

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings from the University Honors Program! The Spring semester is over, and our 2012 class of Honors graduates has now left us, hopefully to take a breath and then to start fresh with new jobs, graduate, medical and law school, and many other opportunities. Our seniors were a strong and dedicated cohort - we will miss these campus leaders, classmates, and friends. Honors Program graduates were very well-represented among the Hines and Rankin award recipients - congratulations to Megan Cornett, Katie Davis, George Fritch IV, and Shannon Hayes. We are also very proud of the John Moore Award recipient, Meredith Lewis. To all those that have graduated, we wish you well, and look forward to following your successes as ISU alumni. Meanwhile, we are excited about our incoming class of scholarship students, who will soon arrive at new student orientation. Their very capable Honors Peer Advisors await them.

In this newsletter, you will read of the achievements and activities of our students and faculty - scholarships and awards, visiting speakers, campus and community service, and travel - in the voices of our students. I was particularly excited to have the opportunity to travel with President and Cheri Bradley, History Chair Chris Olsen, Vice President Diann McKee, Judge Craig McKee, and our President's Scholars to Washington, D.C. and Virginia on a trip steeped in historical themes. During our trip, our students had the pleasure and benefit of visiting with trustee and former member of the House of Representatives, Ed Pease, at the U.S. Capitol.

As always, we are indebted to the many campus offices with which the Honors Program works every day. The successes of Honors students are shared by the full University community. Your efforts and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the Honors program staff, each of whom is essential to the programs we provide - Laura, the architect of our student programming and communication, and Wendy, who makes our trains run on time. A special thanks to the contribution of graduating seniors Meredith Lewis and Sarah Buck. We in Honors look forward to working with each of you in the coming year.

Greg Bierly
Director, University Honors Program



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2012 AWARD RECIPIENTS

The University Honors Program annually awards several scholarships to support the academic goals of current Honors students. Congratulations to **Joshua Downey** and **Marissa Goins**, the recipients of the Anne Bauer Jackson, M.D. Honors Book Scholarship; **Tiffany Brewer**, the recipient of the Rebecca A. Johnson Honors Program Award for Honors Nursing students; and **Jessica Deaton** and **Shelby Kitch**, the recipients of the Richard J. Brett Memorial Scholarship for Study Abroad.

A number of Honors students were also recognized by the university for their outstanding achievements. **Britany Dean** was awarded the Richard G. Landini Outstanding Junior award; **Katie Davis** and **Shannon Hayes** were awarded the Alan C. Rankin Memorial Distinguished Senior award; and **Megan Cornett**, **Katie Davis**, **George Fritch IV**, and **Shannon Hayes** were awarded the Hines Memorial Medal for graduating with a 4.0 grade point average. Additionally, graduating senior **Morgan Wendlandt** was selected as the May 2012 Student Commencement Speaker.

2012 HONORS FACULTY OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Dr. Darlene Hantzis and Dr. Lindsey Eberman for winning the 2012 Honors Faculty of the Year Award! The University Honors Program annually collects nominations from current Honors students to recognize excellent Honors Faculty who have taught a General Honors, Departmental Honors, or Honors Conversion course during the current academic year.

Comments about Dr. Hantzis, who teaches General Honors courses, include:

"She completely transformed my way of thinking about pertinent topics and was a great introduction to honing my critical thinking skills and applying them in a university setting. Her subject material keeps me interested and her unique teaching/classroom style is an effective pedagogical tool. No matter what, I will always remember Dr. Hantzis as one of the most influential educators in my life as a student and will always remember the important skills she has taught me.

Comments about Dr. Eberman, who teaches Honors Conversion courses, include:

"Dr. Lindsey Eberman is truly the definition of a professor who goes above and beyond for her students. She takes the time to develop a special relationship with each of her students, making her approachable, understanding, and knowledgeable of each student's individual talents and capabilities. She is careful to not assign what most students would consider "busy work," but assigns projects that makes her students think critically about the subject matter and apply what we have learned in a real-life manner."



CONGRATULATIONS, HONORS GRADUATES!

The University Honors Program would like to congratulate the December 2011 (*) and May 2012 Honors Graduating Seniors!

- Jordan Bogart
- Harold Bosstick
- Benjamin Bredhold
- Leslie Brown
- Chase Buchanan
- Marinda Buck
- Sarah Buck
- Lindsey Butorac
- Caitlyn Clark
- Andrea Cole
- Kevin Collins
- Joseph Compton
- Megan Cornett
- Jessica Craven
- Brittany Cuthbertson
- Cassidy Davidson
- Ayrielle Davis
- Katie Davis
- Samantha DeGott
- Amy DuBois*
- Eboni Duff
- Julian Easterly*
- Lauren Edwards
- Joshua Elmore
- Brittany Faulkner*
- George Fritch IV
- Alicia Fritschi*
- Kari Gladden
- Jaycee Hackney*
- Marley Hancock
- Jenna Harbin
- Shannon Hayes
- Anna Hollibaugh
- James Hubbs
- Janelle Huber
- Jessica Kirby
- Alexandra Larkin
- Jennifer Lee
- Victoria Lepper
- Meredith Lewis
- Kendra Lindsey
- Kelly Loman
- Christine Martin
- Kelsie Noble
- Brittany Parrett
- Janine Phelps
- Charles Ricker
- Tamara Riker
- Rebecca Romeo
- Peter Rosene
- Joshua Sapp
- Kendra Slayton
- Rebecca Smith
- Ashley Sokol
- Sarah Stetter
- Jeffrey Tharp II
- Tory Torma
- Ashley Walters
- Heather Welch
- Morgan Wendlandt
- Ethan Wilkinson
- Matthew Williams
- Danek Znika



GH 301: CRITICAL STUDIES OF THE HOLOCAUST



Skokie, Illinois Holocaust Museum

Professor Rider gave me a great opportunity to visit a Holocaust museum for the very first time when we went to the one in Skokie, Illinois. I really enjoyed learning in a more immersed environment. I was very humbled being there, too. Never before had I been so concerned about my past and what had happened in the world before I was in it. We also got to meet someone that was actually living during the Holocaust. This was a great experience because it was something I'd never done before. How many people can really say that they've met someone from the Holocaust? We even got to ask him questions about what it was like to live through something like that. I really enjoyed my trip to the museum, because I knew I would probably never go there again.

Washington D.C and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

I really enjoyed going on this trip, because I knew that it was a great opportunity from the beginning. In my honors class we had the opportunity all semester to learn about the Holocaust, but never experience it up close. The trip to the USHMM allowed for my classmates and I to immerse ourselves into all things Holocaust, whether it be about the history of Germany or the details of the Nuremberg Trials. We spent more than one day in the museum learning things we could never fully cover in class. The trip was such a great opportunity because I knew I'd never get to go again in my college career. The museum is great because it provides more than just Holocaust information. I got to learn about genocide in other countries, too. I'd never really thought about how much genocide and discrimination are still in the world today. After that, we even got to explore other parts of Washington D.C., too. We did everything tourist, from museums to the White House and the Lincoln Memorial. My trip to Washington and the museum were great because I got to learn and really enjoy myself at the same time.

-Taryn Ash, Business major

GH 301: MEDIEVAL CHIVALRY AND COURTLY LOVE

In my honors class of Medieval Chivalry and Courtly Love, we were given the opportunity to travel to the United Kingdom and experience first hand the things we had learned. On March 2, three of my fellow honors students and our teacher, Dr. Harriet Hudson, took off from Indianapolis and were in for a ten-day trip that none of us would forget.

Coming from a small farm town 40 miles south of Chicago, places like England or Wales seemed as fictional and far off as King Arthur or Dragons. Never being outside of the country, arriving in London came as quite a shock being a foreigner, and my voice sticking out so much from the rest of the crowd. Luckily enough, Dr. Hudson is a very experienced traveler, and our group being so small, we were able to blend in, and really experience everything in full.

In our time in London we had amazing tour guides that led us throughout the city and explained in great detail the overwhelming amount of history that there is to be seen. Along with going to places like the British Museum, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Globe Theater, Trafalgar Square, and many other sights around London, we also got to see many smaller places as well that might be overlooked, or not known about. One of my favorite small spots was an old pub called Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, which is the oldest one at England, dating back to 1667. We also took day trips out to Bath, Canterbury, and maybe the highlight of the trip for me, Chepstow Castel. It was such an awesome experience to look around the castle and know that one of our main subjects of our study, William Marshal, had really been here and built certain parts of it. While there I got to try on chain mail armor, an assortment of helmets, and even got to see a weapons demonstration.

All in all, it was an amazing trip, learning not only about medieval history, but also about different cultures and meeting many interesting and knowledgeable people. I also want to add that our teacher, Dr. Hudson, made a huge contribution to our trip. She added on so much to our experience with her large knowledge of history, and helped us out when we may have been short a pound or two. Without her, our trip would not have been nearly as amazing. Also I want to thank the Honors department, who made sure trip still happened even though we were a small group. The things that we learned go beyond the classroom. The trip gave us life lessons that not many people get to know, and gave us memoirs that will stay with us forever.

-Sam Barnes, Art major



MID-EAST HONORS CONFERENCE 2012

Presenting at MEHA was a great experience. The conference had a very interesting and academic environment that invited us to speak on the research and project topics that we had been working on over the last year. For me, that was a cross-cultural project I had been participating in since the fall 2010 semester with Dr. Bierly, Dr. Maule, Dr. Balch, and several other ISU honors students. I had the invaluable opportunity to visit a charter school in Gary, Indiana; host a group of Navajo students at ISU last April; and travel to the Navajo Reservation in Arizona in October. We mostly presented on this most recent adventure at MEHA. Presenting was a great experience because it was very "real-world," rather than like a classroom. That day, we became experts in our field, answering questions and discussing our material with colleagues instead of being graded. It was very helpful for me as an academic and a young professional. While at MEHA, we also got to sit in on others' presentations and learn more about a wide variety of topics, from ancient Roman roads to the pros and cons of various ways to get freshmen honors students involved. Not to mention the accommodations and meals were great! I would definitely recommend attending and presenting at MEHA for any honors student that is interested.

-Laura Brassie, Psychology major

Indiana State University Honors presentations at MEHA:

From Seminar to Cross-Cultural Exchange: Development of an Extra-Curricular Program

Presenters: Laura Brassie, Mallory Metheny, Shannon Winklepleck, and Dr. Greg Bierly

Discovering the Classical World: Honors Study Abroad Research

Presenters: Ayrielle Davis and Leslie Brown

Honors Interaction in Social Networking

Presenters: Renee Buettner and Marissa Goins

Discovering Community: ISU Honors Second Saturday Strolls

Presenter: Professor Marilyn Bisch

Euripides' Medea and the Classical Tradition

Presenter: James Hubbs

Shopping is a Battlefield – How Product Placement and Store Design Influence Consumerism

Poster Presenters: Courtney Bolinger and Leslie Brown



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

TORNADO DONATION DRIVE

After living in Indiana for my entire life, I can honestly say that this state's weather is unpredictable. This was proven when a large area of Southern Indiana was affected by a powerful tornado this past winter. Some communities were lucky and received minimal damage, but in towns like Henryville, IN, it was difficult to imagine that there was a town before all of the destruction. I was informed that there was going to be a trip to Henryville by an ISU group sponsored by the Center for Community Engagement, and I signed myself up to go help with clean-up. After seeing how much the people of Henryville had lost by one act of nature, I felt an even greater desire to help them and decided that maybe a donation drive was a good start.

With some help from the local Red Cross, I was able to find an official list of items that were needed for the victims. After looking at the list, it looked like nonperishable food items, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, and diapers were in demand. I knew I could not complete the drive alone, and so I asked the Honors Council and Center for Community Engagement for help. The Honors Council helped with getting donation boxes placed in Blumberg, Cromwell, and Pickerl Halls, and was able to supply some boxes for the drive. The Center for Community Engagement took care of transporting the donated items to Henryville so they could be distributed where they were needed. The group took two more clean-up trips, one on March 23rd and the other on April 13th. In order to organize things for the trip, I would collect what we had accumulated by noon on both March 21st and April 11th and take them to the Center. I was really proud of seeing boxes full of items, all donated by members of the ISU community. Also, I'm really grateful for the efforts put forth by the Honor's Council and the Center of Community Engagement. Though this donation drive was a small event, I think that every item donated helps make the step towards recovery easier.

-Brooke Truax, Social Studies Education major



COUNCIL OF HONORS STUDENTS

Spring has been both a busy and exciting time for Honors Council members! The semester kicked off in January with the Sunshine Smash, an event complete with all things summer in order to beat the winter blues. February came and went, and with it the annual Valentine's party. Students enjoyed a break from their studies by making Valentine's cards, eating candy, and playing bingo. Our March fundraiser was a huge success in both raising money for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and celebrating the '60s. March also presented another opportunity to raise money for an important philanthropy, and the Council spent lots of time trying to reach this goal. Our Relay for Life captains and team worked hard to raise money for this cause and attended the event to further those efforts. The school year came to a close with the April study week event, at which students enjoyed relaxing activities to eliminate the stress of finals. Next year, though, is already promising to be full of exciting events! With new Council leadership - congratulations Marissa Goins on being elected as Chair, and to Payton Kuhnle as Vice Chair - and enthusiastic members, the 2012-2013 school year will be full of surprises!

-Katie Ellingsworth, 2011-2012 Council Chair



MMRF FUNDRAISER

This March, the Honors Program at Indiana State University was able to hold its second annual fundraiser for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. As a group of Honors students from this university, we are proud to embark on a journey toward finding a cure for this awful cancer, and we hope that our small contribution better that goal. We have worked with two students whose families have been drastically changed due to the influence of Multiple Myeloma; two lives lost that should not have been. We appreciate the work that the MMRF is doing to fight this disease, and we hope to partner with them in the future. Thanks go out to all the students who made our 60s Beatles theme a success and who donated to a great cause.

-Payton Kuhnle, Nursing major

PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

The President's Scholars Association (PSA) had a great 2011-2012 school year. PSA continued to volunteer our services both on campus and in our community. At the beginning of the year, PSA attended our annual camping retreat where we practiced our team cooperation, leadership abilities, and got to know one another. As the school year progressed, we volunteered to serve food at the Light House Mission, participated in Race for the Cure, decorated the fountain area, and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. Throughout these works of service, PSA was able to contribute to others while having fun and working as a team. We recently held elections and the following people are our new PSA officers: Renee Buettner (President), Sean Carey (Vice President), Jonathan Wachala (Treasurer), and Sarah Wachala (Secretary). These officers are sure to bring in an exciting new year and continue the PSA legacy of service and leadership.

-Meredith Lewis, 2011-2012 PSA President

2012-2013 HONORS LEADERS

The University Honors Program has hired ten new Honors Peer Advisors for the 2012-2013 academic year. These are experienced Honors students who mentor new Honors students, recruit prospective Honors students, and promote participation in the University Honors Program. They also make up half of the Council of Honors Students. The 2012-2013 Honors Peer Advisors are: **Renee Buettner, Britany Dean, Josh Downey, Katie Ellingsworth, Marissa Goins, Ciara Hall, Devon Jacobs, Payton Kuhnle, Whitney Neukam, and Patti Thomas.**

Ten additional Honors students were elected by their peers to serve as representatives on the Council of Honors Students. They are: **Eric Barber, Sabrina Brown, Jillian Dixon, Amy Krupa, Elise McElroy, Jonathan Ritch, Brooke Truax, Jonathan Wachala, Kali Watler, and Randa Wells.**

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES



The University Honors Program advises the Indiana State University chapters of several national honor societies. Honors students are often eligible and invited to join these chapters based on their academic achievement.

Alpha Lambda Delta is an honor society that recognizes first-year college students who earn a 3.5 or higher grade point average and are in the top 20% of their class during their first semester of coursework at the university. This spring, 145 ISU students were inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta. **Golden Key International Honor Society** values academics, leadership, and service and inducts students with at least a 3.7 grade point average. This year, 70 ISU students were inducted into Golden Key International Honor Society. Finally, the **National Society of Collegiate Scholars** recognizes high-achieving first- and second-year college students. ISU inducted 201 students into the National Society for Collegiate Scholars.

NEW JOURNAL FOR STUDENT CREATIVE WORKS

This year University Honors Program has partnered with the department of English to create a new journal of student creative works, titled *Allusions*. This journal combines and replaces *AfterImages*, the former Honors journal, and *Tonic*, the former English journal. The journal features creative works of undergraduate students at Indiana State University, including fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, and art. The journal was launched with a reception on Friday, April 27 at the local Halcyon Gallery, along with journals from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

The 2011-2012 *Allusions* journal was compiled by Faculty Advisor Aaron Morales; Editor in Chief Jessica Singleton; Art Editor Jon Bonomo; Assistant Art Editors Soulaf Abas and Jason Gorcoff; and Assistant Literature Editors Kristina Bird, Harold Bosstick, Edwin Mwanza, Catie Spicer, and Nicole Trobaugh. Additionally, Harold Bosstick was responsible for the layout design and Misty Holtsclaw for the cover design. If you're interested in contributing to the journal next year, we also have copies in the Honors Office that you can view and submissions will be accepted during the fall semester.

SUMMER 2012 GENERAL HONORS CLASSES

GH201L – INTRODUCTION TO GREAT WORKS: STUDIES IN EPIC LITERATURE

Summer I • MTWR 9:45-11:45 • Dr. Donald Shorter

This course introduces some of the world's great works of epic literature. The central point of discussion for this course will cover epic definitions, composition, style, technique, types, characteristics, as well as literary terms and conventions. Included in the study of epic will be the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* of Homer, the *Aeneid* by Vergil, the Anglo-Saxon *Beowulf*, and *Paradise Lost* by John Milton. Selected passages from these works will be read and discussed for analysis and comparison. (At least one major project or two minor projects will be required for the semester.)

GH301K – CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY

Summer I • MTWR 9:45-11:45 • Dr. Marilyn Bisch

This course provides students a foundational comprehension of the variety, complexity, and richness of Classical Greek and Roman mythology. Assignments and activities simultaneously focus upon introducing these myths within their original cultural and historical contexts and on consideration of their continued influence on Western thought. This influence extends beyond the obvious realms of literature and other arts to a broad range of academic disciplines from astronomy to zoology.

GH301L – GENDER AND MUSIC VIDEO

Summer I • MTWR 9:00-11:00 • Dr. Terry Dean

This course examines music video as a means of exploring of gender, sexuality, and identity, often in controversial ways. Since the advent of MTV in 1981 and with the establishment of music television networks such as VH1, BET, and CMT, music videos have been treated as literary, visual, and musical texts from which we can gain a historical and cultural understanding of contemporary society. Additionally, the course will focus on how examining music videos can provide insights about aesthetic communication and musical meaning.

GH301M – MASCULINITY IN LITERATURE

Summer II • MTWR 12:00-2:00 • Dr. Aaron Morales

This is a course that is designed to introduce students to a variety of literatures and provoke discussion relevant to society in our lifetime. There are more "literatures" than just the written word, so this course has been designed to show the simultaneous dialogue that occurs between writing and film – both of which have writing at the root of their respective art forms. By the end of the course, students will be able to maintain in-depth discussion on the nature of masculinity, its traits, its problems, and its necessity.

FALL 2012 GENERAL HONORS CLASSES



GH101C – Introduction to Aviation

MWF 2:00-2:50
Dr. Troy Allen



GH201K – Introduction to the Ancient Enduring Great Works: Wisdom

MW 3:00-4:15
Dr. Arthur Feinsod



GH101D – The 2012 Presidential Campaign

MW 2:00-3:15
Dr. Darlene Hantzis



GH201L – Introduction to Great Works: Studies in Epic Literature

MWF 1:00-1:50
Dr. Donald Shorter



GH101E – Philosophy in the Twilight Zone

TR 9:30-10:45
Dr. Kevin Bolinger



GH301B – Data-Driven Decision Making

TR 12:30-1:45
Dr. Concetta DePaolo



GH101F – La Femme Fatale: Gender, Representation, and the Arts

MWF 2:00-2:50
Dr. Keri Yousif



GH301E – Sustainable Development in the 21st Century

TR 12:30-1:45
Dr. Thomas Steiger



GH101K – Dante's Inferno

MWF 12:00-12:50
Dr. Marilyn Bisch



GH301N – The Gothic Psyche in Fiction and Film

MWF 2:00-2:50
Dr. Matthew Brennan



GH101M – Classical Cultures of Greece and Rome

MWF 9:00-9:50
Dr. Marilyn Bisch



GH401 – Honors Independent Study

Date/Time TBD
Dr. Greg Bierly



GH101N – Introduction to Social Justice

TR 9:30-10:45
Dr. Ralph Leck

HONORS CONVERSION FORMS

If you are planning to convert a non-Honors class to Honors for the Fall 2012 semester, all conversion forms should be submitted to the Honors Office in Pickerl 110 by **Friday, September 14, 2012**.

For more detailed descriptions of the General Honors classes, please visit: www.indstate.edu/honors/classes

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GH 301: ETHICS OF HARRY POTTER – PRESENTATIONS



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