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University of Louisville Honors Program Newsletter

Honors Calendar At-A-Glance:

September 25	HSC Cardinal Hoedown
September 26-27	Kentucky Honors Roundtable
October 9	White Squirrel Open Mic Night
October 15	HSC Trivia Night
October 20	Travel Seminar Application Due
October 20	HSC Movie Screening

**Make sure to read through this entire newsletter for other important dates and deadlines.*

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Travel With Honors

Laura Krauser, a junior in the Honors program, recently traveled to Ireland with the rest of the Spring 2014 Traveling Seminar. She took the Honors seminar “Modern Irish Literature and Culture” and then traveled with the rest of her class to visit the very place they had studied.



Before our plane touched down, I knew I would love Ireland: it was as green as I imagined! That, and I had spent the past four months reading extensively about Ireland’s intricate history and culture. As college students we understand from many different sources that travel is quintessential in our experiences; we understand that leaving is part of coming to school. From service organizations to the Study Abroad office, to scholarships, travel is awaiting us in so many capacities. Though, travel for the sake of travel never quite appealed to me. Don’t get me wrong: I want to go big places and see big things- but not so I can check places off a list. I wanted a travel experience, and to let it grip me with its forthcoming influence; but I also wanted to foster a connection to and understanding of the places I pass through. My travel seminar, “Irish Literature and Culture,” allowed me to delve deeply into the historical context of current Irish politics. It opened a window of understanding through Irish art and literary themes. My travel seminar, “Modern Irish Literature & Culture,” taught by Dr. Suzette Henke, allowed me to delve deeply into the historical context of current Irish politics, and furthermore it opened a window of understanding through Irish art and literary themes.



Spring 2015 Travel Seminars

The University Honors Program is happy to announce the travel seminar options for Spring 2015! All current Honors students with 24 or more hours earned (at UofL) are eligible to apply for a travel seminar. The applications are now available in the Etscorn Honors Center lobby. A panel comprised of the faculty teaching the seminar, Dr. Hart, and counselors will review each application and make select participants. All selected students will be notified via e-mail prior to this semester's priority registration date, November 6th. For more information, please visit: <http://louisville.edu/honors/current-students/honors-courses/spring-2015-honors-seminars>.

Overseers' International Travel Seminar

The American War: American in Vietnam

HON 331-01/341-01, T Th 4:00-5:15, Dr. Russell Vandembroucke

This seminar focuses on the period leading up to American intervention in Vietnam in 1959, the war from 1963-1975, and its lasting consequences at home and abroad. These include the roots of “the culture wars” and the official designation of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) for as many as one million American soldiers. Readings include: *The Things They Carried*, *Achilles in Vietnam: Combat Trauma and the Undoing of Character*, *Everything You Wanted to Know about War*, and the diary of Vietnamese doctor Dang Thuy Tram, *Last Night I Dreamed of Peace*. Films will include the documentary *Hearts and Minds*, *The Fog of War* focusing on Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, John Wayne's *The Green Berets*, and the Vietnamese film *Dung Dot (Don't Burn)*. Readings, films, and class discussion will help prepare for the visit to Vietnam in May. **This course will fulfill requirements in the Humanities or Social Sciences and concludes with travel to Vietnam.**



To download an application for this seminar, please visit the seminar list on the Honors website.

Woodcock National Travel Seminar

This Must Be The Place: Music and Cities in American Culture

HON 331-02/341-02, T Th 4:00-5:15, Profs. Luke Buckman & Andrew Grubb

This course will explore the relationship between music and place in major American cities, leading students in an investigation of how cities have generated cultural movements through music. It will address questions of how places affect the production and performance of music (and vice versa); how songs, music industry presence, and musical events affect public perception of places; and how these places, so affected by music, change and continue to impact the landscapes of local and national culture. Understanding the development of American music subcultures tied to specific places is especially valuable as people increasingly purchase and listen to music through placeless means like iPods, iPhones, iPads, Amazon, Pandora, Spotify, and satellite radio.

By studying American music, the history of cities where it was made, and its participants in conjunction with critical theory that helps us understand the significance of place and placelessness to culture, we can gain insights into the development of American culture(s) and its persistent association with (even in the face of increasing disconnection from) physical place.

In addition to New Orleans and Memphis, the following U.S. cities may serve as the foundation for course readings and discussions related to music genres, movements, and “scenes”: Nashville, Detroit, New York City, Chicago, Seattle, Los Angeles, and Louisville. **This course will fulfill requirements in the Humanities or Social Sciences and concludes with a week-long trip in early May to Memphis and New Orleans.**

To download an application for this seminar, please visit the seminar list on the Honors website.



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.
- Students who have previously completed an international travel seminar will have lower priority. Applications must be submitted by **Monday, October 20 at 4:30 PM.**



HONORS NEWS

MASS Scholarships

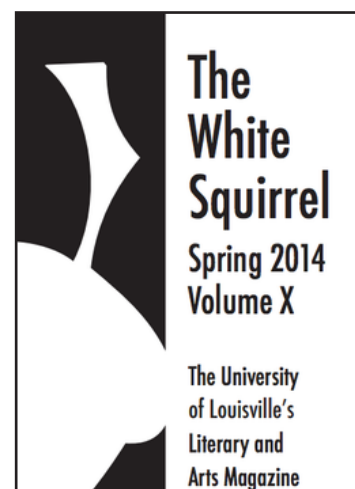
Students with demonstrable financial need and involvement in the University Honors Program may apply for awards to buy books and supplies for spring semester classes. Funds for these awards were originally contributed by members of the Mature Adult Student Society (MASS). Two to three scholarships (ranging from \$300 to \$400) are awarded. Applications should consist of a letter outlining your: academic program, overall financial need, and projected expenses of books for the spring semester. Interested students should direct their letters to: Dr. Joy Hart, University Honors Program, Etscorn Honors Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292. You may also e-mail your letters to Dr. Hart at joy.hart@louisville.edu. The application deadline is **Friday, October 17th by 4:30 p.m.**

The White Squirrel

The White Squirrel, UofL's Literary Arts Magazine, is currently accepting submissions for the Fall 2014 edition. Submissions are free and open to the public. Send your poetry, prose, photography, or visual art to uoflwhitesquirrel@gmail.com by October 20th. Submission guideline can be found on our webpage at louisville.edu/honors/student-organizations/the-white-squirrel. Like us on [facebook.com/uoflwhitesquirrel](https://www.facebook.com/uoflwhitesquirrel) for more upcoming events.

The White Squirrel will be hosting an Open Mic **October 9th at 7:00 pm** in the Honors classroom (Threlkeld 132). Come share your poetry, short fiction, and creative nonfiction in a welcoming environment! We will have coffee and sweets.

Not interested in editing but have some creative writing or visual art you'd like to submit? We will be accepting submissions until **October 20th**. Send your work to uoflwhitesquirrel@gmail.com. Submission guidelines can be found on our facebook page or orgsync.



Advising Procedures

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year: Honors Advising Time!

Once again, we have arrived at our favorite time of year in Honors Advising when we get a chance to reconnect with each of you and discuss your plans, hopes, and dreams for the future! Many of you have not yet experienced an Honors advising appointment, however, so we thought we would give you a quick rundown of our tips for making the most of this precious one-on-one time with your Honors advisor.

- **We want to give everyone the individualized attention that he/she deserves, so please arrive on time for your advising appointment.** If you will be more than 10 minutes late or need to cancel, please contact Alex O'Keefe at the front desk of the Etscorn Honors Center at 502-852-6293.
- **Please come to the advising appointment prepared.** Thirty minutes seems like ample time for a conversation at first, but there are so many things that we could discuss, it can really fly by! Therefore, taking the time to develop a list of targeted questions prior to your appointment can help you to make the most of this time with your Honors advisor.
- **Please take some time to review your academic resources.** These tools can help you to become more well-versed in the requirements of your major and minor interests as well as necessary sequencing for the required courses involved. Here are some suggestions:
 - o Undergraduate Catalog: <http://louisville.edu/undergraduatecatalog/>
 - o General Education Requirements: <http://louisville.edu/provost/ger/>
 - o Flight Plan: <http://louisville.edu/flightplan>
 - o Online Schedule of Classes: <http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>
 - o Honors website: <http://louisville.edu/honors/current-students/honors-courses>

Remember, your Honors advisor is interested in getting to know you as an individual and wants to educate you about the vast array of opportunities at the University that match your interests and goals, so please take the time to think about how you can make the most of your advising appointment. We are looking forward to seeing each of you very soon!

For information on how to sign up for an Honors advising appointment, please visit the following website: <http://louisville.edu/honors/current-students/honors-advising/fall-2014-honors-advising-campaign-details-1>

For additional information on Honors advising policies and procedures, please visit the following website: <http://louisville.edu/honors/current-students/honors-advising>.

HONORS EVENTS

Honors Scholars Banquet

Students and faculty alike had a great time at the Honors Scholars Banquet last week. A Vietnamese inspired diner, lots of popcorn, and a variety of creative cookies were some of the highlights of the event! In addition to this, students heard first-hand from faculty members as they introduced their course topics for the Spring 2015 Honors Scholars Seminars.



Accolade Day

The University of Louisville hosted its annual recruiting event for high-achieving high school seniors last weekend. Over 1500 prospective students and their family members visited campus on Saturday, September 20. In the afternoon, the University Honors Program hosted a successful open house, which we could not have done without the assistance from some fantastic and amazing volunteers! Throughout the day, Honors students helped both Honors & the Admissions Office and we are incredibly grateful to the following students for graciously donating time on Saturday to help with Accolade.



Thank you to: Christopher Alt, Jenna Bach, Brianna Berry, Robyn Blackman, Rachel Bolin, Devin Brown, Courtney Brown, Marie Burns, Rachel Carter, Dakota Crouch, Emma Crump, Anna Daker, Eric DeGeare, Kasey Golding, TJ Gordon, Shelby Grammer, Jeffrey Fox, Kiersten Furnish, Winston Furtado, Lauren Hampton, Emma Holland, Kyle Hoskins, Whitney Kaiser, Laura Krauser, Matthew Lyons, Marianna Michael, Morgan Parsons, Endia Shepherd, Meaghen Sorrell, Heather Stewart, Rachel Thompson, Christian Vennemann, Ariel Weihl, Ann Parker Wood, and Korri Woods! The Honors Program truly appreciates your help with this event!



HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

Cardinal Hoedown

Get your cowboy boots out! Everyone is invited to join Honors Student Council at their Cardinal Hoedown. All proceeds made will be donated to Camp Quality Kentuckiana- an organization that provides summer camp opportunities for children with cancer. Also, no prior dance knowledge is necessary! A square dance lesson will precede the event. Plus, there will be a dessert walk! The Hoedown is **September 25 from 7:00- 10:00** in the Red Barn. Come out and enjoy the great food and fun!

Trivia Night Amped Up!



Everyone is invited to test their knowledge at Honors Student Council's Trivia Night! Trivia Night is a signature event of Honors Student Council. People of all ages are invited for some fun competition and to play for the chance to win some great prizes! Trivia Night is **October 15 at 6:00** in the Red Barn. Bring your A game!

HSConversation

On **October 22**, Honors Student Council is holding its first ever HSConversation panel. This event will act as a forum for Honors students to come out and voice their concerns about the program and let us know what we are doing well. This is also an opportunity for students to learn more about what the elected board is planning for them. The event will be held at 6 PM and take place in the Etscorn Honors Center. We cannot wait to see you there!

Movie Screenings

Honors Student Council is pleased to announce, that in collaboration with the Floyd Theater and the Counseling Center, we will be hosting a screening of Dead Poets Society on Monday, October 20th . Admission for the event is free. Following the film, there will be a panel discussion with members from the Counseling Center focused on depression awareness and suicide. Please e-mail Marianna Michael (mjmich01@cardmail.louisville.edu) if you have any questions. We cannot wait to see you there!

Honors Volunteer Program

12:20-12:45 October 9 Community Meeting

5:30-6:30 October 30 Reverse Trick-or-Treating at the Family Scholar House

Come out on the day before Halloween and ensure that the families at the Family Scholar House's main campus have a safe night of Reverse Trick or Treating! We will meet outside the Etscorn Center at 5:15 and walk over as a group, since it is so close. Dress up in costume and pass out candy to help an organization not only near and dear to campus, but to education and its importance in breaking the cycle of poverty for single parents in Louisville. Learn more at the community meeting, or keep an eye out here! If you are interested in participating, email lekrau01@louisville.edu.

FROM OUR FRIENDS

National Student Exchange- Field Report From Florida

“New College of Florida is without a doubt the polar opposite of University of Louisville. It is a liberal arts, no grades, no football, no Greek-life college. The student population is less than a thousand and the school colors are sadly, blue and white. Apart from finding a frog in the room the day I moved in, it didn't take long to get adjusted here. Many dorms have balconies and there are small Zen gardens with small lizards jumping everywhere. The college is located on Sarasota Bay, which allows for some of the best sunsets. For fun, students drive to the Siesta beaches and one night I even got to play with bio luminescent algae. New College has a rich social life with themed parties every Friday and Saturday. There is a student-run café with vegetarian and vegan food and even a group of students who make and sell fresh sushi every Saturday. I plan to take four economics classes and a neurobiology class. Though there are no grades, but there is still lots of work. I am also planning to join the sailing team – the only really competitive sport here on campus.”

--Jubin Shah, junior from U of L, on exchange to New College of Florida, a public honors college in Sarasota, FL
You could spend a semester or academic year at New College or one of nearly 200 other schools in the U.S. and Canada while still paying U of L tuition. Applications for exchange in 2015-16 will be due in the spring, but it's never too early to start planning. Contact Andrew Grubb at abgrub02@louisville.edu or 852-1482 for more information.



A&S All Stars Pre-Game Educational Series

Start off home football games the right way! Every Saturday home football game starting this fall, some of the best and brightest A&S faculty and alumni will give interesting lectures and discussions before the crazy tailgates begin. The lectures will be inspired by athletic and university themes, some of which include “Game Theory: The Politics of Race and Sport” by Ricky Jones, and “The Evolution of Goodness: Why Are Animals and Humans Ever Nice?” by Professor Lee Dugatkin. The next lecture is **Saturday, September 27** in the Planetarium on campus. See you on game day!



International Service Learning Program

Interested in service abroad? Travel through the International Service Learning Program!

The University of Louisville International Service Learning Program provides experiential education in which students engage in activities that address human and community needs together with structured opportunities intentionally designed to promote student learning and development. This interdisciplinary program contributes to campus internationalization by infusing the classroom with various cultures to prepare students to be more receptive to global and comparative perspectives.

ISLP will be traveling to Botswana, Belize, and Croatia during the spring 2015 semester. The length of each trip ranges from 7-14 days. Applications are now available! **Priority application deadlines are due September 29.** Visit <http://louisville.edu/islp> for more information.

JA Career Fair

The Department of Justice Administration’s 20th Annual Career and Internship Fair will be held **Thursday, October 30th, 9 a.m. – Noon**, at Bigelow Hall in the Miller Information Technology Center. Representatives will be present from local, state, and federal agencies, as well as UofL’s professional schools, to provide information on career and/or internship opportunities in the field of Criminal Justice and related areas. All majors are welcome. Visit our website for additional information <https://louisville.edu/justice>.



PEACC Events

QUEEN OF SHEBA SERIES: THE GUY WHO'S JUST ANOTHER RERUN

Wednesday, September 24th, 7:30 PM, The Avenue—Cardinal Towne

The Queen of Sheba series features current topics and issues affecting college women and raises awareness of unhealthy relationships and dating violence. Join the conversation!

THE PINWHEEL PROJECT

September 27-September 30, 11-1

West Lawn

11-1 pm. Place a Pinwheel on the west lawn in honor of a survivor of domestic or sexual violence.

THE STORY OF PROJECT UNBREAKABLE

Tuesday, September 30th, 3:00PM, Floyd Theatre

Our theme for Take Back the Night this year is “Unbreakable Spirit” featuring founders Grace Brown and Kaelyn Siversky from Project Unbreakable, a powerful visual campaign illuminating issues surrounding sexual assault. Join us as Grace and Kaelyn tell the history behind its success using images from the project. They will share stories, dispel myths surrounding sexual assault, and discuss how the process of healing is facilitated through art. For more information on Project Unbreakable, go to <http://project-unbreakable.org/>

**Take Back the Night March & Rally to follow at 5:30pm on the Red Barn Patio!

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT 2014

Sept. 30, 5:30 to 7 PM, Red Barn Courtyard

UofL and the city of Louisville will once again join this national movement with a march and rally in front of The Red Barn (rain location is inside The Red Barn). Our theme this year is “Unbreakable Spirit,” featuring founders Grace Brown and Kaelyn Siversky from Project Unbreakable, a powerful visual campaign illuminating issues surrounding sexual assault. TBTN '14 will also include drumming, spoken word, a candlelight vigil, community resource tables, free food and more!

Additional Information: The PEACC Program, 852-2663



First Year Initiatives Events

Paws For A Cause: Wednesday, October 1st (12-2PM, Threlkeld Hall Entrance)

Missing your furry friends back home? Take a minute to relieve some stress for a good cause! Enjoy FREE snacks and a chance to play with some adoptable animals. Sponsored by First Year Initiatives, NRHH, Animal House, and Sodexo.

Conversation Café: Wednesday, October 8th (12-1PM, Cultural Center MPR)

Enjoy FREE lunch and great conversation as First Year Initiatives leads a lively discussion related to this year's BinC, This I Believe.

Values Card Sort: Wednesday, October 22nd (12-1PM, Cultural Center MPR)

Your values can have a profound effect on the decisions you make, like what major and career you choose. Join the Career Development Center and FYI/BinC in identifying which values guide YOUR everyday life. FREE lunch!

REACH Seminars

All are free and held in Strickler 111.

Please visit <http://reach.louisville.edu/seminars/> for more information.

- Taking Effective Notes

Have some viable options for taking notes in class and know what information to include in notes. Also understand why note taking is important and know how taking and using notes can increase your learning.

9/24, 3:00 – 3:50 p.m.

- Acing the Test

Organize, reinforce, rehearse, and distribute your studying to get maximum benefit from your efforts.

9/25, 2:30 – 3:20 p.m. and 5:30 – 6:20 p.m.

- Studying Smarter

Learn about different learning styles and how they affect your comprehension.

9/26, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1 – 2 p.m., and 2 – 3 p.m.

- MCAT Review Tutoring – Biological Sciences

9/29, 5 – 7 p.m.

FROM OUR FRIENDS

Quiz Bowl

The 2014-15 team practices on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 in NS Room 112 and Thursdays from 6:00—8:00 in Humanities Room 121. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Please contact matt.church@louisville.edu for more details or with questions.

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