

THE CURRENT

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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March 27	World Scholars Application Deadline
March 29	HVP Youth Build Event
April 1	Book and Media Sale Begins!
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Make sure to read through this entire newsletter for other important dates and deadlines.

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The Honors Program hopes you had a fun, relaxing, and safe spring break. Pictures from this issue of The Current show some of the activities (and foods!) available in and around the University of Louisville—proving that you don't have to go too far away to live like a tourist.

FEATURE ARTICLE

DR. JENNIFER GREGG: HONORS SEMINAR SPOTLIGHT

Why should students enroll in Honors Seminars?

Honors Seminars are a great way to meet faculty and students from different departments around campus. Once you're a junior or senior, you tend to see the same people in all your classes because you're getting into the specialty courses of your major. If you're in a seminar, though, you're taking an upper-level elective from a specialist in their field that you don't necessarily have to be a specialist in that field yourself. It's a class that no one else in your major gets to take (except for honors students!), and it's a chance to meet new people. It's also a chance to take something outside of traditional course offerings.



Dr. Gregg with students from her Science Literacy and Popular Culture Honors Seminar.

What advice would you give to students considering taking Honors Seminars?

Keep an open mind...just because a course is in a different department or is outside of your comfort zone, don't immediately discount it. One of the wonderful things about college is new experiences. Sometimes students from the natural sciences are intimidated by my classes because they don't follow a traditional lecture/test model. Students sometimes aren't used to class discussions or presentations. But once they realize we're all in it together, it's fun!

Why do you enjoy leading Honors Seminars?

First and foremost...the students! Honors students are the best students on campus. I LOVE hearing what honors students are working on and what their goals are. Second, I try to make my classes as interactive as possible, so I really enjoy the contributions the students bring to the class. Sometimes we take a right-turn (or was it a left-turn?!) during discussion because of a topic that comes up. This is the great thing about my seminars...I try to build in flexibility so we can address topics that come up during class. Finally, I enjoy having students from different backgrounds in one class. I don't have all bio majors, or all comm majors, or all poli sci or all business majors. When you have diverse backgrounds in the class, you have diverse discussion.

What is the most difficult part of teaching an Honors Seminar?

I tend to do a different seminar every year, and it's usually a class I've never taught before, so it means the material is at least somewhat new to me as well! I'm frantically trying to keep just one step ahead of the students. (I probably shouldn't admit that...)

Which has been your favorite Honors Seminar?

Ugh! Impossible to answer. I REALLY enjoyed going to DC for the Malarkey on the Mall class. I would love to do another travel seminar. I also loved the Ethics in Film class because we got to watch movies and apply ethical theories to the media (I should do that class again soon!) My current class Science and Pop Culture is fun because we're tweeting about science (even though the students were dragged kicking-and-screaming into the Twittersphere!) and looking at how new media affects how science communication is done. I can think of good things from every seminar I've done. ✨



HONORS NEWS

ETSCORN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for academic scholarships with a value up to \$5,000 for the 2014-2015 academic year are now available. Out-of-state students are eligible to apply. The application and criteria may be downloaded from louisville.edu/honors. Paper applications are now located in the information rack in the reception area of the Etscorn Honors Center. These scholarships are funded through generous donations by the Etscorn Foundation. **Completed applications are due *Friday, April 11, 2014*** before 4:00 PM and can be dropped off at the Etscorn Honors Program or mailed to: *Dr. John Richardson, University Honors Program, Etscorn Honors Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292.*

WORLD SCHOLARS PROGRAM COMPETITION

Announcing the spring competition for World Scholars funding to support a semester or year of study abroad in 2014-2015.

The World Scholars Program provides select undergraduate students with up to \$8,000 of funding to support a significant study experience in a country or region of the world whose principal language is not English. Applicants must be actively committed to achieving fluency in the language of that country or region. They must also be declared majors or minors in any of the non-language disciplines offered at the University of Louisville and endeavor, to the degree possible, to study the material of that discipline while abroad (whether through full-immersion coursework, service learning, internship placement, directed study, etc.). Students studying any of the modern languages offered at the University of Louisville (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish) are encouraged to apply. **Application deadline: *March 27, 2014.***

1. Review application requirements at <http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/student/world-scholars> to be sure you're eligible.
2. Make an appointment with Virginia Hosono, associate director of Study Abroad and International Affairs (vlhoso01@louisville.edu), to explore study abroad options that meet the requirements of the program.
3. Line up your letters of recommendation and language evaluation. (Forms included in the application packet.)

Questions? Contact application committee chair Dr. Greg Hutcheson at gshutc01@louisville.edu.

CARDINAL HOST APPLICATION

The Cardinal Host Program is a select organization of students who assist at various Presidential events – receptions, athletic events, and numerous other functions. Cardinal Hosts help make an event run smoothly, but more importantly, they represent President Ramsey and the University of Louisville and its mission.

The application this year is now available online at <http://president-events.louisville.edu/ooop/cardinal%20host%20app/cardHoststart.html>. The deadline to apply is ***Monday, April 14*** at 5:00 PM. In order to be considered each applicant must complete the entire application and submit all required materials by this time.

Questions regarding the program or application process may be sent to Julie Kroger (julie.kroger@louisville.edu) or to Joe Elliott (joe.elliott@louisville.edu).

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Honors Student Council is proud to announce it will be hosting elections during the first week of April! All active Honors students are encouraged to vote on ULink (instructions for voting will be emailed to Honors students by Luke Buckman before elections). Several of your fellow Honors students are in the running and need your vote!

President	Marianna Michael
Executive Vice President	Jenna Bach, Emily Benken & Alyssa Mattingly
Treasurer	Meaghen Sorrell
Academic Vice President	Natalie Smith
Publicity Vice President	Ann Parker Wood
Social Vice President	Alice Darling
Special Events Vice President	Kelsey Frain & Adeline Heitz

BOOK AND MEDIA SALE!

HSC invites you to the **Book and Media Sale**—the culmination of an entire year’s worth of hard work and an outpouring of community support! *Come browse thousands of books, DVDs, CDs, records, and video games.*

- **Tuesday, April 1:** 6:00-9:00 PM PREVIEW NIGHT (\$10 exclusive entry)
- **Wednesday April 2 through Friday April 4:** 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- **Saturday April 5:** 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Located in the University of Louisville Red Barn. Most items \$2 or less. Your purchases support the Pediatric Oncology Unit at Kosair Children’s Hospital!



HONORS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

HVP invites you to these upcoming events (if you have any questions, make sure to contact Morgan Blair at msblai03@louisville.edu). **Please note: HVP will not be holding an April meeting.**

- **March 29:** HVP will be partnering with **Youth Build**, an organization based in Smoketown that aims to provide practical training in construction to youth who would not otherwise be able to seek out an education. We will be helping them clean their campus and plant new crops in their large garden in preparation for an important fundraising event. The event will be Saturday, March 29 from noon to 3:00 PM, with carpooling from Threlkeld at 11:30 AM. We’d love to see you all come out and help out this fantastic organization!
- **April 12:** This is your last chance to get your hands dirty with HVP! We will be taking a group of students to help build the urban canopy in Portland, Louisville. Local non-profit **Louisville Grows** will be hosting a day to plant over 150 trees. If you are interested, come to the March HVP meeting and check for email updates. This will be in tandem with the **Engage Lead Serve Board!**

THE WHITE SQUIRREL

Submit your poetry, prose, or visual art to *The White Squirrel*, UofL’s Literary Arts Magazine! Submissions should be sent to uoflwhitesquirrel@gmail.com by **March 18**. For more information, view our submission guidelines (<http://louisville.edu/honors/files/Spring%202014%20Submission%20Guidelines%202.pdf>).

University of Louisville
Honors Student Council

invites you to a conversation about the

Louisville Underground Music Archive Project

The recently-launched Louisville Underground Music Archive (LUMA) Project has a mission of documenting the history and culture of Louisville's underground music scene from the 1970s to the present, with a focus on the 1980s and 1990s.

Speakers for the event include University of Louisville archivists Sarah Jane Poindexter, Heather Fox, and Elizabeth Reilly.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact the LUMA project by email at luma@louisville.edu.



March 19 | 3:00 PM | Chao Auditorium

Open to students, faculty, staff, and the general public.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

HONORS STUDENT WINS TOP CAMBRIDGE PRIZE

Patrick McClure, a 2013 graduate from the J.B. Speed School of Engineering and a former UofL Honors student, recently received the prestigious **Cambridge International Scholarship**, which is the University of Cambridge's top award for international students. Awarded each year to approximately 80 students who plan to earn a doctoral degree, the scholarship is valued at more than \$230,000. Patrick will use this scholarship to complete a **PhD in Cognition and Brain Sciences** where he hopes to create a Computer Aided Diagnostic (CAD) system to assist in the early detection of autism.

A native of Corbin, KY, Patrick came to UofL in 2009 as a Trustees Scholar to study bioengineering. He quickly established himself as a top academic performer, earning research assistantships and internships at **Johns Hopkins University** and the **Boston Scientific Corporation**. In 2012, Patrick earned the **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship**, which is a \$7,500 scholarship, awarded to top STEM students across the nation possessing aptitude for research. He has presented his work on medical imaging and computer vision at international conferences in France, Spain, and Canada. In 2013 he graduated as the top bioengineering student in his class, earning the **Jerry and Pat Sturgen Award**.



Outside of his research, Patrick enjoys tutoring in math at local high schools, libraries, and community centers, where he helps youths and adults earn their GED. Currently, Patrick is completing an M.S. in Computer Science here at UofL before leaving for Cambridge in the fall. Congratulations Patrick for such a tremendous achievement and good luck at Cambridge!

411: THE "HOW TO" SERIES

Join us during the month of April for a series of FOUR informational talks. FREE lunch will be provided at each event. To ensure we have enough food, please RSVP for the talk(s) you plan to attend. RSVP to Emily Maiden at 502-852-1515 or email her at emily.maiden@louisville.edu. **NOTE:** If you want to attend ONE or ALL of the sessions but the timing is not right for your schedule, contact Emily ASAP! We may be able to host one or more of these talks at another time and date!

Monday, April 7, 2014:

HOW TO Prepare for a career in the U.S. Foreign Service

Overseer's Honors House Classroom from noon to 1:00 PM.

Presented by Emily Maiden. A Master's student in Political Science, Emily currently serves as the Foreign Affairs Campus Coordinator for the U.S. State Department here at UofL. During this session she will talk about how to build a solid foundation for a career in the U.S. Foreign Service.

Monday, April 14, 2014:

HOW TO Apply for the Fulbright ETA

Etscorn Honors Classroom from noon to 1:00 PM.

Presented by Dr. Patricia Condon. Dr. Condon has served as the Fulbright Campus Advisor at the University of Louisville since 2003. In that time, UofL has won 44 Fulbright ETA grants. Come learn about what makes a competitive Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA), and feel free to attend the Friday session on the Fulbright Academic Grants as well!

- "How To" Series events continued on next page -

Wednesday, April 16, 2014:

HOW TO *Conduct International Research*

Overseer's Honors House Classroom from noon to 1:00 PM.

Presented by Dr. Jennie E. Burnet, Associate Professor of Anthropology. Dr. Burnet's research focuses on women's roles in peace-building and democratization and on the long-term consequences of gender-based violence in conflict. She will be leading a Q&A session on how to conduct international research. This event is co-hosted by Honors Student Council!

Friday, April 18, 2014:

HOW TO *Apply for the Fulbright Academic Grant*

Etscorn Honors House Classroom from noon to 1:00 PM.

Presented by Dr. Patricia Condon. As UofL's Fulbright Campus Advisor since 2003, Dr. Condon knows what it takes to create a successful application for the Fulbright Academic Grant! We are looking for students from all majors and disciplines—STEM, social sciences, humanities. Join us for this informational session and bring lots of questions!

IRVIN F. AND ALICE S. ETSCORN INTERNATIONAL SUMMER RESEARCH AWARDS

This is an exciting opportunity for undergraduates that will allow UofL students to study and conduct research overseas this coming summer. These awards are open to students from all disciplines. To be eligible to receive the funding, students must be able to demonstrate plans for continued enrollment at UofL in fall 2014. Students are responsible for creating their own proposed summer plan. Past recipients have conducted independent research, taken specialized courses in their field, completed professional internships, or undertaken intensive study at overseas language institutes.

Awards will be offered in increments from \$2,500 to \$5,000, depending upon the cost of the program and the student's level of funding from other sources. Applicants need to propose a preferred and alternate program and budgets for both (unless the student has already been accepted into the preferred program). For more info about this opportunity or to schedule an appointment to meet with Dr. Condon, please contact Emily Maiden at 502-852-1515 or emily.maiden@louisville.edu.

Application Process:

1. Complete the application and essay (contact Emily Maiden for application).
2. Attach a one to two-paged resume.
3. Request official transcripts for all college-level work completed at any university or study abroad program.
4. Request letters of recommendation from two faculty members (i.e. professors), directed to your specific summer plan of study abroad and how it will fit into your overall undergraduate plan, enhancing your academic profile.

Application Timeline:

Monday, March 17, 2012:

By this date you should communicate which programs you are considering by email to Dr. Condon (CC Emily). Please include in this note your major, minor and year toward your degree.

Monday, March 31, 2012:

Deadline for submission of all hardcopy application materials; submit to Emily Maiden in the Overseers Honors House.

Friday, April 11, 2014:

From the pool of submitted applications, the most competitive candidates will be invited to interview on this date.

Selected Student Profile:

- Proposed program is intense and academically rigorous and at least three weeks long.
- Intent to apply for prestigious national scholarships (ex: Goldwater, Fulbright, Marshall, Mitchell, Boren, NSF), with this summer program as a significant step toward future goals.
- Chosen course of study is something beyond what is available at UofL.
- Cost of program is reasonable relative to the length of the program.
- Ability to receive course credit from UofL for your proposed activity.



FROM OUR FRIENDS

FUNDAY FOR THE KIDS

The University of Louisville Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity and Señor Iguanas present the first annual “FUNDay for the Kids” to benefit Kosair Children’s Hospital. Simply eat at the Señor Iguanas close to campus any time on Thursday, March 20 and 10% of the entire day’s sales will go directly to Kosair Children’s Hospital.

WHERE: Señor Iguanas located at 3105 South 2nd Street, Louisville, KY 40208 (in the Central Station Shopping Center across from Papa John’s Cardinal Stadium).

WHERE: Thursday, March 20th 2014 from 11:00 AM -10:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact Dharti Patel at dn pate03@louisville.edu. Phi Delta Epsilon members will be on hand at the event to meet and thank patrons for their donations to this wonderful local hospital.

REACH GRADUATE STUDENT ASSISTANT POSITIONS

REACH is now accepting applications for 2014-2015 Graduate Student Assistants. The application form is due by **April 4, 2014**. Interviews are selective. All application materials are due at the time of the interview if not submitted with the application form.

Interviews for current applicants will be held April 14 through May 9. Applicants selected for first offers for GSA positions will be notified by May 19, 2014.

Application Requirements

- Graduate students applying must be full-time students accepted into a degree-granting program for the full academic year, 2014-15 (fall and spring semesters).
- Applicants are required to have earned 3.0 cumulative GPA during their undergraduate career (or most recent full-time graduate semester).
- Applicants need to be available to begin GSA responsibilities August 11, 2014 and be able to continue these responsibilities through the last Friday in May, 2015.

For more information and a detailed description of REACH GSA positions, go to: <http://reach.louisville.edu/applications/gsa/>.

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Applications for 2014 Summer Internships in Congressman Brad Wenstrup’s District Office in Cincinnati are now being accepted. In the district, these internships are part-time (9-10 hours a week) and unpaid. While academic credit may be obtained, many students do the internships strictly for the educational experience. Applicants must be enrolled in college or graduate school. Applications can be downloaded at <http://wenstrup.house.gov/constituent-services/internships.htm>.

QUIZ BOWL

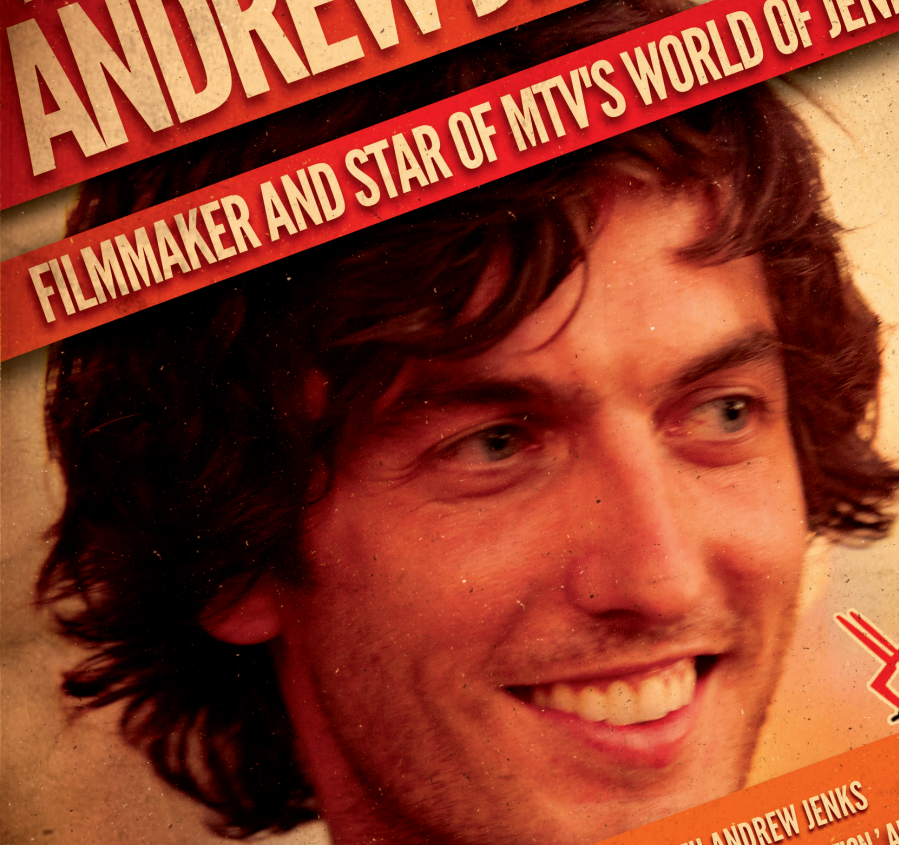
Have you considered joining the University of Louisville Quiz Bowl team? The Quiz Bowl team competes in tournaments throughout the state and region. The team is open to all University of Louisville students regardless of major and year. Tournaments are on the weekend and we typically practice once a week. Practices are scheduled around team members’ class schedules. If you are interested, please contact Matt Church at mschur01@louisville.edu.

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**THUR
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**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
FREE ADMISSION @ COMSTOCK HALL
SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

RESERVE TICKETS: JENKSUOFL.EVENTBRITE.COM

INFO AT ENGAGELEADSERVE.ORG



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

PEACC and other campus organizations are planning an International Women's Day (IWD) event on **Thursday March 20** from 5:30-8:00 PM in Bigelow Hall (in the Miller Information and Technology Center). IWD has grown to become a global day of recognition and celebration for women across the world. The theme for IWD International is "Inspiring Change."

At the University of Louisville our focus will be:

- Inspiring change in our mental health and well-being.
- Learn to "do it yourself."
- 5 interactive stations with tips to Live a Beautiful Life, a Grateful Life, a Connected Life, a Mindful Life, and an Active Life.

Presenters will include:

- Dr Joyce Spurgeon, UofL Women's Mental Health Clinic.
- Monnica T. Williams, Ph.D., The Center for Mental Health Disparities.
- Jean Gordon, American Association of University Women.

At the event you will have the opportunity to give back to non-profit women's organizations. **FREE food, music, and networking!** Everyone is invited; come celebrate a woman in your life! Please RSVP at: <http://louisville.edu/peacc/forms/international-womens-day-registration>.

GREEN DOT BYSTANDER TRAINING

PEACC is sponsoring Green Dot Bystander Certification Training on March 23 from 12:00-5:30 PM.

This interactive workshop is designed to give you the knowledge and skills to safely step in and help prevent experiences of sexual assault and violence, whether you're in Fort Lauderdale or on Bardstown Road. Upon completion of the training you will receive a certificate and super cool t-shirt. Lunch provided! To register, just email peacc@louisville.edu with your name and student year by Wednesday, March 19. Call 502-852-2663 or stop by and see us if you have any questions!

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*"International experiences at UofL have enabled me to...
experience the world outside of a textbook;
encounter people and ideas I never would have been exposed to;
challenge myself to step out of my comfort zone."
-Meghan Waters, McConnell Scholar*

How will you be empowered once you study abroad? Reach out to the Office of Study Abroad & International Travel International Center (located in Brodschi Hall, next to the library) by stopping by, emailing edabroad@louisville.edu, or calling 502-852-0374. Be sure to follow news, events, and scholarship updates on our Facebook: University of Louisville Study Abroad.

- **New Walk-in Advising Hours:** Meet our new Peer Advisor, Shelby Lawson, and stop by on Wednesdays (11:00 AM - 4:00 PM) or Fridays (9:00 AM - 2:00 PM) for general advising! No need for an appointment!
- **Book Drive: International Book Project:** The Office of Office of Study Abroad & International Travel is collecting gently used textbooks & children's books until March 20. For every book donated, you will be entered to win a \$50 gift card to the university bookstore and a t-shirt & mug from the International Book Project. This is open to all UofL students, staff, and faculty, and books will be collected in Brodschi Hall (first floor). For questions, please ask the Office of Study Abroad and International Travel and for more information about the *International Book Project*, visit their website: <http://www.intlbookproject.org/>