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THE CURRENT

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WELCOME TO HONORS!



AND TO RETURNING STUDENTS, WELCOME BACK!
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A WORD FROM **DR. JOY HART**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONORS PROGRAM

Whether your summer has been a slow and relaxing one, a fast-paced adventure, or some of each, it's time to begin the new academic year. Welcome to Honors and the Fall 2019 semester! If you're a new student, please know that the energy and enthusiasm we saw during New Cards Orientation conveyed what a great group you are. If you're a returning student, we look forward to seeing you, reconnecting, and hearing about your latest accomplishments. We're excited to work with you through the year (and your time at UofL), and we encourage you to reach out with questions, to share your successes, and to seek input

when you face challenges. Your Honors advisor and everyone on staff is happy to be a resource. From presenting your work at Honors conferences and sharing ideas with Honors Student Council to participating in academic, volunteer, and social events, you'll find many ways to be involved in Honors. Again, we are pleased to welcome you to the Fall 19 semester, and we look forward to assisting you in your academic journey. Our doors are open—so please drop by to visit, share ideas, and ask questions! •

Joy L. Hart

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REMINDER

WALK-IN ADVISING IS AVAILABLE DAILY AT THE ETSCORN HONORS CENTER DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 19 TO FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 BETWEEN 8:30 - 11:30AM AND 1:00 - 4:00PM.

LOOKING AHEAD

IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW

University Dates

August 19

First day of classes

August 23

Last day to add or drop classes

September 2

Labor Day holiday - no classes!

Honors Dates

August 19 - 23

Honors Walk-in Advising

August 23

Honors Scholars app. deadline

August 25

Honors Student Council applications due

August 30

Senior Honors Thesis Info Session

September 3

Scholars Showcase

September 4

Scholars Advising Campaign

September 5

Honors Advising Campaign

September 9

Scholars advising begins

September 9

Senior Honors Thesis Proposal deadline for May 2020 degree candidates

September 9

Senior Honors Thesis ThinkIR workshop

September 12

Honors advising begins

October 25

Honors advising ends

November 1

Honors priority registration

For the full semester calendar, visit:

louisville.edu/calendars/academic/undergrad-grad

HOO'S HOO AT HONORS

YOU'LL BE SEEING US A LOT AT APPOINTMENTS AND EVENTS!
GET TO KNOW OUR NAMES, FACES, AND WHAT WE DO.



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ADVISING CORNER

IT'S ALREADY TIME TO THINK ABOUT YOUR NEXT APPOINTMENT!

Welcome back, Honors students! We are so excited to see everyone back on campus, and we're looking forward to having some great advising conversations with you in the near future! In these first couple of weeks, while you're busy figuring out how you're going to manage your schedule this semester, we thought that we would also encourage you to make note of the important dates of the Honors Advising Campaign.

Remember, timing matters in this process, so please be sure to know when you will be receiving the Advising Campaign email with the link to sign up for your Honors advising appointment. Please read the following instructions carefully.

HONORS CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

HONORS PRIORITY REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY, NOV 1 AT 8:00 AM

Although all Honors students are welcome to make an appointment with one of our advisors, not all Honors students are required to be advised every semester. To find out if you are required to be advised by Honors this semester, please visit: louisville.edu/honors/current-students/honors-advising/fall-honors-advising-campaign

HONORS SCHOLARS

Wednesday, September 4 at 7:45AM - you will receive the CardSmart/EAB campaign email from Kirsten Armstrong to your UofL email accounts.

Honors Scholars appointments run from **Monday, September 9 to Friday, October 25**. If you want a specific advisor, be sure to select their name from the drop-down menu.

GENERAL HONORS

Thursday, September 5 at 7:45AM - you will receive the CardSmart/EAB campaign email from Kirsten Armstrong to your UofL email accounts.

General Honors appointments run from **Thursday, September 12 to Friday, October 25**. If you want a specific advisor, be sure to select their name from the drop-down menu.

HONORS 101 STUDENTS

You **must** meet with your HON 101 advising instructor, so please keep this in mind when selecting the counselor from the drop-down box on CardSmart/EAB when you are scheduling your appointment during the campaign.

Please note: Fall Break is Monday, October 7 - Tuesday, October 8, so there will be limited advisor availability on these dates. Please arrive promptly in the Etscorn Honors Center on your appointment date/time. If you arrive to your appointment more than 10 minutes after the scheduled appointment time, you will be required to reschedule for a later date/time.

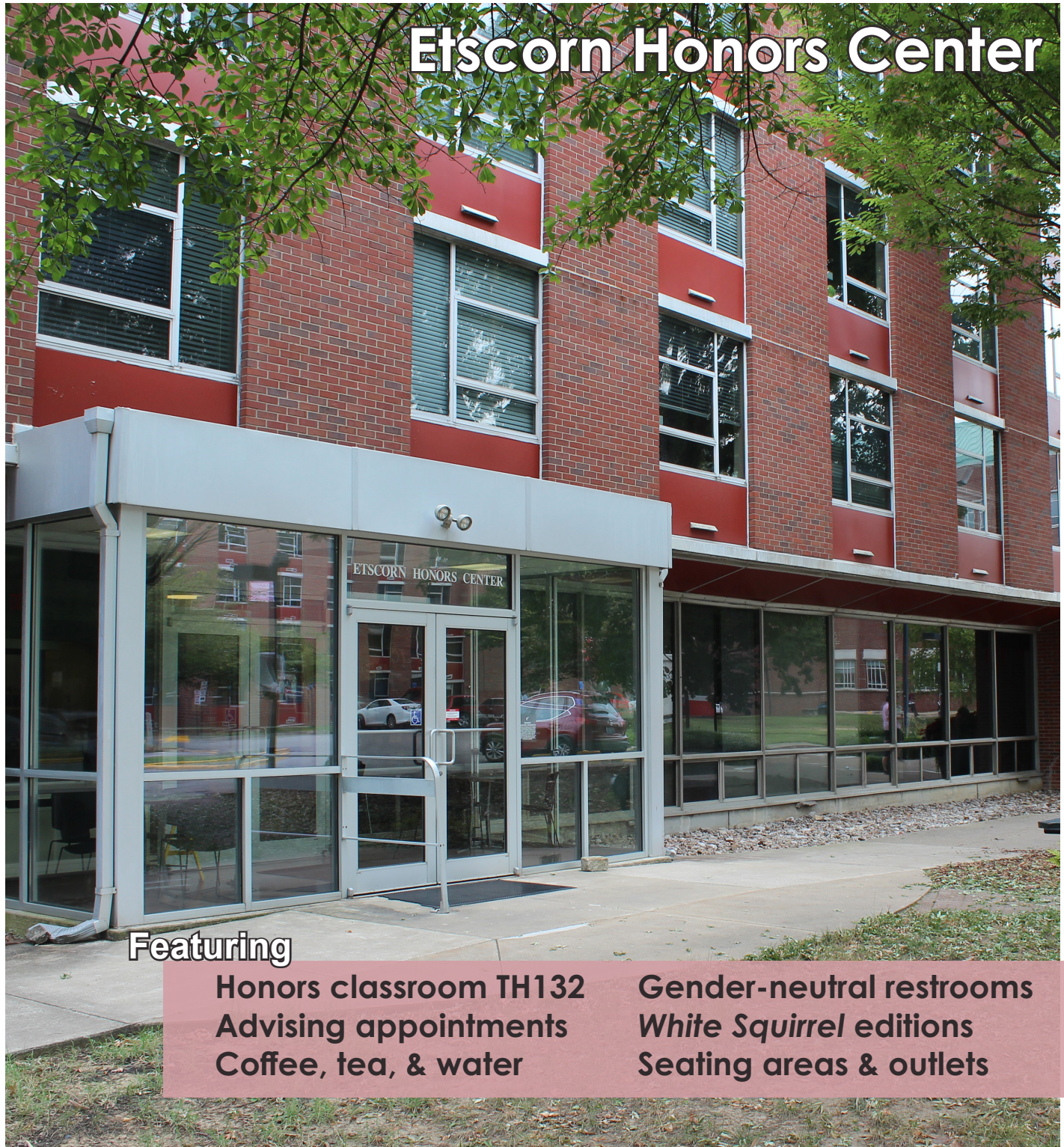
NO LONGER ACTIVE IN HONORS?

- If you have been suspended from the Honors Program, you should have received an email to this effect over the summer. In the event that you are no longer an active member of the Honors Program, you should seek out advising from your home academic advising unit instead. You can find more information about your assigned advisor in the Student Center on your ULink account, or you can find contact information for the various advising centers on campus for each college available here:
- <http://louisville.edu/advising/centers>

We hope that this information is helpful, and we wish everyone a great semester! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the Honors Advising Campaign. You can reach us by phone at 502-852-6293 or via email at honors@louisville.edu. You may also contact your Honors advisor directly.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

THE HONORS PROGRAM'S LOCATIONS



Etscorn Honors Center

Featuring

Honors classroom TH132
Advising appointments
Coffee, tea, & water

Gender-neutral restrooms
White Squirrel editions
Seating areas & outlets

Questions? Call us at **502.852.6293** or email us at **honors@louisville.edu**. We're open M-Th 8-5 and 8-4:30 on Fridays. We're also on social media - see the last page of this issue for our handles!

NEED SOME QUIET?

HONORS HAS A DEDICATED STUDY SPOT FOR YOU AT THE HONORS HOUSE!

Right across the parking lot from the Etscorn Honors Center!

Featuring:

- Gender-neutral restrooms
- Kitchen, including microwave and fridge
- Kettle for hot water/tea & coffee pot



A small library with books and boardgames for your use

Seating areas with tables, chairs, and a couch for comfortable studying, meeting, or relaxing





WANT TO APPLY TO BE A FRESHMAN REP?

We'd love to have you on Council! Please fill out the application on the Honors Website. Candidates are selected for interview by the VP of the candidate's chosen committees. We recommend that you skim the HSC Constitution before applying.
louisville.edu/honors/student-organizations/hsc

WHAT IS HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL?

Honors Student Council (HSC) is a student organization committed to fostering academic growth, creating a vibrant and cohesive Honors student community, and giving back to the local community. Students are able to participate in Council-sponsored events throughout the academic year, including picnics, social events, service activities, academic lectures, and fundraisers. Over the last six years, the Council has raised more than \$80,000 for local non-profit organizations.

Honors Student Council's leadership is elected by the Honors population. Council is made of an Exec board and six subcommittees: Service, Social, Diversity and Inclusion, Academics, BAMS, and Outreach. This year, Honors Student Council is working hard on our Book and Media Sale, a massive book collection and sale with all profits going to Americana Community Center.

EARLY FALL EVENTS

- Non-Profit Fair: August 28th from 10AM-2PM
- Honors Cookout: September 4th from 6-7PM
- Research and Mentorship Roundtable: September 19th from 11AM-1PM



SPECIAL HSC ANNOUNCEMENT

THE BOOK AND MEDIA SALE IS BACK THIS SPRING!

That's right! Everyone's favorite campus book sale is returning in Spring 2020. The Book and Media Sale, run by Honors Student Council, raised over \$18,000 for the Americana Community Center in 2018; HSC is planning on donating all proceeds to Americana again after this year's sale.

BAMS offers a great selection of records, textbooks, children's stories, mystery novels, the latest adult fiction - and plenty of classics, too! Boardgames, DVDs, video games, and CDs will also be available for purchase. The sale will run from March 29 - April 3.

Now's a great time to comb your shelves and make room for all the cool new stuff you'll buy at BAMS by donating the media that you no longer need! HSC is accepting donations of books (any genre and age-level, but please, no dictionaries, encyclopaedias, or magazines), records, DVDs, CDs, video games, and boardgames. Gently used and well loved donations are fine, as long as nothing is badly torn or stained.

Have some miscellaneous media to donate? Contact honorsBAMS@gmail.com to see if it's an appropriate donation for BAMS. Donations can be delivered to the Etscorn Honors Center (at Threlkeld Hall on the Belknap Campus) during business hours. Pick-ups can be scheduled - email to set one up.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The 2020-2021 Fulbright application cycle is underway! The national deadline is October 8, but our campus process is in full swing now. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides study, research, and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries. Last year, UofL students and alumni won 12 Fulbright awards, earning the University its fifth recognition as a Top Producing Institution. You can read about our recipients at <http://louisville.edu/scholars>.



You can find more information about the Fulbright at <https://us.fulbrightonline.org>

Now, we are looking for the next group of rising seniors, graduate and professional students, and recent UofL alumni who are interested in becoming Fulbright applicants!

Each fall we host a series of workshops and campus interviews to prepare our applicants to submit highly competitive applications for Fulbright Research/Study Grants and English Teaching Assistantships (ETAs) to countries around the world. This year's workshops will begin during the first week of classes.

FULBRIGHT APPLICATION TIMELINE

- August 20** - Workshop 1: Introduction to the U.S. Student Fulbright Awards // 1PM // Honors House
- August 23** - Workshop 1: Introduction to the U.S. Student Fulbright Awards // 1PM // Honors House
- August 27** - Workshop 2: Brainstorming Your Application // 1PM // Honors House
- August 30** - Workshop 2: Brainstorming Your Application // 1PM // Honors House
- September 6** - Workshop 3: Fulbright Speed Dating // 2 - 4PM // Etscorn Honors Center Classroom
- September 12** - Campus deadline
- September 16 - 30** - Campus interviews // Honors House, room 102
- October 1** - Recommendation deadline
- October 8** - National deadline

To get started, applicants can contact the National and International Scholarships Office at NISO@louisville.edu.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL APPLICANTS!

SCHOLARS SEMINAR SHOWCASE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 FROM 5:30 - 8:30PM // UNIVERSITY CLUB

The Fall 2019 Scholars Seminar Showcase is coming up! Those who attend will hear Honors faculty unveil and discuss the seminars that will be offered in Spring 2020 and will have an opportunity to mix and mingle with these instructors, Honors advising staff, and fellow Scholars. Invitations to the Scholars Showcase will be sent out to current Scholars during the first week of classes.



Benefits of the Program

- Enhanced seminars that encourage interdisciplinary perspectives and experience outside the classroom, many of which fulfill WR requirements
- Priority consideration during selection for international or domestic travel seminars
- Access to semesterly Scholars Showcase events
- Early invitations to the Honors Advising Campaign for optimal Honors advising appointment scheduling
- Recognition upon graduation as a University Honors Scholar (Scholars medal, Honors Convocation invitation, completion of program included on official transcript and UofL diploma)

Not a Scholar yet? Requirements are:

- Completed at least one semester of UofL coursework
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher
- Completed or be enrolled in at least 6 credits of Honors coursework
- Intend and be capable of finishing the 24 credit-hour program

To learn more about the Scholars Program and apply if you qualify, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/2bibdKM>

SENIOR HONORS THESIS

Are you an Arts & Sciences major who is interested in or already pursuing undergraduate research in your field of interest? If so, and if you meet some minimum GPA and credit hours qualifications, you may be a good candidate to write an A&S Senior Honors Thesis! Successfully completing a Senior Honors Thesis through the College of Arts & Sciences is required to be eligible to graduate with the highest honors from the College (summa cum laude).



SENIOR THESIS FALL 2019 EVENTS

A&S Senior Honors Thesis Information Session

August 30 // 12 - 12:50PM in the Etscorn Honors Center Classroom (TH132)

Come learn about the requirements and timeline of the Honors Thesis. All levels welcome!

ThinkIR Proposal Submission Session

September 9 // 12 - 12:50PM in the Ekstrom Library Computer Lab (W102)

This open computer lab session is for students submitting a thesis proposal for review this Fall with the intention of completing by May 2020 who would like some assistance with the ThinkIR system.

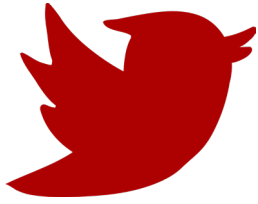
If you will be graduating in May 2020, the deadline for your proposal is soon approaching - Monday, September 9. If you plan to graduate next December 2020 or May 2021, find out what you need to start preparing before next year!

You can view more information about the Senior Honors Thesis process at

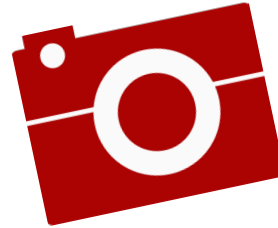
<http://louisville.edu/honors/senior-honors-theses>.

Questions? Email Sarah Springer at s.springer@louisville.edu.

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Hello, readers of *The Current*! My name is Emma Radulski. I had the pleasure of working with Alex O'Keefe, the previous editor of *The Current*, during the 2017 - 2018 school year and am pleased to bring it back to you after a year of dormancy.

I graduated from UofL with a B.A. in Women's and Gender Studies and minor in Sociology this past May. I began working full-time for the Honors Program later that month, so it felt like I never left - the Honors Program has always been part of my University experience! Outside of school and work, I love to read (I'm currently rereading a childhood favorite, *The Golden Compass*), draw, cook, and embroider. My caffeinated drink of choice is a chai latte. My cat's name is Opal. I don't believe there's such a thing as too many plants, books, socks, or mugs. I loved the Honors Program as a student and am so excited to meet and work with everyone in the Honors community this year as a new employee!

Need to contact me? Call me at 502.852.3412 or email at emma.radulski@louisville.edu.

All the best,

