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# University of Louisville Honors Program Newsletter

#### Honors Calendar At-A-Glance:

January 27	Honors Scholar Advising Campaign
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February 2	Honors Advising Appointments Begin
February 13	Hon 101/CAPS Leader Deadline
February 19	NCHC Applications Due

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#### Fall 2015 Scholar Travel Seminar



Lots of students and professors attended the Honors Scholar Showcase.

The University Honors Program is happy to announce the travel seminar for Fall 2015, Dr. Michael Williams' "Tolkien in Print & Film." At the end of the fall semester, seminar participants will travel to New Zealand to explore Middle Earth! All current Honors students, who will have earned 24 hours or more (at UofL) by the end of the spring semester, are eligible to apply for a travel seminar. The applications are now available online: http://louisville.edu/honors/current-students/honorstravel-seminars/fall-2015-overseers-international-seminar

A selection committee will review application materials and make decisions in March. All selected students will be notified via e-mail prior to this semester's priority registration date, March 31.

#### J.R.R. TOLKIEN IN PRINT & FILM (HON 336-01/HON 346-01)

High on almost every list of favorite 20th century novels are J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth stories, *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. A rare body of work that enjoys both critical and popular acclaim, it has captivated three generations of readers, and Peter Jackson's retelling of the saga has only broadened its wide appeal. In these books and films, ancient legend meets the 20th century temperament, resulting in a modern mythology that speaks to our historical moment and also to each of us individually. This course will examine the four most



Dr. Michael Williams talks about his class at the Honors Scholar Showcase.

renowned of Tolkien's books—The *Hobbit* and the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy—from a number of perspectives: historical, mythical, and aesthetic. We will continue our study by focusing on the relation of the Jackson films to the Tolkien books, exploring primarily the questions of adapting this iconic narrative to another medium. The class will culminate, of course, in New Zealand, where we will visit a number of the principal film sites and

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embark on a Middle Earth quest of our own. This WR course will fulfill requirements in the Humanities or Social Sciences.

#### **Travel Seminar Criteria**

Admission to the travel seminars is usually competitive. Generally, the following guidelines are utilized in the selection process:

• Answers to the questions posed on the application are an important part of the selection process. Please answer them carefully!

• Students must have completed a minimum of 24 college credit hours at the University of Louisville before the semester of the seminar.

• Students must have an overall GPA of at least 3.35 at the time of travel.

• Students must be currently active members of the Honors Program.

• Students having made significant progress towards designation as a University Honors Scholar will have priority (all else being equal).

• A student's major/minor will not generally have a bearing on selection.



# HONORS NEWS

# Honors Advising

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#### THE HONORS ADVISING CAMPAIGN IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The frigid arrival of the Spring 2015 semester has many of us hoping that Punxsutawney Phil will foresee the early arrival of warmer weather. While we anticipate the groundhog's prediction on Feb. 2, as well as the start of Honors advising appointments, let's go ahead and get some very important dates on your calendar right now so that you're ready for the upcoming Honors advising campaign! We have some very important appointment scheduling procedural information to share with you, so please pay careful attention to the



following set of instructions as some things have changed with the advising appointment system since last semester.

The Honors Advising Window:

- Advising appointments Feb. 2 March 27 (excluding Spring Break week of March 16-20)
- Walk-In Advising March 30 & 31, 8:30-11:30AM, 1-4PM (last-minute concerns only must have already attended an Honors campaign advising appointment)
- Priority Registration 8AM on March 31

The Honors Advising Team (in alpha order)\*:

- Kirsten Armstrong
- Luke Buckman
- Katherine Rucker
- Sarah Gierke Springer

\*Please note that Ketti Tonnemacher will not be available for this Honors advising campaign because she is currently out of the office on parental leave.

We would also like to welcome a few additional members on our advising team who will be assisting with freshman advising this semester:

- Sarah Exner
- Olivia Sailor
- Heather Turner

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The Procedure:

• Honors Scholars – will receive the GradesFirst campaign e-mail (this will look like it's coming from Kirsten Armstrong) around 7:45AM on **Tues., Jan. 27** in their UofL e-mail accounts.

- All Honors students will receive the GradesFirst campaign e-mail from Kirsten Armstrong around 7:45AM on **Wed.**, **Jan. 28** in their UofL e-mail accounts.
- Once you receive your e-mail from GradesFirst/Kirsten Armstrong Please follow the link and sign up online for an Honors advising appointment within GradesFirst .

• You may choose an Honors advisor on GradesFirst – although many of you may have assigned Honors advisors, you do not have to stick with your assigned advisor if you wish to see someone else. Of course, this is all subject to appointment availabilities for each advisor at the time that you log in.

No Longer Active in Honors:

• If you have been suspended from the Honors Program, you should have received an e-mail to this effect earlier this semester. In the event that you are no longer a member of the Honors Program, you should seek out advising from your home academic advising unit instead.

• For anyone who is no longer a member of the Honors Program, we recommend that you visit the Undergraduate Advising website to determine who your current academic advisor is here: https://louisville.edu/advising/centers

• If you wish to make an appointment with an Honors counselor, please contact or stop by the Etscorn Honors Center no earlier than Monday, Feb. 2 and consult with our front desk team about scheduling an appointment. You will not receive the GradesFirst appointment campaign e-mail from us if you are no longer active in the Honors Program, but we want to help you to connect with the appropriate advising professional(s) to meet your needs.

We hope that this information is helpful, and we are looking forward to meeting with each of you this semester! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the Honors advising appointment sign-up procedures by contacting us via phone at 502-852-6293, via e-mail at honors@louisville.edu, or by contacting your Honors advisor directly.

# HON 101 Assistant/CAPS Leader Opportunity

Honors is excited to announce that the applications are live for HON 101 Assistant/CAPS Leaders! If you are interested in working for Honors as an assistant in HON 101 next fall, the applications are up on the Honors homepage: https://louisville.edu/honors/Enrichment-opportunities/hon-101-assistant-caps-mentor.

Applications are due **Feb. 13 by Noon**. Note: In Honors, if you are hired as an HON 101 Assistant, then you are also hired as a CAPS Leader for a section of HON 101 or CAMP 100. If you are interested in applying to be a CAPS Leader through the Office of First Year Initiatives, you can apply there as well. Students can apply for both positions.

If you have any questions, please contact Luke Buckman in Honors at luke.buckman@louisville.edu.

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### Call for Proposals - National Honors Conference

The National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) proposal deadline is **February 19, 2015**. This year's conference will take place in Chicago, November 11-15, 2015. To submit a proposal, you must be presenting at or have presented at either the Kentucky Honors Roundtable (KHR) or the Southern Regional Honors Council (SRHC) during this current academic year.



NCHC is seeking student proposals in any of the following areas: Idea Exchange / Roundtable Discussions / Student Poster Session / Student Interdisciplinary Research Panel

To find out more about any of these areas, you are strongly encouraged to visit the NCHC website: http:// nchchonors.org/annual-conference/. There are details provided for each of the categories. If you'd like to submit a conference proposal, please follow the guidelines available on the NCHC website and send your proposal to Luke Buckman (luke.buckman@louisville.edu) by no later than midnight on **Feb. 19**. Luke will review and submit the final proposal online. To review proposal guidelines, please visit http://nchchonors. org/annual-conference/proposal-guidelines/. The national conference is an outstanding opportunity to present your research, ideas, or work as part of a student group in front of a national audience of honors faculty & staff members, as well as your peers at other honors programs and colleges. For more general information on the conference, please check the conference website or consult your academic advisor.

#### The White Squirrel

Volume 11, Fall 2014 of The White Squirrel Literary and Arts Magazine is now on sale for \$5 at the Honors Etscorn Center and Carmichael's Bookstores. Grab your copy of the best of UofL's poetry, short fiction and visual art today!



# NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention STEM students! Consider applying for the Whitaker International Program!

The **Whitaker International Program** sends emerging leaders in U.S. biomedical engineering (or bioengineering) overseas to undertake a self-designed project that will enhance their careers within the field. The goal of the program is to assist the development of professional leaders who are not only superb

scientists, but who also will advance the profession through an international outlook. Along with supporting grant projects in an academic setting, the Whitaker International Program encourages grantees to engage in policy work and propose projects in an industry setting.

Deadlines are quickly approaching! The Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars program competition deadline is January 20th and the deadline for the Summer Grants Program is **February 3rd**.

There will be approximately 50 grants available to high-quality candidates for the Fellows and Scholars program and close to 20 for the Summer program.

For more information on all Whitaker International Program - including profiles of past grantees, host institutions, as well as the online application - visit our website at: www.whitaker.org

Attention all undergrads! [All disciplines, all levels] **Fulbright Canada's Killam Fellowships Program** allows undergraduate students from the United States to participate in a program of binational residential exchange. Killam Fellows spend either one semester or a full academic year as an exchange student in Canada.

Application deadline: February 2nd, 2015

For more information see: www.killamfellowships.com

Attention Juniors Committed to Careers in Public Service! This **Harry S. Truman Scholarship** provides leadership training, a professional internship in Washington D.C. and \$30,000 toward graduate study to college juniors interested

in careers in government, education, the nonprofit sector, or the public interest/advocacy sector. Public service includes government, uniformed services, public interest organizations, non-governmental research or educational organizations, public and private schools and other public service –oriented non-profit organizations. For more information see: http://truman.gov//

National Deadline: February 3rd, 2015



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THE HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION



#### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention ALL Undergraduates! [All Disciplines/All Levels] The **Boren Undergraduate Scholarship** provides up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study

abroad. Boren Scholars represent a variety of academic backgrounds—from Global Health, to Economics, to STEM disciplines—but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages and building regional expertise in parts of the world of U.S. national security interest.

For more information see: http://www.borenawards.org/boren\_scholarship

National Deadline: February 4th, 2015

Seeking Environmentally-Minded Sophomores and Juniors! The **Udall Foundation** is looking for sophomores and juniors who demonstrate a strong record of leadership, public service, and a commitment to a career in environmental studies and policy.

The Udall Scholarship provides winners with up to \$5,000 and unlimited networking possibilities with former Udall Scholars in your future career field. No matter your major, as long as you can demonstrate a commitment to the environment, you are eligible to apply!

For more information: http://udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx National Deadline: March 4th, 2015



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, four, five or six week academic and cultural summer program. Participants in these programs will get the opportunity to 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.

There are nine Summer Programs available for US students in 2015! For more information, please visit: http://www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-uk/undergraduates

Applications are due: February 26th or March 5th

If you are interested in applying for any of these scholarships, please contact Heather Turner to set up a meeting with Dr. Condon. You can reach Heather at heather.turner@louisville.edu or at 502.852.1515.

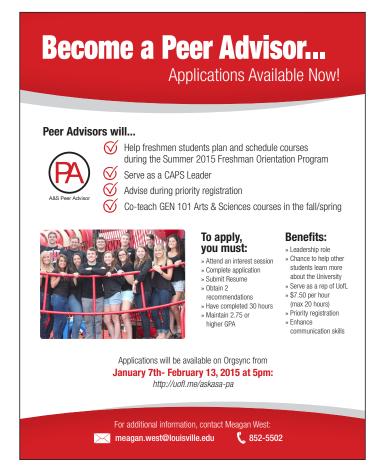




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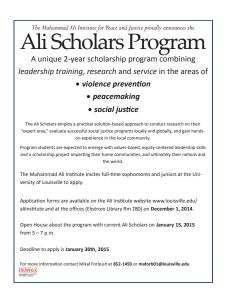
# FROM OUR FRIENDS

#### Peer Advisor Positions



# Ali Scholars Program

The Muhammad Ali Scholars Program applications are due on **January 30**! The program specializes in social justice research, while allowing students to develop leadership skills. They encourage full time sophomores and juniors to apply to the program. Applications are available on the Ali institute website www.louisville.edu/aliinstitute and at the offices (Ekstrom Library Rm 280).



# Red Barn Scholarship

On behalf of the Red Barn Programs office and Student Affairs, the following scholarships are available for the fall 2015 semester. Please note that students can apply online at the website http://louisville.edu/studentactivities/facilities/red-barn-1.

#### FLORENCE M. STRICKLER RED BARN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Red Barn Alumni Association (RBAA) is a voluntary organization designed to provide support to students actively involved in student activities at U of L. Florence M. Strickler was the spouse of Dr. Woodrow Strickler, former U of L President, who established the Red Barn in 1969 with students and staff. Two \$250 Florence M. Strickler scholarships were awarded each semester from 1998 through 2001; Two \$300 scholarships from 2002 through Spring 2004; Two \$400 scholarships from Fall 2004 through Fall 2005; Two \$800 scholarships per semester from Spring 2006 through Fall 2007; Two \$1,200 scholarships from Spring 2008 through Fall 2008; and two \$1,700 scholarships per semester beginning with the Spring 2009 Semester.

- CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS: To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must:
- Be in good academic standing (Minimum 2.0 University Cumulative GPA)
- Have completed at least 24 hours
- Enrolled in at least 6 hours in the semester for which the scholarship is awarded
- Provide a justification statement for award on the second page
- Complete and sign this application and attach two letters of recommendation by or before the deadline stated on the cover letter with this application
- Applications must be typed and recommendations should be on appropriate letterhead stationery
- Preference may be given to undergraduate students with financial need
- Preference will be given to students involved in student activities at U of L
- Preference may be given to applicants who have a current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Aid) on file with the Financial Aid Office (web site at www.fafsa.ed.gov).

• Complete and sign this application, attach 2 letters of recommendation and return to the Red Barn Programs Office located in the Red Barn to your left as you enter the hallway from the single door with the awning marked "Intersection" on the South Side of the Red Barn on or before **Wednesday, April 22, 2015** at 5.

#### BRIDGETTE PREGLIASCO TORCHBEARER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honoring Dr. Bridgette Pregliasco, Assistant Vice President for Student Life from 1995 to 2002, was established in 2001 through the Torchbearer Program to provide financial resources for adult students. CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS:

To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must:

1. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. This GPA would include previous grades from all colleges, both domestic and foreign.

2. Be currently enrolled in 6 or more credit hours at U of L, and have completed at least 24 U of L credit hours.

3. Be 22 years of age or older.

4. Provide a statement for justification of award on the second page.

5. Complete and sign this application, attach two letters of recommendation and return to the Red Barn Programs Office located in the Red Barn to your left as you enter the hallway from the single door with the awning marked "Intersection" on the South side of the Red Barn on or before **Wednesday, April 22** at 5pm.

6. Applications must be typed and recommendations should be on appropriate letterhead stationery.

7. Preference may be given to students with financial need.

8. Preference may be given to applicants who have a current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on file with the Financial Aid Office (web site at www.fafsa.ed.gov).

9. Scholarship applicants will be competitively selected based on their academic record and statement for justification of award addressing these criteria.

10. All Awards must be approved by the Financial Aid Office.

ESSIE JENKINS TORCHBEARER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honoring Essie Jenkins was established in 1999 through the Torchbearer Program. Five \$250 scholarships were awarded from 1999 through 2001. Since 2002, two \$300 scholarships were awarded annually. Since 2008, two \$400 scholarships were awarded annually. Beginning with the 2015 Spring Semester, two \$500 scholarships will be awarded annually. Essie Cynthia Burnley Jenkins was the U of L College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Fellow in 1995. She received a Bachelor of Arts in history and political science from the Louisville Municipal College in 1945. Essie Jenkins's professional career began as a Public Librarian in Queens, New York. In 1982 she was elected Assemblywoman of the 29th District of Queens, New York, becoming the first black woman elected to public office in Southeast Queens. She served in that capacity for six two-year terms. CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS:

To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must:

1. Be an African-American in good academic standing (minimum 2.0 U of L cumulative GPA in the College of Arts and Sciences)

2. Enrolled in at least 6 hours in the semester for which the scholarship is awarded.

- 3. Provide a justification statement on the second page for this award.
- 4. Complete and sign this application. Applications must be typed.

5. Two letters of recommendation must accompany this application and be turned in on or before the deadline stated on the attached cover letter. Recommendation letters should be on letterhead stationery.

6. Preference may be given to undergraduate students with financial need, outstanding grade point average, community service, and activities outside the classroom.

7. Preference may be given to applicants who have a current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on file with the Financial Aid Office (web site at www.fafsa.ed.gov).

8. All awards must be approved by the Financial Aid Office.

9. Complete and sign this application, attach two letters of recommendation and return to the Red Barn Programs Office located in the Red Barn to your left as you enter the hallway from the single door with the awning marked "Intersection" on the South side of the Red Barn on or before **Wednesday, April 22, 2015** at 5.

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#### DENNIS C. GOLDEN TORCHBEARER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honoring Dr. Dennis C. Golden was established in 1999 through the Torchbearer Program. Five \$250 scholarships were awarded from 1999 through 2001. Since 2002, two \$300 scholarships were awarded annually. Since 2008, two \$400 scholarships were awarded annually. Beginning with the 2015 Spring Semester, two \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually. Dr. Dennis C. Golden was the second Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Louisville and began the Torchbearer Program in 1994. Dr. Golden became the President of Fontbonne College, St. Louis, MO in 1995. Dr. Golden retired in 2014.

CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS: To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must:

- 1. Have a minimum 2.5 U of L cumulative GPA.
- 2. Be enrolled in a minimum of 6 hours in the semester for which the scholarship is awarded.
- 3. Preference may be given to students with an outstanding grade point average.
- 4. Preference may be given to students with financial need.
- 5. Preference may be given to students who have completed between 30 and 60 hours of course work.

6. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated leadership ability at U of L and have done community service.

7. Preference may be given to applicants who have a current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on file with the Financial Aid Office (web site at www.fafsa.ed.gov).

8. Provide a statement for justification of award on the second page.

 Complete and sign this application, attach two letters of recommendation and return to the Red Barn Programs Office located in the Red Barn to your left as you enter the hallway from the single door with the awning marked "Intersection" on the South side of the Red Barn on or before Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 5.
Applications must be typed and recommendation letters should be on letterhead stationery.

# Undergraduate Research

The Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP), sponsored by the Offices of the Provost and EVPRI, provides UofL undergraduate students, whom would like to know more about graduate-level education at the university, with a 10-week research-intensive experience in a department that offers graduate degrees. Mentors will provide students with individualized research projects. All UofL departments with graduate programs will be supported. Students should be, preferably, in their sophomore or junior year of study. The deadline is **March 2, 2015**. Dates for the Program are May 26, 2015 – August 1, 2015. See http://louisville. edu/research/students/undergrad-grad/summer for more information.

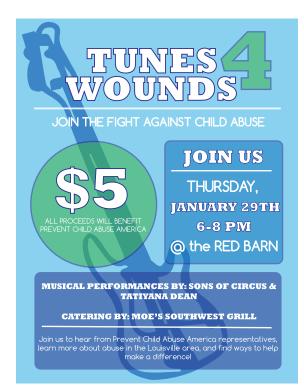
Please note that the 2015 University-wide Undergraduate Research and Community Engagement Symposium is scheduled for April 14, 2015 12:30 - 4:00. For more information, please see <<u>http://louisville.edu/research/students/students/undergradsymposiums/symposium</u>>. The date for the Symposium aligns with the National Council on Undergraduate Research Undergraduate Research Week, April 13-18, 2015.

# Alternative Service Break



# Tunes For Wounds

Join in the fight against child abuse by coming to the Tunes for Wounds concert! It is a benefit concert featuring two student bands: Sons of Circus and Tatiyana Dean. All proceeds will go to Prevent Child Abuse America. It's \$5 at the door and will be catered by Moe's Southwest Grill. The concert is **Thursday, January 29** from 6-8 PM.





# National Student Exchange- Now Accepting Applications

Need a change of scenery? Want to meet new people? Looking for courses not offered at the University of Louisville? Scouting out graduate or professional schools? National Student Exchange (NSE) will let you do all of these things and more at one of nearly 200 schools in the U.S. and Canada while still paying U of L tuition. Over the past year, U of L students have used NSE to study in Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, New Jersey, and British Columbia. Where do you want to go? The program is now accepting applications for exchange during academic year 2015-16. Applications are due by **Monday, February 16, 2015**. Placements will be made in the first week of March. For more information and to receive an application, please contact Andrew Grubb at (502) 852-1482 or abgrub02@louisville.edu.

# 2015 Student Awards



2015 Student Awards Deadline March 1! Apply today at https://orgsync.com/60508/ chapter

# PEACC Events

The Gray Area: Friend Zoning—a bad thing or good? **Wednesday, February 4, 7:30-8:30PM** at Cardinal Towne - The Avenue One of the most overused terms when it comes to dating and relationships is "the friend zone." It's amazing how many people get stuck in that mysterious zone—and if they do, is it a terrible thing or does being 'just friends' have its benefits? The Gray Area welcomes you to the discussion.

Meat & Potatoes: Lively discussion for Campus Guys Wednesday, February 25th @ 7:30-8:30pm, Cardinal Towne – The Avenue

# **REACH Events**

GRE Workshop in Strickler 111: **Wednesday, January 28**: Math Section, 5:30-7:00 pm

