University of Louisville Honors Program Newsletter

Honors Calendar At-A-Glance:

January 13	Last Day to Drop/Add classes
	Last Day for Walk-In Honors Advising
January 16	Honors Peer Advisor Applications Due
January 19	Current/Transfer Application Deadline
January 23	Conference Proposal Deadline
January 26	Senior Honors Thesis Info Session
	Honors Scholar Seminar Showcase
January 27	Honors Scholar Advising Campaign
January 28	Honors Advising Campaign

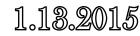
*Make sure to read through this entire newsletter for other important dates and deadlines.

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Welcome back, Honors students! The first 2015 edition of The Current is jam-packed with scholarship information, important deadlines, and more info on fun events to come. Read up!



HONORS UPDATES



A huge welcome is in order for the newest edition of the Honors family! Honors advisor Ketti Tonnemacher delivered her healthy baby girl, Attia (ah-tia) Fable Foco, on December 30, 2014. She was 6lb. and 19.5 inches long. Congratulations Ketti and we hope you enjoy your parental leave!

Honors Advisor Email Update

Congratulaitons are also in order for Honors advisor Sarah Gierke, who recently got married and is now Sarah Springer! Because of her last name change, her work email has also changed. Her new email is slgier01@louisville.edu. Please contact her if you have any questions about the liberal studies program, the senior honors thesis, or any Honors question!

How did you spend your Winter Break? Dr. John Hale, recently featured in a "Faculty Focus" spotlight, spent some time catching waves off the coast of Hawaii.





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Honors Advising

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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HONORS NEWS

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.

HONORS NEWS

Honors Peer Advisor Positions



Are you interested in working for Honors next summer as an orientation peer advisor? Do you want to help mentor next year's incoming freshmen class and help them create an academic plan for fall 2015? Peer advisors will be trained to help next year's incoming Honors freshmen class as they develop an academic plan and schedule courses during summer orientation. This is an outstanding opportunity for Honors students to learn more about the University, discuss their experiences in the University Honors Program with interested new students and parents, and earn some money along the way. Students will be expected to work approximately 15-20 hours each week from mid-May through the end of June 2015. IMPORTANT NOTE: Both the Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) and Summer Term II classes may conflict with the required work schedule for a Peer Advisor. Please take this

into consideration when applying for the Peer Advisor position. Additionally, if you are planning a summer travel abroad experience, you will want to check with Honors to determine if potential conflicts will prevent you from participating as a peer advisor. Applications are due at 4:00 PM on **January 16, 2015**. In order to apply you must have completed at least 30 hours (by the end of the spring 2015 semester) and have a 3.35 or higher cumulative GPA. To apply, please visit http://louisville.edu/honors/Enrichment-opportunities/ honors-peer-advising-1

Current/Transfer Student Applications

Are You or Do You Know Someone Who is Interested in Joining the University Honors Program? The University Honors Program is currently accepting applications from qualified UofL students and new incoming transfer students who are interested in participating in the program starting in Spring 2015. Interested students should visit the University Honors Program website at http://louisville.edu/honors and click on the "Prospective Students" link for more information about the minimum qualifications to apply and a description of the potential benefits of joining the program. The application can be completed online at the following link: http://louisville.edu/honors/prospective-students/application-for-transfercurrent-students . The deadline for current UofL and new incoming transfer students to apply to Honors is Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

Call for Honors Conference Proposals!

Deadline = Friday, January 23, 2015 at 4:30pm



February 27-28th, Kentucky State University

This is great professional experience and something to add to your resume, with all costs covered by the Honors Program. Proposal topics can include, but are not limited to: undergraduate research, a presentation you have already given in class, any papers you may have written for a course that you wish to expound on, or Honors extracurricular programming. If you have any questions about possible subject matter ask your Honors advisor.

Your proposal must include the following:

- 1. Name of presenter(s)
- 2. Title of presentation
- 3. Presentation description (100 words or less)
- 4. Presentation type: podium presentation, panel presentation (must have at least 2 presenters), or poster session, etc.
- 5. Equipment needed: PowerPoint, other computer applications, Internet access needs, film capabilities, speakers, easel, laptop, projector, etc.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL HONORS COUNCIL

March 19-21st, Greenville, SC

After participating in KHR, take your presentation to the next level by attending the regional conference! Travel and lodg-

ing expenses will again be covered by the University Honors Program.

For more details about the conference, please visit the SRHC website at http://www.srhconline.org

You must participate in the KHR conference in order to present at SRHC, or have presented at KHR during a previous semester. If you have not presented at KHR previously, and you plan to submit a proposal for both KHR and SRHC, please note the different requirements for SRHC:

- 1. Name and email of presenter(s)
- 2. Title of presentation
- 3. Brief summary to be included in the conference program schedule (max of 30 words)
- 4. Full synopsis for conference submission (max of 100 words)
- 5. Presentation format options:
 - 10-15 min. podium presentation
 - 50 min. research panel presentation (min. two presenters)
 - Research poster presentation
 - Performance pieces (max of 6 min.—short film, musical performance, visual art display)
- 6. Equipment needed: PowerPoint, other computer applications, Internet access needs, film capabilities,

speakers, easel, laptop, projector, etc.

Email your proposals by January 23rd to kirsten.armstrong@louisville.edu

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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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



Calling All Sophomore and Junior STEM Students!

Consider the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship [For Research-focused students in the STEM disciplines] The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship funds the undergraduate study of college students who intend to pursue careers as high-level scientists, researchers, mathematicians, and engineers. This prestigious award opens many doors for its winners. Sophomores and juniors with an established record or research in their field and a high GPA should consider applying.

For more information see: http://www.act.org/goldwater/index.html National deadline: January 23, 2015.



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Attention Freshman and Sophomores: US-UK Summer Fulbright NOW OPEN!



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.

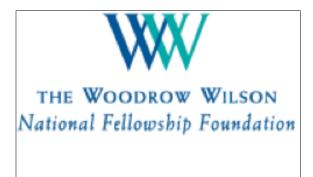
Participants in these programs will get the opportunity to experience an exciting academic program at a highly regarded UK University, explore the culture, heritage and history of the UK and develop their academic ability by improving presentation, research and communication skills.

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

Attention students interested in a Foreign Service Career-consider applying for the Pickering!

You can apply online now for the 2015 Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs & Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowships competition! The Pickering Fellowships help talented students -- highly motivated and academically excellent graduating seniors or college graduates -- who want to pursue a Foreign Service career in the U.S. Department of State. The Pickering programs have been administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, one of the United States' top fellowship providers, for more than 20 years.



Deadlines are quickly approaching! The Graduate Fellowship Application Deadline is January 16th, and the Undergraduate Fellowship deadline is **January 23rd**.

For more information, see: http://woodrow.org/fellowships/pickering

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.





Honors Volunteer Program

The Honors Volunteer Program is having a ommunity meeting this **Thursday January 15th**. Meetings take place from 12:20 to 12:50 in the Etscorn classroom (TH 132). It will be the first meeting of the semester, and they will be talking about a number of upcoming events for the semester. Free hot drinks and snacks will be provided!

Also, this **Saturday, January 17th** will be their first event of the semester; they are going to Iroquois Library to participate in the Engish Conversation Club. The English Conversation Club is a weekly program designed to improve the language skills of Louisville's immigrant population through exercises and worksheets designed to improve understanding and execution of the English language. Participants vary in their English ability, from learning basis words to grammar exercises, and no previous language training is required. If anyone is interested in attending, they can contact Luke Buckman at luke.buckman@louisville.edu or Honors Volunteer Program chair Danielle Deal at dndeal01@louisville.edu.

*Keep on the lookout for more spring 2015 Honors Student Council events in the upcoming issues of The Current!

FROM OUR FRIEND

MLK Week

MLK Winter Accessories Collection Drive Kickoff

Monday, January 12, 2015, Cultural Center, 9am-5pm Join the Cultural Center in collecting new or gently used winter accessory items. This includes scarfs, gloves/mittens, hats, thermal undergarments (new preferred). All donations to benefit the House of Ruth.

"Illustrations of the Dream Within"



Tuesday, January 13, 2015, University Club, 6-8pm

An art display will feature the work of high school students from the Louisville

Central Community Center. The young artists' artwork will be related to the life, legacy, impact and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each artist will be recognized during the event. Reception to include music from University of Louisville School of Music alum Allison Cross and refreshments.

MLK Movie Viewing: Selma

Wednesday, January 14, 2015, Location: TBD, Time: TBA

Although the Civil Rights Act of 1964 legally desegregated the South, discrimination was still rampant in certain areas, making it very difficult for blacks to register to vote. In 1965, an Alabama city became the battleground in the fight for suffrage. Despite violent opposition, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (David Oyelowo) and his followers pressed forward on an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, and their efforts culminated in President Lyndon Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Co-sponsored by the Woodford R. Porter Scholars.

"Fostering a Stronger Community in Louisville: Where Do We Go from Here" Panel Discussion

Thursday, January 15, 2015, Cultural Center Multipurpose Room, 12-1:30pm

In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., isolated himself from the demands of the civil rights movement, rented a house in Jamaica with no telephone, and labored over his final manuscript. In this prophetic work, which has been unavailable for more than ten years, he lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America's future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, and quality education. Join UofL faculty, students, and local civic leaders for a conversation on how we can work together, utilizing ideals MLK set forth in his final manuscript, to build a stronger community and to address issues vexing the city of Louisville. Light refreshments will be served.

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MLK Dream Wall

Friday, January 16, 2015, Cultural Center MPR, 11am-2pm

Students, faculty and staff are invited to view and or contribute to the "MLK Dream Wall". Participants can express (write, paint, draw, etc.) how Dr. King's dream has impacted their lives or write their own dream and add them to the wall. Snacks provided.

University of Louisville MLK Day of Service

Monday, January 19, 2015, 9:30am-4:00pm

Student Activities Center MPR & Various Locations

The Office of Student Involvement in partnership with the Cultural Center and the Engage Lead Serve Board will present MLK Day of Service on January 19, 2015. Transportation to and from the service sites will be provided, as well as lunch. Walk-ins may be accommodated depending on site availability. If you'd like more information, please contact Brittany Barnes at 852.3754 or email bnbarn02@louisville.edu.

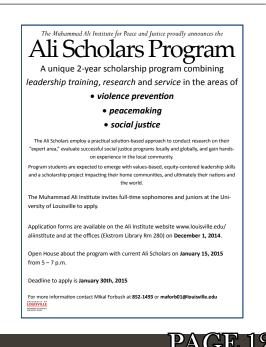
MLK Day of Service

What: MLK Day of Service When: **Monday, January 19th** @ 10am -2:30p Where: UofL SAC MPR

Why: MLK Day of Service is an American tradition, since 1994. You are encouraged to become part of the UofL community in making it a "day on", not a "day off". The event includes a kick-off luncheon, guest speaker, and multiple service opportunities at various sites across the city of Louisville. Transportation to and from the service sites will be provided. Register online: http://louisville.edu/studentactivities/service-opportunities/mlk-day-of-service

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).



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A.C.E.S

The University of Louisville's A.C.E.S. KY: Black & Latino Student Symposium explores both scholarly and practical approaches to systemic issues of access and student success for Black and Latinos within educational systems. The event will be held Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the University of Louisville's Swain Student Activities Center in Louisville, Kentucky as a pre-conference event to the National Black Family Conference to be held **February 26th-28th** at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

As a partner with the University's Project Progress: 1965, a five year exploration of the last half decade of America's Civil Rights years (1963-1968), the symposium will explore the issues that lead to the need for the Higher Education Act of 1965 and what progress has been made to improve Black and Latino students' access to and success within institutions of higher education from 1965 to present.

We seek proposals for paper and poster presentations, interactive workshops, or colloquia, for 75-minute concurrent sessions. We are particularly interested in instructional and program models, theoretical developments, and empirical research that address how education has influenced the human condition over the past 50 years.

- o Academic challenges that impact student success
- o Cultural Awareness and identity formation through academic and co-curricular experiences

o Engagement theory, concepts, and strategies of Black and Latino students within and outside of the classroom

o Social Justice movements, at the micro and macro levels, that impact educational attainment.

Deadline to submit your proposal is **January 16, 2015** Submit Proposal to http://uofl.me/as-aces-15

Questions? Please contact Tomarra Adams at 502-852-3077 or by email at tomarra.adams@louisville.edu

Shadow Host Lunch!

The Office of Admissions was able to host more than 80 prospective students this fall for shadow visits. We couldn't have done with without all of our amazing volunteer hosts.

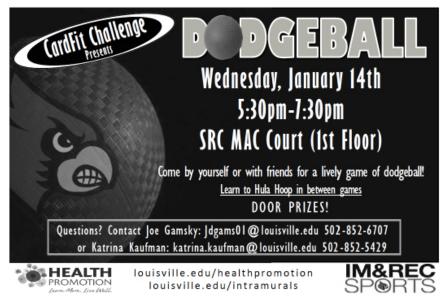
To kick off the new semester there will be a lunch for NEW and RETURNING Shadow Hosts.

Thursday, January 22nd from 11:30 am- 1:00 pm in the Red Barn.

RSVP Required. Please email Megan Adams, megan.adams@louisville.edu

FROM OUR FRIENDS

Health Promotions



Tunes For Wounds

Join in the fight against child abuse by coming to the Tunes for Wounds concert! It is a benefit concert featuring Sons of Circus and Tatiyana Dean- two student bands. 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.



Get the Honors Connection





facebook.com/LouisvilleHonor



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.

Silent Solstice

Join Student Activities Board and First Year Initiatives for this feature WinterFest event! Cozy up with your friends in the heated outdoor lounge while you enjoy delicious appetizers, hot beverage bars, and make-your-own-s'mores. Take a carriage ride and watch an ice sculpture carving. Then step inside for our Silent Disco, where a live DJ streams music to wireless headphones for this unique and exciting dance experience. FREE food and prizes! Come out and party on **January 15** from 6-9 PM in the Red Barn!

REACH Events

GRE WORKSHOPS in Strickler 111 Wednesday, 1/21: Verbal/Analytical Writing Sections, 5:30-7:00 pm Wednesday, 1/28: Math Section, 5:30-7:00 pm

LSAT WORKSHOPS IN Strickler 111 **Thursday, 1/15**: Introduction to the LSAT & Logic Reasoning, 5 – 7 p.m. Thursday, 1/22: Reading Comprehension & Analytical Reasoning, 5 – 7 p.m.

