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# THE CURRENT

university honors program newsletter

*it's beginning to look a lot like finals*

**BUT SOON, YOU'LL BE ON BREAK! CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR OF WINTER HOLIDAYS ON PAGE 04. HOW WILL YOU BE CELEBRATING?**

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## LOOKING AHEAD

**December 3**  
Reading Day  
**December 4 - 10**  
Final Exams  
**December 11 - January 5**  
Winter Break  
**January 6**  
First day of Spring 2020  
**January 6 - 10**  
Honors Walk-in Advising

# HONORS NEWS

## CALL FOR HONORS CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

If you are interested in developing your presentation skills outside of the classroom, Honors would like to encourage you to submit to the Spring 2020 Honors Conferences below! Students may develop proposals covering a wide range of topics, including: undergraduate research, papers you have written or presentations you've developed for an Honors class, a topic you are knowledgeable and passionate about and for which you'd like to develop a presentation, or your work in an Honors student organization. Submissions for the Honors conference are encouraged from all disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives and can include poster presentations, podium presentations, panel discussions, or exhibitions of artwork, musical performance, or digital media.

Read more about the conference and submission information below!



### KHR IN LOUISVILLE

Friday, February 28 - Saturday, February 29, 2020

KHR - the Kentucky Honors Roundtable - is a student-focused conference offered every semester and hosted by different participating Kentucky colleges and universities. KHR provides students with the opportunity to present research projects or posters, showcase a creative performance, develop a group panel presentation on an Honors-related topic, or present on the work you've completed in your Honors courses.

Moreover, if you want to share your expertise working on large-scale projects or practice presenting your senior thesis, KHR is an excellent environment in which to do so.



Proposals may be submitted at [tinyurl.com/submitKHR](http://tinyurl.com/submitKHR).

All proposals are due by **midnight on Tuesday, January 28th.**

If you have any questions, please contact **Honors at 502.852.6293.**

### SRHC IN BIRMINGHAM

Thursday, March 19 - Saturday, March 21, 2020

This year's conference theme is "Negotiating Change." Come help us ponder the nature of change in a city itself in the midst of change: from its origins in steel plants and Jim Crow to its present as a burgeoning southern center of art, music, and cuisine.

#### SUBMIT BY 11:59 PM ON JANUARY 8TH

Proposals should be submitted **directly to Luke Buckman at [luke.buckman@louisville.edu](mailto:luke.buckman@louisville.edu)** and include:

- Name and e-mail address of presenter(s)
- Title of presentation (150 characters maximum)
- A short abstract or summary of the presentation for the program (250 characters maximum)
- Full synopsis of the presentation, for conference consideration (750 characters maximum)
- Equipment needed: computer, digital projector, screen, speakers, or other requirements
- Presentation Format (choose one of the following):
  - o Podium (10-15 minutes + Q&A)
  - o Poster
  - o Research Panel (40 minutes + Q&A)
  - o Short Digital Film (6 minutes maximum)
  - o Musical Performance or recording (6 minutes maximum)
  - o Art Exhibition

For additional information, visit <http://www.srhconline.org/conference/> but do not submit your proposal online.

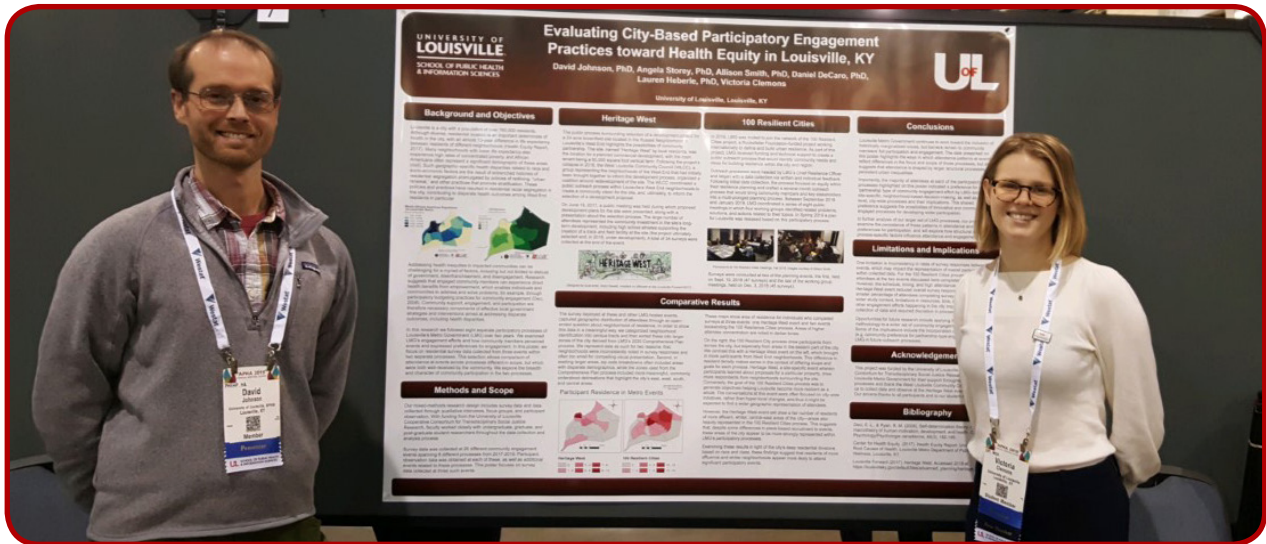
*To participate in SRHC, you need to have participated in the Spring 2020 Kentucky Honors Roundtable (left).*

# HONORS NEWS

## NOT CONVINCED ABOUT CONFERENCES?

Take it from **Victoria Clemons**, a current Honors student and Etscorn Conference Scholar - conferences are definitely worth the effort and time. Tori presented at KHR back in September, representing UofL along with Sam Guernsey and Emma Jones. She presented work titled “Influencing Acute Cardiovascular Outcomes through Greenness.” Tori represented UofL and the Honors Program again in November at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The work presented is titled “Evaluating City-Based Participatory Engagement Practices toward Health Equity in Louisville, KY.”

She said of the experience, “Thank you again so so so much for all of your help in getting me to the APHA conference! It was a great experience and Philadelphia was a beautiful city.”



*Tori is seen above with her poster and with mentor Dr. David Johnson, an assistant professor for the UofL Public Health Undergraduate Program. Awesome job, Tori!*



## SUBMIT TO THE **WHITE SQUIRREL!**

*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](mailto:uoflwhitesquirrel@gmail.com) after reviewing the submission guidelines at: <https://tinyurl.com/TWSsubmit>.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
JANUARY 31, 2020

# HONORS NEWS

## ADVISING CORNER

### HONORS IS HIRING! APPLY FOR THE PEER ADVISORS

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. It is a paid position.



**DEADLINE TO APPLY IS JAN 13, 2020 BY 4PM**  
**APPLY HERE: [tinyurl.com/HONpeers](https://tinyurl.com/HONpeers)**

## SPRING 2020 PERMISSIONS AND ADVISING

**On a waitlist for an Honors course?** Keep an eye on your Cardmail account - until the first week of Spring 2020 classes ends, the Honors staff will continue to update our lists, check for students who have dropped or switched courses, and offer open seats to students on the waitlists. If you move off of the waitlist, we will email you with enrollment instructions, including the section for which you have been given permission (this is especially important if you are receiving permission for an Honors seminar) and a date by which you must enroll. ***It is up to you to enroll in the correct section before the expiration date.***

If you miss the email and your permission expires, please email [honors@louisville.edu](mailto:honors@louisville.edu). There is no guarantee that we can give you the seat if we have already offered it to the next person in line, but we can put you back on the waitlist.

**Also, mark your calendars for Walk-In Advising!** During the first week of classes, you can come to the Honors Etscorn Center without an appointment and sign in at the front desk to speak to an advisor about your spring schedule.

**WHEN?** Monday, January 6 to Friday, January 10, 8:30 - 11:30AM & 1:00 - 4:00PM

Please be prepared to meet with any advisor - anyone on the Honors advising staff can help with schedule issues, and we want to make sure that everyone is able to be advised without too much of a wait!

# HONORS NEWS

## WINTER HOLIDAYS 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 <i>Reading Day</i>	4 <i>Finals</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Last day UofL is open before break</i>	21 Yule / Winter Solstice
22 Hanukkah	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa		
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1, 2020 New Year's Day	2 <i>UofL is open again!</i>	3	4

**December 21: Winter Solstice.** The first day of winter begins a period of renewal for groups such as the Pueblo people, including the Zuni, Hopi, Hopi-Tewa, and Keresan tribes. Prayer, ceremony, and dances by masked figures called the Katsina (protector spirits) turn the sun back toward its summer path and bless the community. It is also celebrated as **Yule** by modern pagans, stemming from pre-Christian/Germanic traditions. Pagans view it as a renewal period as well, in which the Goddess gives birth to the Sun. A Yule Log is burned and gifts are exchanged.

**December 22 - 30: Hanukkah.** In Judea in 168 B.C., a Syrian king of the Seleucid Empire outlawed Judaism and a revolution began. It succeeded, and the restoration of religious freedom and the rededication of Jerusalem's Holy Temple is commemorated through Hanukkah. Upon reclamation of the Temple, a lamp that had only one night's worth of oil burned for eight. Because of this miracle, Jewish families gather for eight nights to exchange gifts, spend time together, and light the menorah as a reminder that there is always light in the dark.

**December 24: Christmas Eve.** The evening before Christmas is celebrated by Christians and non-religious people alike by decorating a pine tree, singing songs, and leaving cookies out for Santa - a magical figure who lives in the North Pole and delivers presents to children across the globe. Santa is based on St. Nicholas, a fourth-century saint who was known for his generosity and secret gift-giving. Religious families often attend a special Christmas Eve church service on this night.

# HONORS NEWS

## WINTER HOLIDAYS CONTINUED

**December 25: Christmas Day.** Celebrated by Christian people worldwide as the birth of Jesus, the son of God and savior of humankind. Christmas is a time to reflect on the story of his birth, celebrate the miracle of life, and exchange presents to represent the gifts that three kings/wisemen gave to the infant Jesus. Christmas is also celebrated as a secular holiday; families get together to exchange gifts, bake winter-themed treats, and watch movies about Santa, Rudolph, and Christmas elves! Many families incorporate both religious and non-religious traditions into their Christmas celebrations.

**December 26 - January 1: Kwanzaa.** This holiday was created in 1966 by author and scholar Maulana Karenga as a way for African-American families to remember and honor their cultures, history, and heritage. Kwanzaa culminates in a feast (karamu) that celebrates community and family. Gifts are exchanged and seven candles are lit to represent the seven basic values of African-American family life: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.

**December 31: New Year's Eve.** In order to prepare for the new year, people gather with family and friends to reflect on the last 12 months and think of ways they will do better for themselves and each other. Though the celebratory details vary across the U.S., lots of food, alcohol, fireworks, and music are normally part of the nighttime celebration. A countdown in New York City's Times Square is televised live, and many people stay up late to watch it.

**January 1: New Year's Day.** New Year's Day is celebrated as the chance to change old habits and start fresh in order to create a better future. Much of the day might be spent cleaning up from the night before!

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We are a nation of many cultures, religions, backgrounds, and traditions. No matter how you celebrate the winter season, enjoy your break from school! For more information, check out sites such as:  
<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/winter-celebrations>.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM HONORS!**

## ADVISOR HOLIDAY TRADITIONS CONT.

*Sarah Springer, Academic Counselor Sr., wasn't included in the autumn traditions page in the last issue of The Current - so here are her thoughts on the shift from fall to winter!*

"Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday and I hate it when it gets skipped over! I love cooking for the dinner. I also get excited to swap out my summer and winter clothes and start wearing my boots again.

I am also basic and love all things pumpkin spice, except PSLs – unless they are made with a dairy alternative.

Other than that, winter can suck it!"

*Well said, Sarah.*



# HONORS NEWS

## 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.

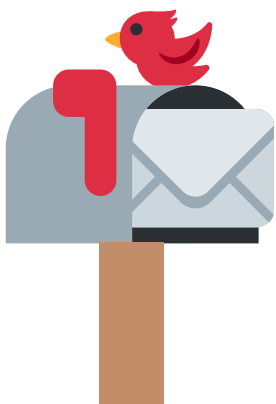


### Honors General LLC - Kurz Hall

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.



**You will need to complete the Housing application as a returning student AND the LLC application.**

More info here: <https://louisville.edu/housing/apply/fall-2020-housing-application-procedure-for-returning-residents>

**Apply by February 1, 2020. The sooner you submit, the sooner you may select your room!**

**Questions? Contact Sarah Exner at [Sarah.Exner@louisville.edu](mailto:Sarah.Exner@louisville.edu)**

# HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

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Email: [honorsbams@gmail.com](mailto:honorsbams@gmail.com)



**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE AMERICANA COMMUNITY CENTER**

Donations can be delivered to the Etscorn Honors Center (at Threlkeld Hall on the Belknap Campus) between 8AM - 4:30PM.

Pick-ups can be arranged - email at [honorsBAMS@gmail.com](mailto:honorsBAMS@gmail.com) to set one up!



# FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: THE MARY CHURCHILL HUMPHREY SCHOLARSHIP

You must contact the National and International Scholarships Office by **December 3 (TODAY!)** if you wish to begin an application. **Email [NISO@louisville.edu](mailto:NISO@louisville.edu).**

Mary Churchill Humphrey endowed the University of Louisville Centenary Memorial Scholarship in the late 1940s. This scholarship has enabled graduates of the College of Arts & Sciences to pursue advanced study in the United Kingdom for more than fifty years. Graduating seniors, recent alumni, and graduate students are eligible; applicants must have at least one major in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Candidates may apply to study at any university in the U.K. The MCH may be used to complete a one-year graduate degree, or be used in the first year of a longer graduate degree program. The scholarship will cover a portion of the winning scholar's tuition and expenses; the exact amount of this year's MCH monetary award has not been set.

**Applications are due January 24, 2020.**

## CALL FOR GOLDWATER APPLICATIONS

NATIONAL DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2020

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship funds the undergraduate study of college students who intend to pursue careers as high-level researchers in science, mathematics, and engineering. This prestigious award opens many doors for its winners. SOPHOMORES and JUNIORS with an established record of research in their field and a high GPA should consider applying.

The national deadline is January 31, 2020, but you must be nominated by your institution in order to compete; **email the National and International Scholarship Office at [NISO@louisville.edu](mailto:NISO@louisville.edu) if you would like to be considered or to get more information.**

You can read about UofL's two recent Goldwater Scholars, Praneeth Goli and Garrett McGrady, at <https://www.uoflnews.com/post/uofltoday/two-uofl-students-earn-prominent-goldwater-scholarship/>.

For more information see: <https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/>.

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# FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS



FULBRIGHT  
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## FULBRIGHT SUMMER INSTITUTES

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2020

### Sophomores and outstanding freshmen:

The US-UK Fulbright Commission offers special Summer Institutes for US citizens to come to the UK. These summer programs provide the opportunity for US undergraduates (aged over 18), with at least two years of undergraduate study left to complete, to come to the UK on a three or four week academic and cultural summer program. Participants will experience an exciting academic program at a highly regarded UK university, explore the culture, heritage, and history of the UK, and develop their academic ability by improving presentation, research, and communication skills.

More information on the program and application process is available at: <http://www.fulbright.org.uk/going-to-the-uk/uk-summer-institutes>

**Interested?** Contact the National and International Scholarship Office ASAP at [NISO@louisville.edu](mailto:NISO@louisville.edu).



Udall Foundation

CIVILITY, INTEGRITY, CONSENSUS

## UDALL FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE: MARCH 5, 2020

The Udall Foundation awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or to the environment. Benefits include access to the Udall Alumni Network, a five-day summer Scholar Orientation, and up to \$7,000 for eligible educational expenses. Strong applicants should be:

- Working toward positive solutions to environmental challenges or to issues impacting Indian country
- Committed to one of these areas through public service
- Able to inspire and motivate others to take action
- Committed to making a difference through civility and consensus building.

**More information at** <https://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx>

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:NISO@louisville.edu) to ask questions or express your interest in starting the selection process.

# FROM OUR FRIENDS

## CALL FOR DONATIONS - PORTLAND WINTER DRIVE

As winter weather takes hold and the temperature drops, too many kids in Louisville are cold for lack of proper winter clothing. Help the UofL chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars collect gloves, hats, scarves, jackets, and any other warm clothing until the end of the semester. The donation box is located in the Etscorn Honors Center. Questions? Email Sarah Flury at [sdflur@louisville.edu](mailto:sdflur@louisville.edu).

## TAKE PHIL 319-02! THE PHILOSOPHY OF RACE & RACISM

How does race and racism impact the way we think and experience the world? How do films and reading contribute to our understanding of these topics? David Owen and Diane Whitlock invite you to enroll in this course for the Spring 2020 semester. The course will explore race and racism through films, readings, and class discussions. It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 7:15 PM.

## 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 test prep workshops for the GRE:

Check out the schedule to the right and register online at [bit.ly/2YjGdOj](http://bit.ly/2YjGdOj). Additional resources at [princetonreview.com/louisville](http://princetonreview.com/louisville).

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

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

Questions? Contact [lrctutor@louisville.edu](mailto:lrctutor@louisville.edu) or call 502.852.8114.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH HONORS!

Remember, we're on Twitter and Instagram [@UL\\_Honors](https://twitter.com/UL_Honors) and on Facebook [@LouisvilleHonors](https://www.facebook.com/LouisvilleHonors). We'd love to see your photos from Honors events - so follow, like, and tag us!

## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Happy December, everyone! I'll keep it short - too much of your reading energy has to be devoted to finals at the moment.

One - good luck with the end of this semester and with your final assignments/exams.  
Two - no matter how you celebrate the holidays, I hope you're able to do so with family/friends and *lots* of good food.

The University will close after December 20. If you need anything from Honors, contact us before then! We'll open again on January 2nd and see you back for the spring semester on January 6th.

See you next issue!

