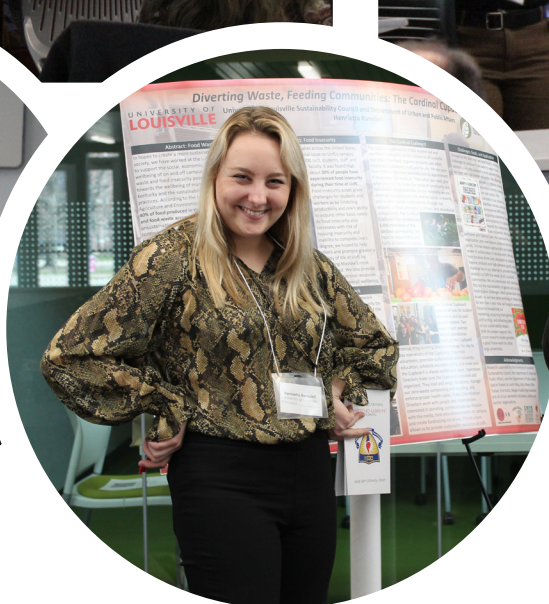
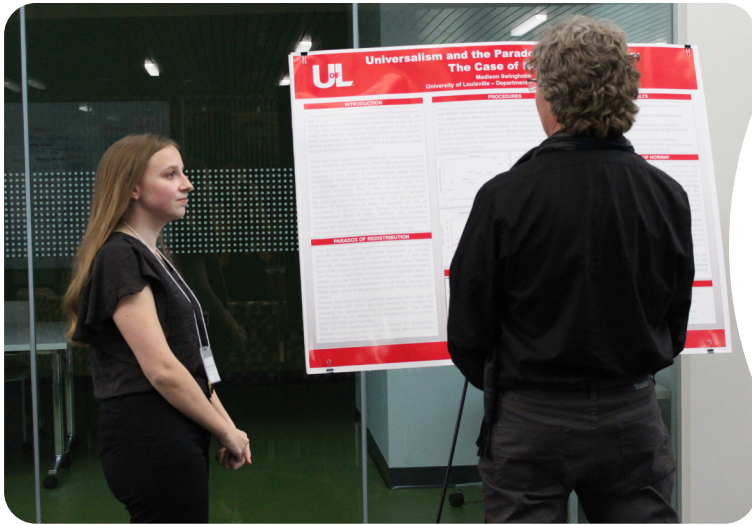
We kicked off the conference with dinner at the UClub, followed by a performance of *Six Degrees of Separation* at the Playhouse. One of our student presenters, Eve Kopsolias, was also a member of the cast!



HONORS NEWS

KHR: A PHOTO REVIEW CONT.

The next day was full of presentations - check out some of our students in action!



See any familiar faces?

Awesome work, everyone!

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

'20-'21 HSC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Please welcome your Honors Student Council Executive Board for 2020 - 2021! Council is an organization by and for students - if you have suggestions or ideas for what you'd like to see from Council, please reach out at UofLHonorsStudentCouncil@gmail.com.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS



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AN UPDATE ON BAMS

By now, BAMS should be over. You should be at home surrounded by new books, records, and maybe a board game or two - instead, as you know, BAMS never happened. To keep our campus community and the Louisville community at large safe and healthy, BAMS and all other events scheduled for the rest of the semester were cancelled. We regret having to cancel, but stopping the spread of COVID-19 is more important.

This doesn't mean that the 2020 BAMS is lost to us entirely! Keep an eye on our social media and on this newsletter for updates - we hope to reschedule as soon as it seems safe and smart to do so for Fall 2020.

Thank you to everyone for an abundance of patience and understanding. Stay safe, and if you can, stay home. Take a breather. Relax. Read! If you're still working in essential fields like healthcare, food, delivery, or sanitation (among others!), we can't thank you enough for keeping our community clean, fed, and connected.

We'll see you in the Red Barn before too long. All the best (from a distance)!

WHAT TO DO IN THE MEANTIME?

Call your local bookstore to see if they're open and able to deliver - they might appreciate the business!

Take a look at your shelf - any old favorites collecting dust? Now's your chance to read them one more time and rediscover why you love them.

You can also read the newest volume of *The White Squirrel Literary & Arts Magazine* FOR FREE below!

THE WHITE SQUIRREL LITERARY AND ARTS MAGAZINE

Volume XVII of *The White Squirrel* is now available. It contains more than 30 pages of student content, including poetry, prose, and artwork! Featured in this volume is *Every Star is Rotting* by Brady Alexander, winner of the 2020 Creative Writing Contest (awarded by the UofL Creative Writing Center).

To read, visit:

<https://louisville.edu/honors/student-organizations/tws-xvii>.

For more information about TWS, or to review guidelines for submission, visit <https://louisville.edu/honors/student-organizations/TWS>.



Stay Healthy!



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Stay home as often as possible, even if you do not feel sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.



Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available.