

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings from the University Honors Program! School is out, and it's a bit quiet around here as the Honors class of 2013 has left the campus for a little R&R (hopefully), and then new jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities. This senior cohort was a source of pride for the university – they were some of our finest campus leaders, classmates, and friends. Honors was very well-represented among graduating award winners; all of the Hines medalists and nearly all of the Rankin award recipients were Honors students. In addition, we congratulate Britany Dean on being selected to represent her class as the commencement speaker and sharing her experiences and insights so eloquently. As always, to those that have graduated: We wish you well, and look forward to your success as ISU alumni. Meanwhile, our incoming class of students will soon begin arriving at New Student Orientation and a very capable set of Peer Advisors is prepared to meet them. The next academic year for Honors at ISU is very bright.

Congratulations to faculty members Marilyn Bisch and Ralph Leck, chosen by the students as the Honors Faculty of the Year. They were recognized for their deep subject knowledge, passion, and creativity in the classroom. These are teachers that stimulate and challenge students, and their classes are among the many exciting courses this year that the Honors Program was proud to offer.

Inside this newsletter, you will read of the achievements and activities of our students – scholarships, campus and community service, and travel – in their own voices. Among these activities, it was also a great pleasure to travel with the President and Cheri Bradley, colleague Nancy Rogers, and our President's Scholars to several national parks in New Mexico and Texas, and to conduct community service at the Children's Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

We owe a huge debt to the many offices, academic and professional, with which the Honors Program works every day. When our students succeed, it is because of the coordinated and multifaceted effort of the entire University community. A special thanks and acknowledgement to Dr. Jack Maynard, outgoing Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The most recent period of Honors growth, diversification and curricular change occurred within his Academic Affairs division. These positive changes would not have been possible without his vision, guidance and support, most notably his initiation of a special fund to support experiential learning for Honors students.

Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable summer. We look forward to meeting our new students during orientation, and working with our veterans and campus partners in the Fall semester.

Greg Bierly
Director, University Honors Program



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2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS

The University Honors Program annually awards several scholarships to support the academic goals of current Honors students. Congratulations to **Wesley Burcham** and **Alexia Curley**, the recipients of the Anne Bauer Jackson, M.D. Honors Book Scholarship; **Payton Kuhnle**, the recipient of the Rebecca A. Johnson Honors Program Award for Honors Nursing students; and **Sabrina Brown** and **Amy Krupa**, 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 academic achievements. **Katelynn Moats** was awarded the President's Award for Civic and Community Leadership; **Ashley Haack** and **Kelly Steffen** were awarded the Richard G. Landini Outstanding Junior award; **Katelynn Moats** and **Kylee Thacker** were awarded the Alan C. Rankin Memorial Distinguished Senior award; and **Rachel Hand**, **Kristen McDonald**, **Danielle Schuster Nichols**, **Andrea Rademacher**, and **Sarah Wachala** were awarded the Hines Memorial Medal for graduating with the highest grade point averages. Additionally, graduating senior **Britany Dean** was selected as the May 2013 Student Commencement Speaker.

2013 HONORS FACULTY OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Dr. Ralph Leck and Professor Marilyn Bisch for winning the 2013 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. Leck, who teaches General Honors 101 and 201 courses, include:

"Dr. Leck challenges his students and takes them out of their comfort zone to provide a more enriching learning experience. The class forces you to take on new perspectives for the semester and makes you challenge your own beliefs. In the end, you choose your path, but this class gives you more insight."

Comments about Professor Bisch, who teaches General Honors 101 and 301 courses, include:

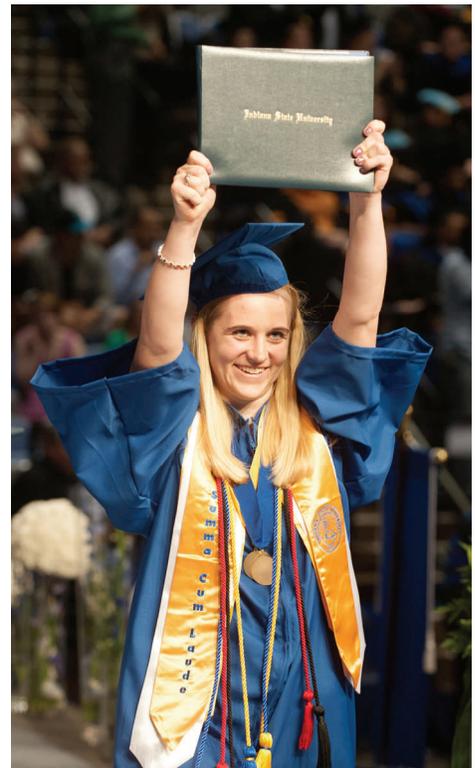
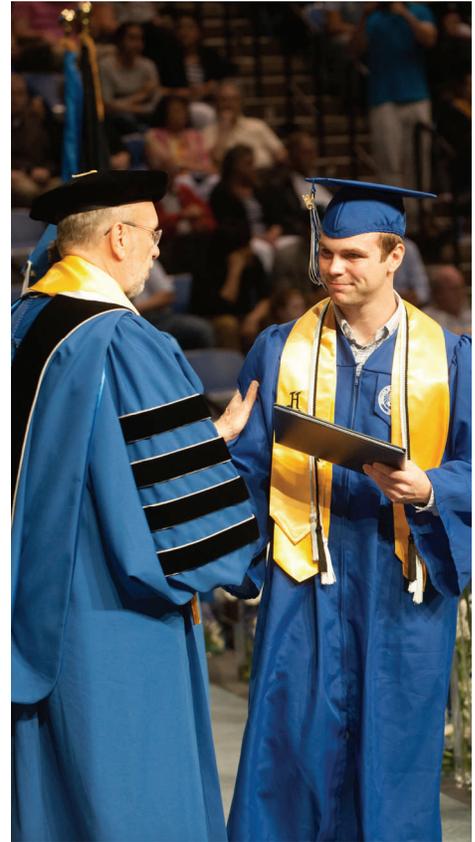
"Professor Bisch is very engaging with her lectures. She is able to take a topic that can be confusing, add humor to it, and make it completely understandable. If for some reason a student does not 'understand, she is more than ready to go over it again and make sure that all of her students are on the same level of understanding. I could not have asked for a better professor for my first general honors class as a freshman."



CONGRATULATIONS, HONORS GRADUATES!

The University Honors Program would like to congratulate the May 2013 Honors Graduates!

- Brianna Ballard
- Jordan Borders
- Laura Brassie
- Jacob Braunecker
- Chelsea Brinegar
- André Brousseau
- Anna Buck
- Renee Buettner
- Eileen Buss
- Riley Christy
- Britany Dean
- Rebekah Dickey
- Bethany Donat
- Katie Ellingsworth
- Chaleise Everly
- Jennifer Garrison
- Rachel Hand
- Amy Hill
- Nathan Hinote
- Leah Horn
- Amanda Hubbard
- Zachary Hurst
- Jared Hutson
- Jessie Jefferson
- Kasey Kahle
- Richelle Kimble
- Kendra Mang
- Nicole McCown
- Kristen McDonald
- Melanie Mivshek
- Katelynn Moats
- Leah Newton
- Danielle Nichols
- Erin Overman
- Kaitlyn Parsons
- Cody Prickett
- Andrea Rademacher
- Richard Rosales
- Shannon Rosser
- Jennifer Schindler
- Kelly Shulman
- Aaron Steele
- Megan Stenftenagel
- Stacey Teagle
- Kylee Thacker
- Jessica Thomas
- Sarah Wachala
- Janet Wall-Myers
- Kevin Waters
- Chase Wilson
- Shannon Winklepleck



SPRING 2013 HONORS THESIS PROJECTS

The following Honors students completed GH401: Honors Thesis projects during the Spring 2013 semester. For these projects, the students were asked to conduct original, interdisciplinary research and write a review of literature. At the end of the semester, each student gave a 15 minute oral presentation of his/her research to Honors faculty, staff, and students, and other members of the ISU campus community.

Carly Anderson	<i>Standardized Testing and Accountability: Validity, Effects, and Motivation for Instructional Effectiveness</i>
Katheryne Barrow	<i>Adderall Abuse in the University Setting</i>
Cindy Bondy	<i>The Changing and Breaking of an Education System Due to Budget Cuts and Government Policymakers</i>
Jordan Borders	<i>A New Product Feasibility Study for Children's IKEA</i>
Laura Brassie	<i>Human Trafficking and American Society</i>
Jacob Braunecker	<i>US GAAP and IFRS</i>
Chelsea Brinegar	<i>Stewardship: An Examination of Essential Components, Donor Recognition Trends and Donor Motivation for University Foundations</i>
Tyler Browning	<i>Illegal Substances in Sports: Undermining and Demolishing the Integrity of the Game</i>
André Brousseau	<i>College Students and Social Media</i>
Eileen Buss	<i>Art Therapy in Children's Hospitals</i>
Riley Christy	<i>Aristotle: The World's First Sales Instructor, Modern Sales Incorporation of Ethos, Pathos, and Logos</i>
Zachary Combs	<i>The Learning Potential in Core Elements of Video Games</i>
Leah Horn	<i>What is Growing in Your Capri Sun? A Study of the Furry, Rancid, and Ugly</i>
Moriah Huber	<i>Advances in Humanity: Positive Influences from the 1960's Counterculture</i>
Hank Irwin	<i>Researching Mathematics and Agriculture</i>
Kasey Kahle	<i>Effective After-School Programs</i>
Richelle Kimble	<i>The development and Cultural Impact of Russian Ballet: The 19th century to Ballet Ruse</i>

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Aerial Kirchoff	<i>The Impact of Corporate Social Responsibility</i>
Kendra Mang	<i>Teacher Assessments: An Evaluation of Current Models and Suggestions for Future Implications</i>
Elise McElroy	<i>Curriculum: The Heart of Education</i>
Melanie Mivshek	<i>Schizophrenia and Criminality</i>
Caleb Popp	<i>The Role of Adversity on Authentic Manhood</i>
Emily Price	<i>Demographic Factors Regarding the Rape Reporting Rate</i>
Cody Prickett	<i>Gauge of Susceptibility: A Proposal Analyzing and Identifying Factors Correlated With Drug Abuse.</i>
Andrea Rademacher	<i>The Evolution of Leadership Theory and Practice</i>
Richard Rosales	<i>Phytanol: A Prospective Synthetic Adjuvant for use in Immunoconjugates</i>
Jennifer Schindler	<i>Pedagogy and the Search for Perfection</i>
Danielle Schuster	<i>Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports: An Examination of Schools, Students, and Educational Reform</i>
Kelly Shulman	<i>The Importance of the Interior Environment on the Behavior, Learning and Development of Young Children</i>
Aaron Steele	<i>Necessity of the 2010 Airline Transport Pilot Certificate Law and Pending Federal Aviation Administration Regulations</i>
Steven Stewart	<i>Primum Non Nocere: Analyzing the Benefits and Challenges of Integrating Naturopathic Medicine into the U.S. Health Care System</i>
Jessica Thomas	<i>Recess's Impact on Education</i>
Nick Utterback	<i>The Effects of Standardized Testing in Education</i>
Janet Wall-Meyers	<i>Association Between Father Demographics and Father Involvement</i>
Zach Watkins	<i>Family and Educational Issues in the American Immigration System</i>
Chase Wilson	<i>The Manipulation of Religion, Creating Poverty, Inequality, Racism, Sexism and Injustice</i>
Shannon Winklepleck	<i>Getting in Her Head: How Marketers Strategically Target the Biological Needs and Desires of Women</i>

PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARS TRIP

The 2013 President's Scholar Trip was such a fantastic experience. Going to the airport, I was talking with a couple of scholars and Dr. Bierly about how we all hadn't really seen each other in a couple years. We have leadership meetings freshmen year, and then we all get so busy in our own major, and we tend to separate and not see each other as much. I was personally excited to find out how everyone was doing with one year left of school at ISU.

We began the trip in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While in Albuquerque, we visited the Petroglyph National Monument and it was extremely fascinating to see the different drawings on the rocks from past civilizations. There were a lot of pictures we were able to decipher and some that weren't as easy as well. The following day, we drove to the Institute of the American Indian Arts (IAIA), but on the way we stopped at Tent Rock City. We went on a hike through the canyon, and it was so mesmerizing looking up at the rock formations. Once we got to the top, the view was incredible. We were very high up, and some of us look over the edge on a rock sticking up, and on it was some red flowers, the only flowers we had seen on the way, and these were at the top of the canyon. After the hike, we drove to IAIA where we ate lunch with the students there, and had a tour given to us by Ron Solimon, director of the Center for Lifelong Education, and former Executive Director of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. He told us all about campus life and some of the majors that the center offers. To end the day on our way to Santa Fe, we stopped at the Children's Museum for a service project helping with some garden work around the perimeters of the museum. Some of us were able to take a tour of the museum as well!

The couple of days we spent in Santa Fe were so incredible. We took a guided tour of the city, which was very educational and intriguing. We toured a few churches and some of the monuments around the main square. Our tour guide was great and she kept everything so interesting! We stopped at La Casa Sena in the tour, which was a restaurant she wanted to tell us about. She mentioned that from 6-9pm it has an offshoot restaurant called La Cantina, where the waiters and waitresses sing show tunes in between serving dinner to the guests. Our group had 5 music majors, including myself, so we made a reservation for that evening. That night was a fantastic experience for all of us. Kelsey Marvin (Music Business) and Kelsey Hamilton (Music Education) were each allowed to sing with accompaniment by the pianist for the guests, and the night was so unforgettable. While in Santa Fe, we also went to the Bandolier National Monument. We hiked through the park to get to the ladders that Mrs. Bradley told us all about. She wanted all of the scholars to get the opportunity to climb the ladders, while she watched from below to take pictures (because she had already done it a few years ago). It was so cool to see the ancient houses built inside the rocks at Bandolier.

The next excursion we went on was to Carlsbad Caverns in Carlsbad, NM. It was incredible to take a tour through the caves. Our tour guide told some really funny stories about the Carlsbad Caverns, and some really interesting facts. A guide told us that it is the largest limestone cavern in the world, so we were all in awe the entire time. After the Carlsbad, we travelled to Big Bend National Park where we stayed in the Chisos Mountain Lodge. While in Big Bend we hiked the Lost Mine Trail, which took us right to the top of a mountain with a breath-taking view. The hike took us about 3 hours, but it was definitely worth it! The next day we went on the Grapevine Trail to see the famed Balanced Rock. This was a nice relief compared to some of the more challenging trails in previous days. Finally, before heading to El Paso, we hiked the Santa Elena Canyon Trail. This trail traveled along the Rio Grande, and the river was not that wide. We could easily see a Mexican farmer and his cattle about 5-10 feet away. This canyon trail was right on the border between Mexico and Texas. The view from inside the canyon was incredible as well. Our trip ended in El Paso, where we all ate dinner at Cheddars and talked about how much fun we had the entire week.

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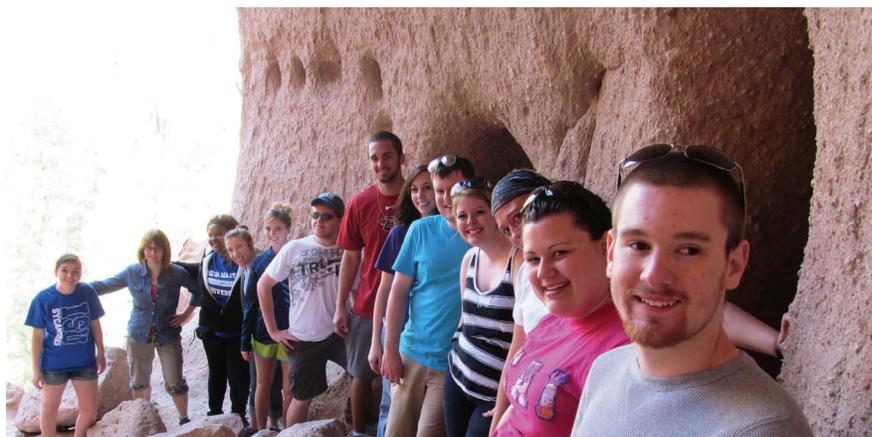
These scholars are amazing people. I am so glad we all got to know each other a little more before most of us do our final year at ISU. And thanks to Dr. Bierly, Nancy Rogers, Dr. Bradley, and Mrs. Bradley; they made sure we all had the best week ever. They definitely succeeded! They were all so much fun to travel with and it felt like more than just one week. We did not want to come home that final day, but we were thankful to be given the opportunity to spend time with our colleagues, go hiking through a few parks, and just see the sites of the Southwest! We all became a lot closer by the end of the trip, and I am so glad that it turned out to be such an incredible week.

-Sean Carey, President's Scholar
Music Education Major



Pictured above: The President's Scholars at Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument in New Mexico.

Pictured right: The President's Scholars at Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico.



COUNCIL OF HONORS STUDENTS

It's been another successful semester for the Honors Council and the Honors Program, in general! Starting off the semester with our January Jam, also known as J², was a good time to just all come back together and relax and play some board games. Everyone seemed to enjoy the time to unwind and spend time with other students.

As the semester continued, the council wanted to help others and had a philanthropy letter writing event for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. We were thrilled that many students stopped by to email a letter requesting donations from friends and family. With hundreds of emails and messages sent out, there were donations made that evening as well as in the weeks afterward.

In April, the Honors Council and L.E.A.F. worked together to raise money for Relay for Life. Fundraisers such as candy grams and sales of chips and soda at the event added to the money that was raised by the individuals on the team. Two team members, Payton Kuhnle and Patricia Thomas, both raised over \$100 to put toward the team goal.

We want to thank everyone for their donations and support! We wrapped up the semester with a bowling outing to celebrate the end of the year and reward the Honors students that had gotten their punch card stamped at various events throughout the year. Thank you for another wonderful year and the new council is eager and looking forward to the fall and the incoming class!

Marissa Goins
Junior, Mathematics Education major
2012-2013 Honors Council Chair

PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

Once again, another year has flown by and it is time to start planning for the summer! Throughout the past year, the President Scholar's Association accomplished a great number of things. Based on our core themes for the year - leadership, philanthropy, and networking - we have taken a role in planning events on campus and through the University Honors Program, volunteered our services to the Lighthouse Mission Organization, and worked with astounding professors and mentors of the President's Scholars. We even found some time to relax learn about each other at different events hosted specifically for the President's Scholars.

With the year ending, the current officers passed along the torch of leadership to the newly elected officers for the 2013-2014 school year. Four new officers will be taking the spots of this year's officers as influential and proactive leaders. Payton Kuhnle, a senior Nursing student, has accepted her role as President, managing the organization and her officers to continue the positive actions of PSA. The other officers, Vice President Yahzmine Rodriguez, Treasurer Trey Decker, and Secretary Erin Sluyter, also look forward to planning next year's events!

Thank you to everyone who supported the President's Scholars Association this past year! PSA looks forward to your continued support of the new officers, their plans, and for the years to come!

Renee Buettner
Senior, Nursing major
2012-2013 PSA President

2013-2014 HONORS LEADERS

The University Honors Program has hired fourteen new Honors Peer Advisors for the 2013-2014 academic year. These are experienced Honors students who mentor new Honors students and promote participation in the University Honors Program. They also make up half of the Honors Council. The 2013-2014 Honors Peer Advisors are: Emily Barrett, Dan Burkett, Alexia Curley, Trey Decker, Kaylee Fox, Marissa Goins, Ciara Hall, Payton Kuhnle, Whitney Neukam, Erin Sluyter, Emily Sturgess, Patti Thomas, Cecilia van Wijk, and Kayla VanBergen.

Eight additional Honors students were elected by their peers to serve as representatives on the Honors Council. They are: Ashley Borhart, Sabrina Brown, Shanita Davidson, Elise McElroy, Erin Slaubaugh, Brooke Truax, Jonathan Wachala, and Mitchell Wasmund.

MULTIPLE MYELOMA FUNDRAISER

For the third consecutive year, the Indiana State University Honors Program has had the privilege of holding a fundraiser for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF). Founded in 1998 by sisters Kathy Giusti and Karen Andrews, the MMRF has tirelessly worked to provide new and innovative treatments for Multiple Myeloma, a blood cancer. Multiple Myeloma has a five-year survival rate of about 38 percent, one of the lowest survival rates of all cancers. The MMRF's progressive methods of research and collaboration have helped bring five new treatments for Multiple Myeloma to the market, and these treatments are being used to help fight over 30 other types of cancer as well. (www.themmr.org)

Multiple Myeloma has personally touched the Honors community at Indiana State in two ways. The disease took the lives of Randy Posey and Dolly Lubinski. Randy Posey was the father of Sycamore Alumna Rachel Posey, and Dolly Lubinski the grandmother of current ISU Honors student, Payton Kuhnle. The fundraising that Honors has completed over the past three years has varied, but this year it took the form of a letter writing campaign, called "Write for Research". ISU students spent several hours sending letters to their friends and family members requesting donations to the MMRF. An online tribute page was set up in honor of Randy Posey and Dolly Lubinski, and we hope that by continually fundraising, ISU might play a role in extending the lives of other cancer patients like the two wonderful people who were taken from their families all too soon. Thank you to all of the students who participated in this letter writing campaign, for your time and effort put forth to support such a cause is quite commendable.

Payton Kuhnle
Junior, Nursing major



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 – The Indiana State University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta inducted 138 new members on April 24, 2013.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS – The Indiana State University chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars inducted 150 new members during the fall semester. The following members have been elected as the 2013-2014 officers:

Vice President: Jennifer Groth

Vice President of the Pace Program: Erica Lomax

Vice President of Community Service: Cassie Cox

GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY – The Indiana State University chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society inducted 72 new members on April 2, 2013. The following members have been elected as the 2013-2014 officers:

President: Daniel Burkett

Vice President: Meghan Hoskins

Treasurer: Amber Forrestall



NEW HONORS CONVERSION PROCESS

The process for converting classes to Honors changed, which will impact the way converted classes appear on DARS from now on. Beginning with courses converted during the Spring 2013 semester, a class that has been converted to Honors will not appear in a student's records as an Honors class until the end of the semester, at which point the change will become visible in the title of the class. The class will still appear in the Honors elective category, but without the "H" with the course number. Instructors will no longer see a separate section for the converted class, and there will be no changes to the course in Blackboard. These changes only impact the timing and appearance of the converted class on DARS and Blackboard.

Students who convert classes to Honors should receive a confirmation email that their conversion paperwork was received and approved and should proceed with completing the agreed upon Honors component for the converted class, as usual.

FALL 2013 GENERAL HONORS CLASSES



Introduction to Aviation
GH101-001 (CRN 53917)
MWF 2:00-2:50

Dr. Troy Allen



Introduction to the Ancient Great Works: Wisdom
GH201-001 (CRN 53936)
MW 3:00-4:15

Dr. Arthur Feinsod



Philosophy in the Twilight Zone
GH101-002 (CRN 53918)
TR 9:30-10:45

Dr. Kevin Bolinger



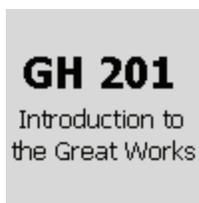
Introduction to the Great Works: Studies in Epic Literature
GH 201-002 (CRN 53937)
MWF 1:00-1:50

Dr. Donald Shorter



La Femme Fatale: Gender, Representation, and the Arts
GH101-003 (CRN 53930)
MW 2:00-3:15

Dr. Keri Yousif



Intruction to the Great Works: Working Class Literature
GH 201-003 (CRN 53938)
MWF 2:00-2:50

Prof. Aaron Morales



Classical Cultures of Greece and Rome
GH101-004 (CRN 53931)
MWF 12:00-12:50

Prof. Marilyn Bisch



Introduction to the Great Works: An Intellectual History of Modern Europe
GH201-004 (53939)
TR 11:00-12:15
Dr. Ralph Leck



Introduction to Social Justice
GH 101-005 (CRN 53932)
TR 9:30-10:45
GH 101-006 (CRN 53933)
TR 2:00-3:15
Dr. Ralph Leck



Sustainable Development in the 21st Century
GH301-001 (CRN 53940)
TR 12:30-1:45

Dr. Thomas Steiger



Leadership: When It's Your Turn
GH101-007 (CRN 53934)
TR 10:00-11:15

Dr. Steve Gruenert & Dr. Jason Winkle



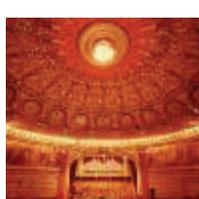
Oscar Wilde
GH301-002 (CRN 53941)
MWF 9:00-9:50

Prof. Marilyn Bisch



Political Communication: Student Activism
GH101-008 (CRN 53935)
TR 2:00-3:15

Dr. Darlene Hantzis



Musical Acoustics
GH301-003 (CRN 59343)
MWF 1:00-1:50

Dr. Uwe Hansen

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

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