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THE CURRENT

university honors program newsletter

FINALLY FALL!

THE TEMPERATURE HAS
DROPPED AT LONG LAST.
IT'S TIME FOR SWEATERS,
PIES, AND AUTUMN FUN!

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR
ADVISORS' FAVORITE FALL
ACTIVITIES ON PAGE 05!



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LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 1 - Jan. 31

White Squirrel submissions open

Nov. 4

Dr. Williams' Book Launch

Nov. 5 - 13

Truman and Boren Info Sessions

Nov. 27 - Dec. 1

Thanksgiving break - no classes!

HONORS NEWS

SUBMIT TO *THE WHITE SQUIRREL!*

SUBMISSIONS OPEN NOV 1 - JAN 31

The White Squirrel is the University Honors Program's student-produced arts and literary magazine. Currently, submissions are open for the 17th edition of the magazine, which will be published in the spring.

If you have poetry, prose, or artwork that you would like to submit for publication, email uoflwhitesquirrel@gmail.com after reviewing the submission guidelines at: <https://tinyurl.com/TWSsubmit>



WE'RE HIRING: APPLY TO BE A PEER ADVISOR!

If you are interested in helping incoming Honors students during Summer Freshman Orientation, apply to become an Honors Peer Advisor! Honors Peer Advisors work closely with the Honors Program advising staff and administrators, assist first-years with the course selection and registration process during orientation, and promote and discuss the University Honors Program to incoming Honors first-years and their family members. Those selected to become Honors Peer Advisors will need to be available for training and all Summer Orientation sessions. Training will take place in mid-May while Orientation sessions will run through mid-July. If you are planning on taking summer courses, pursuing research programs, or have any other local summer plans, please keep the Orientation schedule in mind when applying. Honors Peer Advisors typically work between 15-20 hours weekly.



DEADLINE TO APPLY IS JAN 13, 2020 BY 4PM
APPLY HERE: tinyurl.com/HONpeers

HONORS NEWS

HONORS POLL RESULTS!

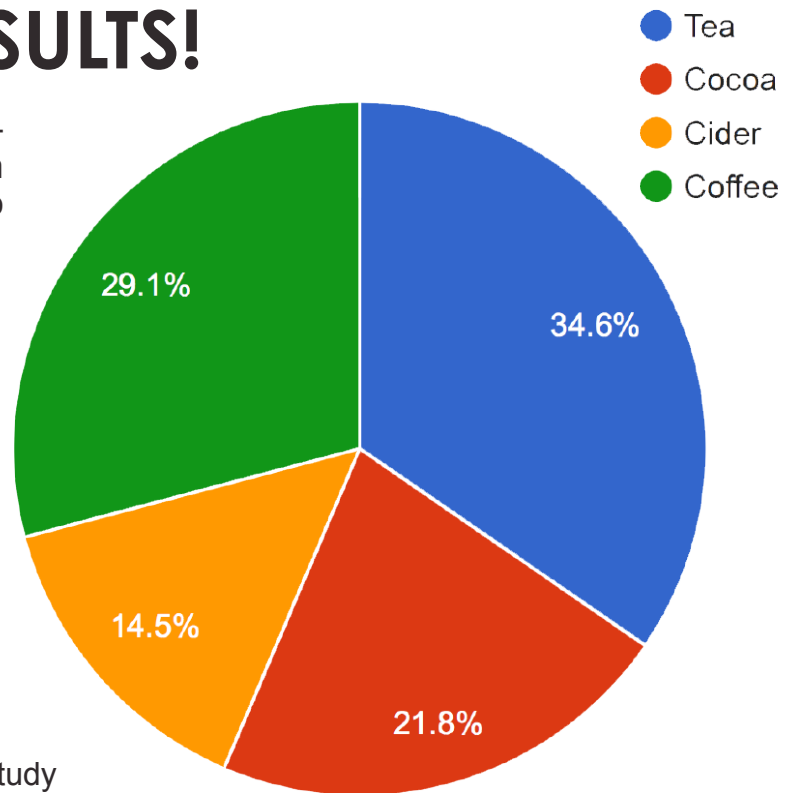
No need to let the results steep any longer - Honors has voted **tea** as its favorite autumn beverage! Thank you to the students who participated.

34.6% of voters chose tea as their favorite

29.1% chose coffee***

21.8% chose cocoa

and **14.5%** chose cider, a surprisingly low number for apple season!



Good news for the victors - the Honors Sip 'n Study station is nearly always stocked with a selection of delicious teas.

Black green, chai, earl gray, chamomile - whatever you're feeling, we probably have it! Coffee is also available daily - ask the front desk for a new pot if we're out. Cocoa and cider lovers will have to provide their own, but the Honors House features a fridge and a microwave to cool or heat any beverages to the perfect temperature.

No matter your beverage preference as the weather gets colder, Honors hopes you enjoy. Stay warm!

***Congratulations to Andrew Grubb!

If we gave a **Coffee Enthusiast award**, Andrew Grubb (Honors Academic Coordinator, Sr.) would take the crown! Andrew voted for coffee *15 times* - and one of those responses was "Coffee x 100," so he's serious.

I couldn't count all of those for the sake of polling fairness, but you have to appreciate the commitment to caffeine. He specifically lists "cold, sludgy Honors coffee" as his favorite, which is...flattering. I promise it's only like that at the very end of the day.



HONORS NEWS

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AMERICAN?

BY MEERA SAHNEY

From October 10-13, Louisville hosted the Define American Summit, an educational conference that was billed as the “largest convening on American identity” in the nation. The Honors Program was pleased to offer free tickets to several Honors students in the hopes that it would enrich their UofL experience and encourage them to have critical conversations about identity and the U.S. One of these students, Meera Sahney, shared with us her feelings about the Summit.



What does it mean to be American?

This question permeates my mind regularly. As a first-generation American, I come from a varied background. My mother is a conservative Irish Catholic, and my father is a liberal Indian Immigrant. I grew up with a myriad of varying conversations across all spectrums that developed into the perspectives I have now. However, going to the Define American Summit challenged my view and overall knowledge about what the American experience is. I saw individuals who challenged the status quo in media - specifically actress Melinna Bobadilla, who spoke about her role as an Indigenous Mayan ICE detainee in *Orange Is the New Black*. I explored the intersection between art and activism through hearing about a group of undocumented artists in New Orleans who used their platforms to elevate their experiences. For me, while I come from an immigrant background, it was shocking and fascinating to hear and see experiences that are otherwise censored and hidden come to life.

I saw stories instead of statistics, people instead of politics.

I walked away from Define American with the knowledge that immigration is more complex and challenging than I imagined. People from all over the crevices of this nation came together in one of the most diverse, progressive cities in the South, and I am proud to be here in Louisville, Kentucky.

We came together not to pick sides, or to force viewpoints, but to do something rare in this political climate - listen. I listened to perspectives, lifestyles, and communities that I was not even aware of, and learned to appreciate what I could previously not comprehend. It taught me to listen actively, advocate respectfully, and to be more compassionate towards communities that I am not a part of.



***Meera Sahney** is a current first-year Honors student majoring in Political Science and Individualized Study. In her free time, she enjoys reading, writing, and exploring all that Kentucky has to offer.*

Thank you, Meera, for your reflections and for representing the Honors Program at the Summit!

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HOME SWEET HALL

Attention first-year Honors students! Honors dorm life isn't *just* for your first year. Stay with your Honors peers again next year! Choose between the Honors General LLC or the Honors 2nd Year Science LLC.



Honors General LLC - Kurz Hall

Do you love being right by campus and close to places like the SRC and Cardinal Towne? Want to stay connected with the Honors community? Live in the Honors General LLC next year! All active Honors students qualify to live in the Honors General LLC as an upper-level student.

Honors 2nd Year Science LLC - Bettie Johnson Hall

This LLC is a unique community for sophomores who would like to pursue a career in healthcare or major in Chemistry, Biology, or Chemical/Bio-engineering. As part of this LLC, students will have a reserved spot in the coveted Honors Organic Chemistry during the fall and spring semester. Participation as a first-year student in the Honors Science LLC is ***not*** required to apply.



To apply: You will need to complete the Honors LLCs interest form and the Upper-Level Student Housing application.

Keep an eye on social media for the links later this semester!

Questions? Contact Sarah Exner at Sarah.Exner@louisville.edu

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THE HONORS ADVISORS' AUTUMN FUN

Now that we've left 90-degree days behind us, are you at a loss for what to do? Take some advice from some of our advisors about their autumn favorites and enjoy the cooler weather!



Luke Buckman: Baking all the pies. Eating all the pies! Watching *Mystery Science Theater 3000* episodes to prepare for Turkey Day. Listening to a variety of autumn playlists and mixes. Thinking about chili - constantly.

Olivia Sailor: Hiking at Bernstein Forest & Jefferson Memorial Park and taking scenic drives around town, but also staying cozy indoors with a cup of tea and a good book!



Sarah Exner: Hosting Friendsgiving, exchanging cookies & ornaments with friends, shopping at the Flea Off Holiday Bazaar, going to UofL men's basketball games, and seeing the Actors Theatre production of *A Christmas Carol*. Also, Louisville Pizza Week!



Tamara Russell: Watching holiday baking/cooking competitions and visiting fall festivals.



Katherine Rucker: Beginning her Christmas shopping early to beat the December rush - though she also loves walking around a crowded mall and experiencing the holiday bustle!



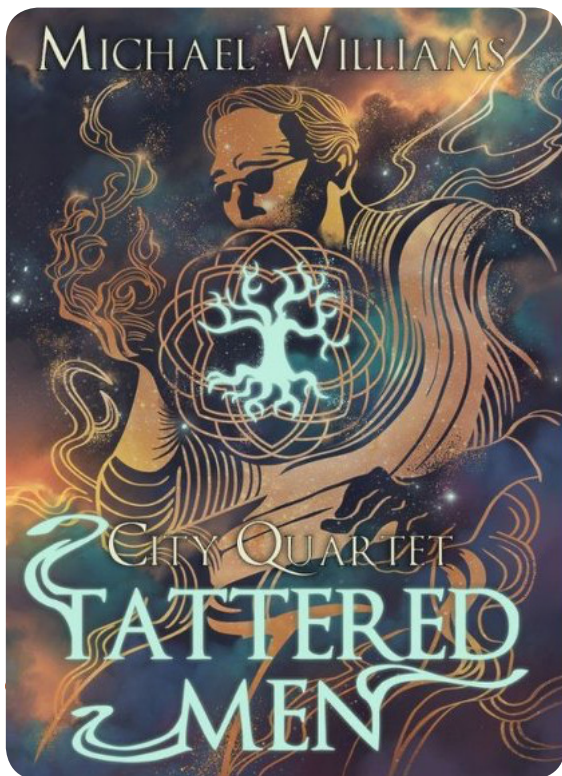
Andrew Grubb: Visiting pumpkin patches and picking apples with his son William.



HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

BOOK LAUNCH - THE CITY QUARTET

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 // 7 - 8:30 // HUMANITIES 100



In collaboration with the Honors Program, the Department of Comparative Humanities, and *The White Squirrel* Literary and Arts Magazine, Honors Student Council is pleased to present this event.

If you love mythic fiction and strange literature, come celebrate the release of *Tattered Men*, the newest book by UofL Department of Comparative Humanities professor Dr. Michael Williams. *Tattered Men* completes his set of intertwined magical realism novels, *The City Quartet*, which may be read in any order. There will be readings by Dr. Williams, time for questions and discussion, and the opportunity to purchase copies of any or all books. The event is free to attend and open to all. Light refreshments will be provided.

See you there!

DONATE TO THE BOOK AND MEDIA SALE!

Everyone's favorite campus book sale is returning in Spring 2020! 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 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.

Donations can be delivered to the Etscorn Honors Center during business hours. Pick-ups can be scheduled by emailing honorsBAMS@gmail.com.

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VIDEO GAMES, BOARD GAMES, & MORE!



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FULBRIGHT

GOOD LUCK TO THE 2020-2021 FULBRIGHT PROGRAM APPLICANTS!

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent graduates and graduate students. This year **46 UofL students and alumni** applied for a Fulbright—a record number of applicants!

19 people applied for Study/Research grants.

27 applied for English Teaching Assistantships.

29 applicants are seniors this year; **8** are graduate or law students; **9** are alumni.

Our Fulbright candidates have applied to **28** different countries.

They hail from **25** different departments in U of L's College of Arts and Sciences, Speed School of Engineering, College of Education and Human Development, College of Business, School of Public Health and Information Sciences, and Brandeis School of Law. The majors represented include:

Anthropology	History
Art	Humanities
Biochemistry	Latin American & Latino Studies
Biomedical Engineering	Law
Biology	Music
Chemical Engineering	Pan-African Studies
Civil & Environmental Engineering	Philosophy
Communication	Physiology
Computer Information Systems	Political Science
Education	Public Health
English	Psychology
Finance	Spanish
Geography	Sustainability

We wish all of these outstanding candidates success with their applications!

YOU could be next! We are already looking for our new group of candidates for the upcoming Fulbright application cycle. If you are interested in applying or would like to talk about whether this opportunity is a good fit for you, schedule an appointment by emailing the National and International Scholarships office at NISO@louisville.edu.

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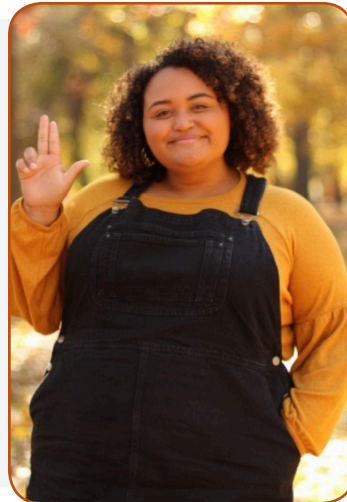
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ESU-KY SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!



The Kentucky Branch of the English-Speaking Union awards scholarships each year to Kentucky juniors who are interested in summer coursework in the U.K.

Abby Posey (left), a current MLK Scholar and Honors student, has been selected for summer courses in History at Cambridge.

Sabrina Collins (right), a current Grawemeyer Scholar and Honors student, will travel to Oxford for courses in History, Politics, and Society.



CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP [ALL DISCIPLINES, ALL LEVELS]



DEADLINE: WED. NOVEMBER 27

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) is a summer scholarship designed to provide students with the opportunity to study critical languages in countries of national security interest to the U.S. State Department. The eight to ten week program includes intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences designed to promote rapid language gains and cultural immersion.

CLS plays an important role in preparing students for the 21st century's globalized workforce and increasing national competitiveness. The following languages are eligible for study:

Two years of prior study required:
Chinese, Japanese

One year of prior study required:
Arabic, Korean, Portuguese, Russian

No prior study required:
Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Persian,
Punjabi, Indonesian, Korean,
Swahili, Turkish, Urdu

For more information see: <http://www.clscholarship.org>. You do not need institutional endorsement to apply for this scholarship; however, we can help you develop and revise your answers to the application questions. To make an appointment, please email Bethany Smith at bethany.smith.1@louisville.edu.

FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLY FOR THE BOREN AWARDS!

DEADLINE: JAN. 29 FOR GRAD STUDENTS AND FEB. 5 FOR UNDERGRADUATES



The undergraduate Boren Scholarship and graduate Boren Fellowship offer **\$20,000 or more in funding for up to one year of academic study in languages and subjects of national security interest.** Undergraduates can apply as a sophomore, junior, or senior. Boren Scholars represent a variety of academic backgrounds—from Political Science, to Global Health, to Economics, to STEM disciplines—but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages and building expertise in regions of U.S. national security interest. You can find more information at borenawards.org.

UofL Info Sessions will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 2:00PM and Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 10:00AM in the lobby/lounge of the Honors House.

Email NISO@louisville.edu to set up an appointment and start preparing your application!



THE HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

JUNIORS, APPLY FOR THE TRUMAN!

DEADLINE: FEB. 4

THE CAMPUS SELECTION PROCESS BEGINS NOW!

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships to college students who plan to pursue careers in public service (this might include government, uniformed services, public interest organizations, non-governmental research or educational organizations, public and private schools and other public service-oriented non-profit organizations). Truman Scholars receive **up to \$30,000** for graduate or professional school, participate in leadership development activities, and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government.

The Truman competition is open to outstanding JUNIORS from a range of majors with an established record of civic involvement. For more information see: <http://truman.gov/>.

UofL Info Sessions will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 2:00PM and Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 4:00PM in the lobby/lounge of the Honors House.

Email NISO@louisville.edu to ask questions or express your interest in starting the selection process.

FROM OUR FRIENDS

2019 PEACE AND JUSTICE WEEK

LEARNING, SPEAKING OUT, AND TAKING ACTION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Presented by the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research, the Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace & Justice, and the Cooperative Consortium for Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research:

November 18 // What's Your Charge? // 11AM - 1PM // SAC

November 19 // Students Speak Out on Racial Justice // 7 - 9pm // RED BARN

November 20 // 13th Annual Anne Braden Memorial Lecture: Dr. Jelani Cobb // 5:30 - 7:30PM
// COMSTOCK HALL

November 21 // 3rd Annual Social Justice Research Symposium // 9AM - 5PM
// Louisville Urban League

For more information/to register for any of these FREE events, please visit bit.ly/2019justice



REACH (RESOURCES FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT)

Interested in graduate school? REACH and the Graduate School have partnered with The Princeton Review to offer UofL students and members of the community FREE workshops and review sessions.

For LSAT/DAT/MCAT prep workshops:

See the table to the right for the schedule and register for a FREE graduate exam review session, where you will review test-taking strategies and get advice from a Princeton Review professional.

Session	Location	Date	Time
DAT (Workshop)	Belknap Academic Building Room 248	November 13	6:00 – 8:00 PM
MCAT (Workshop)	Belknap Academic Building Room 248	October 23	6:00 – 8:00 PM

Register in advance at origin-www.princetonreview.com/offer/louisville.

For test prep workshops for the GRE:

Check out the schedule to the right and register online at bit.ly/2YjGdOj. Additional resources at princetonreview.com/louisville.

11/16/19: 10am-12pm, online

2/26/20: 5:30-7:30pm, BAB 248

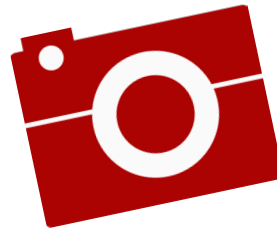
4/11/20: 10am-12pm, online

Questions? Contact lrctutor@louisville.edu or call 502.852.8114.

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Happy November, everyone! Wow - lots of variety in this month's issue, which made this a fun one to put together. Another big thank you to Meera for sharing her Define American experience with us, and to everyone who voted in the autumn beverage poll! I didn't give myself a leaf on the autumn fun page since I'm not an advisor (sorry, I can't tell you which courses will be best for you - but I'm always happy to share which courses I enjoyed when I was a UofL student!) so here's my answer: During the fall, I love going to outdoor art & craft fairs (like the St. James Court Art Show!), bringing all of my good sweaters out from their closet hibernation, baking apple/pumpkin desserts (or dinners - ever had slow-cooked pork and apples? Delicious), and rewatching favorites like *Over the Garden Wall* and, for some reason, *The Sound of Music*. It was always on during my family's Thanksgiving get-togethers, so it's a Thanksgiving movie to me now.

Whether you're going home for a Thanksgiving meal with family, celebrating an alternate Friends-giving, or you're just planning on taking a long and much-deserved nap, enjoy the break and the cooler weather!

See you next issue!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma".

Emma