

The Current

University of Louisville
Honors Program Newsletter

Groundhog Edition

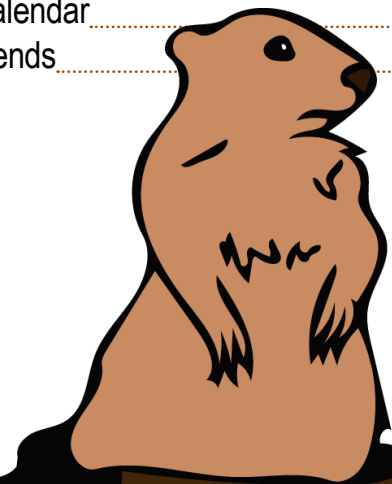
Quick Calendar

- 2/2** Housing Application Closes
- 2/9-12** Valentine's Candy Gram Sale
- 2/9** HVP Community Meeting
- 2/9** Bad Love Poetry Open Mic
- 2/10** NCHC Proposal Deadline
- 2/17** HVP Bake Sale

More important dates and deadlines are listed throughout this newsletter. **Please read carefully.*

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Honors News



HOUSING APPLICATIONS CLOSE **TODAY**

The Honors Program is offering several Living Learning Communities (LLCs) in Kurz Hall, a suite-style residence hall, for Fall 2016 - Spring 2017.

Honors students may choose from two options for next year:

The 2nd-Year Science LLC

This LLC is for students pursuing careers in healthcare, or with majors in Biology, Chemistry, or Bio-Engineering. The course cluster for this LLC includes Honors Organic Chemistry I & II.

The General Honors LLC

This LLC is open to all current Honors students who wish to live in Kurz Hall next year. The Honors LLC does not specify a cluster of Honors courses, but students must enroll in Honors courses to live in Kurz Hall.

For more information on the Honors LLCs and how to apply, please visit: <http://louisville.edu/housing/options/lc/honors>.

To qualify, you must complete the Honors LLC application and be selected for the Honors LLC by the Honors Program. To apply visit: <http://louisville.edu/housing/forms/lc-themed-housing/honors-llc-application>. Once the application is submitted, an Honors advisor will contact you directly with more information. If you have any questions regarding Campus Housing for Fall 2016 – Spring 2017, contact Campus Housing via email at oncampus@louisville.edu or by calling (502)-854-9011 or (502)-852-6636.

NATIONAL HONORS CONFERENCE

The internal deadline to submit a proposal for the upcoming National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) is February 10, 2016. This year's conference will take place in Seattle, WA from October 12-16, 2016. 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. 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.

If you'd like to submit a conference proposal for one of the categories listed to the right, please follow the guidelines available on the NCHC website and send your proposal to Kirsten Armstrong (kirsten.armstrong@louisville.edu). Kirsten will review and provide any feedback. To review proposal guidelines, please visit <http://nchchonors.org/annual-conference/proposal-guidelines/>. For more general information on the conference, please check the conference website or consult your academic advisor.

NCHC is seeking student proposals in the following areas:

- Idea Exchange
- Roundtable Discussions
- Student Poster Sessions
- Student Interdisciplinary Research Panels
- Forum on Diversity Issues
- Master Classes

To find out more about any of these areas, you are strongly encouraged to visit the NCHC website and click on the "conference" tab: <http://nchchonors.org/>

Proposals Due to:

Emailed to kirsten.armstrong@louisville.edu

Conference Dates:

**October 12-16,
2016**

**Location:
Seattle, WA**



EVENT REVIEW: SCHOLARS SEMINAR SHOWCASE

On January 25, 2016 Honors hosted its semesterly Scholars Seminar Showcase in the University Club. Honors Scholars enjoyed catering, cupcakes, and previews of the Fall 2016 Honors Seminar courses. Professors expanded on the topics their courses will examine while students listened intently. As with past showcases, the excitement mounted when the travel seminar was announced. Dr. Hale's description of his course, "The Roman Empire: Science, Technology, and Infrastructure," had students imagining sites in Italy next winter. After the course descriptions were delivered, Honors advisors and Dr. Hart made announcements to the scholars about advising, the upcoming Book and Media Sale, and Honors events. Thank you to everyone who coordinated and helped with this event. Its success was due to your efforts!

Any student interested in seeing the full list of Honors seminars or applying for the Fall 2016 Overseers' International Travel Seminar can do so through the Honors website: <http://bit.ly/1Sjakyw>



Top: (Left) While Dr. Hale presents about the Travel Seminar, a student reads the criteria to apply. (Right:) Students laughing at Professor Grubb's Beowulf jokes. Middle: Dr. Bunck presents her class. Bottom: (Left) Professor Nuñez encourages audience participation during her presentation. (Right) A student listens to Dr. Hale present on the Travel Seminar to Italy.

Stay Connected with Honors!

You don't have to wait for the next issue of The Current to keep up with Honors. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram for regular updates. Announcements, event information, photos, and more! Don't miss anything by following our social media!



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Alumni Spotlight



Ryan Moran

Assurance Staff at Ernst & Young, LLP

Graduated Spring 2014

Majors: Accounting, Economics, and Finance • Minors: International Business and Marketing

Did the Honors Program enhance your undergraduate experience?

The Honors Program didn't just enhance my undergraduate experience - it was my college experience. From my very first days in Louisville staying in Threlkeld Hall, Honors students, advisors, and professors shaped my four years at UofL. I might be a bit of an extreme case of being involved with the Honors Program (I'll admit it!), but some of my best memories, friends, and mentorships are directly attributable to the Honors Program.

How did you get involved with the Honors Program as a student?

Honors Student Council, to Honors classes, the Honors Scholars Program, Honors advising, and Honors conferences, I tried to take advantage of every opportunity the Honors Program provided. My only regret was not being able to take an international Honors seminar!

What positions did you hold with Honors student organizations?

After being involved with Honors Student Council my first year at UofL, I served as the co-President of Honors Student Council my sophomore year (with none other than Olivia Sailor, an Honors Academic Advisor!), where I helped organize the 2012 Book and Media Sale. I ran for reelection and served as President my junior year, while participating in the Board of Overseers Honors Mentor Program (a program that I highly recommend). Senior year I worked for the Honors Program as a Student Assistant and editor of *The Current*. (They couldn't get rid of me, so I even served as an Honors Peer Advisor the summer after I graduated!)

As a former President of HSC, what was an initiative that your council coordinated that you are the most proud of?

I am very proud that the Yule Ball has not only survived, but thrived. When I was President of Honors Student Council, we had the crazy idea that Honors students might just be interested in a high school-style dance. I had four terrific first year members of HSC (one of whom ended up being the current President of HSC), who led the charge to create the first-ever Harry Potter-themed dance. I also love the idea of a *Mean Girls* Spring Fling, and wish I could have attended!

As a participant in Honors conferences, what was your favorite conference and what topic did you present on?

I was very lucky to attend the National Collegiate Honors Conference in New Orleans in November, 2013. In conjunction with Honors students from Eastern Kentucky University I helped lead a discussion entitled, "Supporting Student Transformation: How Honors Programs Provide Leadership Development Opportunities." This round-table challenged attendees to think of ways Honors Programs can create leadership opportunities for Honors students to benefit both the Honors and surrounding communities. In particular, I was able to use UofL's Yule Ball and Book and Media Sale as examples of UofL's efforts.

You were an editor of *The Current*; what drew you to the Honors Newsletter?

After serving as the President of the Honors Student Council during my junior year at UofL, I wanted to remain very active in the Honors Program during my senior year. Based on my previous work with the Honors Program, I was extended the opportunity to serve as the editor of *The Current* - which gave me the opportunity to work closely with Honors advisors, professors, students, and organizations. How could I say no?

Photo: Ryan in front of the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal. Cincinnati, OH, 2015.

Alumni Spotlight

What was your goal with the Honors Newsletter? How did you want to shape it?

The summer before I started as the editor of *The Current*, I put a lot of thought into what I wanted the newsletter to look like. Luke Buckman inspired me to think bigger than just a regular newsletter, and gave me a lot of creative license (not to mention his trust in using the Honors Program DSLR camera). I think the newsletter has evolved with each edition, and each successive editor has brought fresh design and exciting ideas.

How did you use *The Current* as a student?

I read *The Current* religiously when I was at UofL. Before I was helping to make it, it was my calendar for Honors events and introduced me to other opportunities on and around campus.

What was your path from graduating with your undergrad degrees to the present?

After graduating from the University of Louisville I joined the Cincinnati Assurance practice of Ernst & Young, LLP (EY), where I perform audit services for large public companies. I recently became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and I look forward to eventually continuing my education.

How did UofL prepare you for this path?

The College of Business made my path to EY a possibility. With internship opportunities, interesting classes, and challenging professors, I gained the experiences and academic knowledge required to succeed after graduation.

Looking back what advice would you give yourself during your undergraduate career?

A handful of majors and a good GPA are great, but there's a lot of life that happens while you're in school. During college you learn as much outside of class about yourself as you do in class. Rather than just studying, I wish I had pushed myself to explore more viewpoints and develop even stronger relationships. Don't get me wrong, doing well in college is important—but in the long run, there's not much difference between an A and an A+.

What do you miss the most about UofL?

Simply put, I miss the people the most. I don't know if I'll ever have the accessibility or proximity to as many caring, intelligent, dedicated, and enthusiastic people. Have a question about your class schedule (or what you're going to do with your life)? Drop by and talk with an advisor. Want to find volunteer opportunities? There's an entire office for that. Interested in learning more about GAAP versus IFRS accounting? Your world-class professor has office hours. And those are just the professionals. I especially miss having all my best friends in the same city!

What is your favorite restaurant in Louisville?

I always liked to bring friends to Lynn's Paradise Café when they visited Louisville. I know Lynn's has been closed for a couple years, but I appreciated the breakfast for dinner, eclectic leg lamps, and photo opportunities.

Where is your favorite place to get a taco?

Señor Iguanas (or, as Luke Buckman refers to it, Mr. Lizard's). Obviously.

Inquiring minds want to know: Why did you name the Honors Camera Scarlotta?

I don't remember exactly how the name came about, but I'm pretty sure it originated in New Orleans at the National Collegiate Honors Conference. Kirsten Armstrong was partially responsible.

Is there anything you would like to say to the current Honors Student Population?

As editor of *The Current*, every time Luke Buckman was mentioned in the newsletter I referred to him as LeRoy Buckman. I attempted to convince an entire generation of Honors students that LeRoy was his actual name (with questionable success).



Ryan with former Honors Program Executive Director Dr. John Richardson after the spring 2014 Honors Scholars Convocation. Louisville, KY, 2014.

BE A STUDENT WRITER!

We're looking for any Honors student interested in contributing to *The Current*. If you are interested you will work closely with the editor to generate quality content, and you can submit as many times as you want per semester.

**Have an idea for an article?
Interested in learning more?**

Contact the editor, Alex O'Keefe, to get started!

a.okeefe@louisville.edu





Student Organizations

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

NEW FIRST-YEAR REPRESENTATIVES

First-Year Representatives serve on Honors Student Council and work on committees to help with events and initiatives. Honors Student Council welcomes the four new First-Year Representatives!



Philanthropic Events Representative
Corey Dutton



Social Representative
Ben Anderson



Philanthropic Events Representative
Chelsea Fry



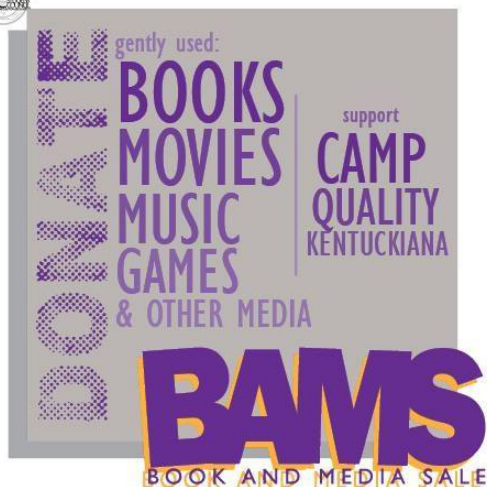
Special Events Representative
Noah Smith

VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY GRAMS

Show your friends or that special someone how much you love them by sending them a candy gram to be delivered on Valentine's Day. All proceeds go to Camp Quality Kentuckiana. Come to the lobby of Threlkeld Hall February 9-12 for yours! Spread the love this Valentine's Day!



CALL FOR BAMS DONATIONS



This academic year, Honors Student Council is proud to announce the bi-annual Book and Media Sale (BAMS). All profits from this massive sale will go directly to Camp Quality Kentuckiana to help give children living with cancer a chance to just be kids. Honors Student Council wants to make this year's event even bigger and better than the last, and we can't do that without donations from you. If you wish to donate, drop off any acceptable items at one of our BAMS boxes (locations listed on right.) Thank you for your generosity in advance!

If you have any questions, feel free to email HonorsBAMS@gmail.com or visit our website, www.uoflhsc.com.

Donation Deadline
Friday, March 25th, 2016

Sale Dates
The week of April 2nd, 2016

What We Need

- Books
- DVDs
- CDs
- Records
- Video Games

Where to Donate

BAMS boxes are located in:

- The Etscorn Honors Center
- Bingham Humanities Building
- Shumaker Research Building
- Student Activities Center
- Life Sciences Building
- The Interfaith Center
- College of Business
- Chemistry Building
- School of Music
- Duthie Center
- Davidson Hall
- Strickler Hall
- Lutz Hall

Student Organizations

HONORS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

HVP COMMUNITY MEETING

Join the Honors Volunteer Program for our February Community Meeting! The Honors Volunteer Program is dedicated to providing students with opportunities to give back to the community. This month, we'll be discussing the issue of water in light of the recent events in Flint, Michigan. If you are interested in being a part of an organization full of students making a difference in the community, please join us! For more information, please contact Danielle Deal at dndeal01@louisville.edu

Tuesday, February 9
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Etscorn Classroom
This Month's Theme: WATER



BAKE SALE!

Come out to support the Honors Volunteer Program and learn more about Camp Quality Kentuckiana, an amazing organization dedicated to helping kids with cancer be kids again. Bring your spare change or a book donation to grab some home-made goodies! More details in the next edition of *The Current*, and on the Honors Student Council Facebook page: [Facebook.com/UofLHSC](https://www.facebook.com/UofLHSC)

Wednesday, February 17

12:00-2:00 PM

Location to be announced
(Check back in the next issue!)

THE WHITE SQUIRREL

"BAD LOVE POETRY" A VALENTINE'S OPEN MIC

In honor of Valentine's Day, come read an original or your favorite "bad love poem" at our open mic event. We will celebrate cliché imagery, corny end-rhyme, and flowery language. This hilarious annual event has become a favorite among *The White Squirrel* editors. Free refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday, February 9

6:00 - 7:00 PM

The Writing Center
Ekstrom Library 1st floor



FOLLOW HONORS STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS!

To keep up to date with HSC, HVP, and The White Squirrel team, check out their social media platforms:



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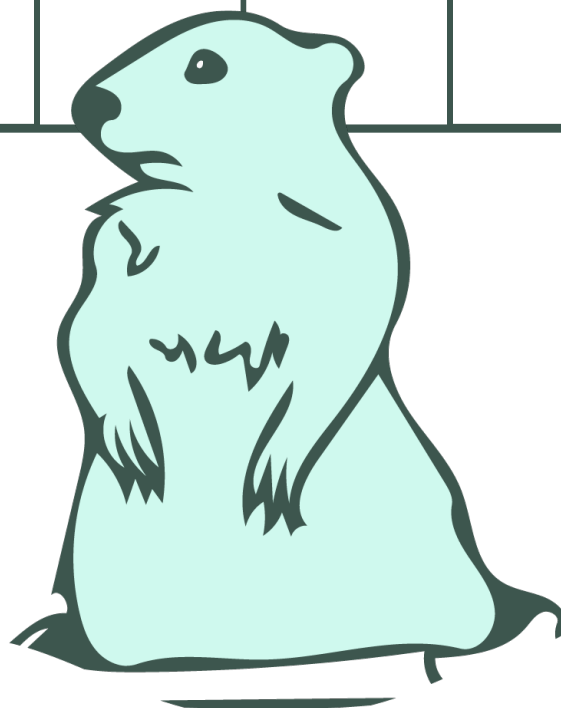


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Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
JAN 31	FEB 1	2 <i>Housing Application Deadline (pg. 2)</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 <i>Community Meeting 6:00 PM (pg. 7)</i>	10 <i>NCHC Proposal Deadline (pg. 2)</i>	11	12	13
		8 <i>Bad Love Poetry - TWS Open Mic 6:00 PM (pg. 7)</i>				
		9 <i>Candy Grams Sale (pg. 6)</i>				



-  Office of National and International Scholarship Opportunities Deadlines and Important Dates
-  Honors Program Deadlines and Important Dates
-  The White Squirrel Events and Deadlines
-  Honors Student Council Events
-  Honors Volunteer Program Events
-  Academic Calendar Dates



From Our Friends

Events

REACH Graduate Prep Seminars

Dates and Times Vary

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For more information visit reach.louisville.edu/seminars

February 3 5:00 - 7:00 PM MCAT: Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems

February 4 5:00 - 7:00 PM LSAT: Reading Comprehension and Analytical Writing

February 10 5:00 - 7:00 PM MCAT: Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems

February 17 5:00 - 7:00 PM Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills

Pages of Dreams: A Visioning Group

February 2, 9, 16 & 23

4:00-5:30 PM • PEACC Center

This group is a chance to start your very own vision book—pages filled with secret messages, inspiration, and dreams. Each week we'll have a new topic to focus on; from there, we'll dive into magazines to create collages of pictures and words. Add it together and these pages will create a beautiful book of you and what you dream.

Cocoa Cart

February 22 & 23 • 9:00-11:00 AM

Your spring semester is well underway! Nothing helps you prep for exams like FREE hot cocoa, so be on the lookout for the Cocoa Cart! First Year Initiatives staff will be roaming around campus handing out free hot cocoa—you can even top yours off with chocolate syrup, marshmallows, and whipped cream! We'll also have free pencils and study tips to help you finish your semester with success, so be sure to stop by.

Learn Koru Mindfulness and Meditation

Tuesdays in February • 6:30 - 7:45 PM

February 2, 6, 16 & 23 • Ekstrom 117A

Focus your mind and become stress resilient. Join our 4 week workshop to learn mindfulness and meditation.



Register: louisville.edu/healthpromotion (Click services/Koru) • \$12 enrollment fee includes book. You commit to all four sessions when you register. Questions? Email karen.newton@louisville.edu

Selma Movie Viewing

February 15 • 5:30 PM • Floyd Theatre

Join First Year Initiatives, SAB, and the Cultural Center for a showing of the movie Selma. Doors will open at 5:00 and the event will start at 5:30 PM. FREE popcorn!

The Gray Area: This is Fear

February 3 • 7:30 PM

The Avenue, Cardinal Towne

What exactly is American Islamophobia? From the campaign trail and a Texas high school, to a proposed travel ban on foreign Muslims—and the worst terrorist attack on American soil since September 11, 2001, the United States wrestles with Islamophobia, and hostility toward the Muslim community has never been higher. What is at the root of it, and how does Islamophobia affect the University community? The Gray Area will discuss how fear can go both ways on the issue. Join our student panel discussion with several guests from the local community—and campus representatives such as the Muslim Student Association, Athletics, Greek Life and law enforcement to foster mutual knowledge and understanding. Contact LaMont Johnson for more information: lamont.johnson@louisville.edu



BCUP Voices Challenge

February 15, 22, & 29 • 8:00 PM

The Avenue, Cardinal Towne

The U of L vocal competition, BCUP Voices Challenge returns for the 2016 spring semester. Checkout some phenomenal singers competing for the title—and the grand cash prize!! Who will advance and win in the finale? The event also supports the raiseRed fundraiser. Come out and support our student performers. Contact LaMont Johnson for more information: lamont.johnson@louisville.edu

Events - Continued

New Targeted Yoga Classes at the Health Promotion Office!

See Website for Schedule

A new series of targeted yoga classes are being offered through the Health Promotion Office. Different theme every two weeks. See website for themes and schedule: louisville.edu/health-promotion



Meat & Potatoes: After Further Review...

February 10 • 7:30-8:30 PM

The Avenue, Cardinal Towne

It is painful to lose a loved one in death, and the past can represent a hole in your heart where your loved one used to be. How does a person cope with the long and often painful journey of grief? Plus, we'll weigh in on the controversy, boycott and reaction to the 2016 Academy Awards nominations and Super Bowl 50. Meat & Potatoes is back for a new semester to discuss hot topics in the news, with a very special guest and more! Contact LaMont Johnson for more information: lamont.johnson@louisville.edu



Summer 2016 FoodWorks Internships Information Session

February 11 • 4:00 PM

SAC W310B

On 2/11 at 4pm in SAC W310B, learn how you can participate in this academic & experiential learning program featuring: 9 intensive weeks in Louisville, VT, or DC (6/5-8/4); a paid internship; a 3-cr course; group living; & weekly field trips. www.middlebury.edu/foodworks



Study Abroad

Study Abroad in Panama

May 3-28, 2016

Earn up to 6 credit hours in Panama City, Panama this summer! Visit the Panama Canal, Gamboa Rainforest, and much more! Apply today, limited scholarships available! For more information or contact Dr. Rhonda Buchanan rhondabuchanan@louisville.edu

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	★	
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For more information, visit <http://louisville.edu/latinamericanstudies>

or contact

Dr. Rhonda Buchanan at rhondabuchanan@louisville.edu

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Other Opportunities

Volunteers Needed to Staff UofL Free Store this Spring Semester

Can you spare an hour to help run the UofL Free Store in Unitas Hall? We need your help to keep the doors open & offer a space for the on-going free exchange of clean, durable items like clothing, shoes, electronics, appliances, household items, books, non-perishable food, bath/school/art supplies, etc. The store is open to all UofL students & employees & is run by volunteers (no special training or knowledge required). The more volunteers we get, the more hours we can be open to serve the community! When are you available to volunteer (leave your email & phone in the comment section on the form linked here)? <http://whenisgood.net/prmydxq> Questions? Contact: austin.putty@louisville.edu <https://www.facebook.com/UIFreeStore>



Other Opportunities - Continued

Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)

Deadline: March 1, 2016

The SROP provides UofL undergraduate students who would like to know more about graduate-level education at the university, with a 10-week (May 31-August 5, 2016) 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 1, 2016. See <http://louisville.edu/research/students/undergrad-grad/summer> for more information or contact Pamela W. Feldhoff, Ph.D.: pwfeld01@louisville.edu

National Student Exchange

Deadline: February 22

It's that time of year: applications for National Student Exchange (NSE) are due Monday, February 22. If you'd like to spend all or part of the 2016-17 academic year in an exotic and educational location like Florida or Wisconsin, please contact Andrew Grubb at abgrub02@louisville.edu for more information and an application. Placements for 2016-17 will be made at the annual NSE conference on March 10, 2016.



Announcing the spring competition for World Scholars funding to support a semester or year of study abroad in 2016-17

Deadline: March 1, 2016

The World Scholars Program provides select undergraduate students with up to \$8000 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 by the College of Arts and Sciences 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, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish) are encouraged to apply.

Full details and application at <http://louisville.edu/artsand-sciences/idep/international-programs/world-scholars>.

Interested? Get started now!

1. Review application requirements linked above 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

IT'S OFFICIAL: PHIL PREDICTS AN EARLY SPRING NO ONE IN LOUISVILLE SURPRISED

After the unseasonably warm weather the past week, no one is very surprised about the fact that Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow today. The groundhog's prediction for an early spring was met with warm responses.

HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY!

