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Welcome back! from Dr. Roberta Maguire

In this our first edition of the Honors newsletter for 2010, we thought we'd share the UHP news, some of which affects everyone, much of which will affect you now or in the near future, and all of which we think is good.

First, beginning with registration for Fall 2010 classes, you will see that the Honors core courses are no longer listed as Interdisciplinary Studies courses but rather are designated as HNRS—an abbreviation, of course, for Honors. So the first year seminar is now HNRS 175, Culture Connection is HNRS 271 and 272, and the senior seminar is HNRS 475. We are delighted to have this new designation for our classes. All of the other courses that are discipline-specific (like the English classes, the Psychology classes, Biology, Religious Studies, etc.) will retain the prefixes appropriate for the discipline. The only classes affected are those that originate with the University Honors Program—the core classes.

Another change—and a big improvement, we think—is that the UHP now has funding, courtesy of

the Provost's office, to award students undertaking Honors theses. Sometimes a thesis project requires students to get training on new software, or to travel to a library or other site off-campus, or to purchase a range of supplies to facilitate the research process. We now can award what we are calling "small grants"—up to \$500—to cover those expenses. If you have an approved prospectus, you are eligible to apply for such a grant at any time. We encourage you to apply as early as you can, as our funding, unfortunately, is not unlimited. The requirements for the application are as follows: provide a detailed anticipated budget and an explanation for the funds requested. Since the office maintains files for approved prospectuses, it is not necessary to give a detailed explanation of your project overall; rather, the important details are those that are related to your request for funding. If you have any questions about the process, please contact anyone on the Honors staff. And submit a request!

Yet another piece of news concerns Honors housing: this year we have very much enjoyed having a designated "Honors floor" on the second floor of North Scott. And, from what we hear, the residents have been quite pleased as well, as have the folks in Residence Life. So we want to keep a good thing going! Due to many renovations occurring in residence halls next year, Residence Life is having to do some reshuffling. What that means is that the Honors floor is moving—but not too far and not too high: starting next fall, the Honors floor will occupy the second floor of South Scott. We expect it will have the same good atmosphere,

with some returning folks setting the tone along with Adam, who will continue to maintain his usual Wednesday office hours there. So if any of you are considering a move on campus for next year, be sure to check out this housing option.

And here's a piece of news that affects everyone currently enrolled in Culture Connection as well as those of you taking Culture Connection in future semesters: Beginning this semester, we are asking all students enrolled in Culture Connection I and II to submit a copy of your final paper to the Honors office at the same time that you submit it to your reader. We won't be grading the paper, but we will be looking at it for assessment purposes—assessing how well the UHP is delivering on the student outcomes we believe the Honors Program curriculum and activities promote. We will remind you and your reader later in the semester about this new dimension of Culture Connection, and we appreciate your support of it.

Finally, we wanted to let everyone know that again this year the UHP, in conjunction with the UHSA, is sponsoring the Honors Teaching Award—a recognition that is totally controlled by Honors students themselves. Last year, Professor Bill Mode (Geology) was our first recipient. Check out more information about this from UHSA president Charlee Larson on page 3 of the newsletter.

We wish everyone an exciting and mind-expanding spring semester and look forward to seeing you whenever you have the chance to stop by the Honors office to let us know how things are going.

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Check it out: www.uwosh.edu/honors/



Fall 2010 Honors Courses

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00	ENGLISH 110-002 Honors Comp "The Holocaust: Never Again" (Henson)		ENGLISH 110-002 Honors Comp "The Holocaust: Never Again" (Henson)		ENGLISH 110-002 Honors Comp "The Holocaust: Never Again" (Henson)
9:10-10:10	COMM 112 (Considine) THEATRE 162 (Donnelly & Hogle)		COMM 112 (Considine) THEATRE 162 (Donnelly & Hogle)		COMM 112 (Considine) THEATRE 162 (Donnelly & Hogle)
9:40-11:10		ENGLISH 110-001 Honors Comp "American Civil War" (Dingledine)		ENGLISH 110-001 Honors Comp "American Civil War" (Dingledine)	
10:20-11:20	BIOLOGY 108 <i>Lecture</i> (Michalski)		BIOLOGY 108 <i>Lecture</i> (Michalski)		BIOLOGY 108 <i>Lecture</i> (Michalski)
11:30-1:00		POLI SCI 107: Intro to Comparative Politics (Scribner) HNRS 175-004 & 005 Seminar: Light & Sound (Rioux & Ridgely)		POLI SCI 107: Intro to Comparative Politics (Scribner) HNRS 175-004 & 005 Seminar: Light & Sound (Rioux & Ridgely)	
11:30-12:30				BIOLOGY 108 <i>Discussion</i> (Foust)	
1:20-2:50		ENGLISH 228 Modern American Lit (Feldman) ENGLISH 310 Honors Advanced Comp (Interdisciplinary) (Maguire) PHILOSOPHY 106: Ethics (Kyburg)		ENGLISH 228 Modern American Lit (Feldman) ENGLISH 310 Honors Advanced Comp (Interdisciplinary) (Maguire) PHILOSOPHY 106: Ethics (Kyburg)	
1:20-4:20				BIOLOGY 108 <i>Lab</i> (Foust)	
1:50-3:20		HNRS 175-001 to -003 Seminar: Ethics (Eierman, Murphy, & Pickron)		HNRS 175-001 to -003 Seminar: Ethics (Eierman, Murphy, & Pickron)	
2:00-5:00			INTRNTL 309 (Grieb)		

Don't Forget Culture Connection I and II (HNRS 271 and 272)

These Honors requirements are Independent Study courses so they're not included on our grids of regularly scheduled classes. Culture Connection encourages students to attend and respond to community events of their choosing. The assignments are designed to build and improve students' critical thinking and writing skills. At just one credit each, these courses fit easily into most semesters. Seats are limited so sign up now!

Honors Registration: When Can I Sign Up for Fall 2010 Classes?

Seniors - Monday, March 1
Juniors - Tuesday, March 2
Sophomores - Wednesday, March 3
Freshmen - Thursday, March 4

If you need assistance scheduling your Honors requirements or have other questions about the UHP curriculum, please stop by our offices in Polk 8 and 10 or make an appointment with Adam BellCorelli, UHP's Associate Advisor, by calling 424-1362 or e-mailing bellcora@uwash.edu.

**LATE ADDITION!
ALSO TO BE OFFERED
FALL 2010:**

**PSYCH 104: Honors
General Psychology**

**Mon., Wed., and Fri.
11:30-12:30
(Worth)**

Outstanding Teaching Award 2009-2010

by Charlee Larson,
Biology major and UHSA President



Howdy Honors Students! This is Charlee, the UHSA President, with an update regarding the University Honors Program (UHP) Outstanding Teaching Award. Last year was the first year that UHP students nominated and voted for the award, which was presented to Dr. Bill Mode of the Geology Department. This year we are looking for another awesome teacher to recognize!

I will provide a form via e-mail in which you, the Honors student, will nominate three Honors professors based on the criteria provided. I ask that you take some time to tell us why you are nominating the professors and how they fit the criteria.

After the nomination forms are collected and the top three nominated professors are determined, a voting ballot will be sent out with the top three nominated professors. At this point, you will vote for the Honors professor you feel best deserves recognition! If you have not had a particular professor, you can still vote based on your personal knowledge and experience.

The nomination forms will be distributed soon and will include Honors professors from the last two semesters (spring 2009 and fall 2009). The due date will be indicated on the nomination form along with the criteria for nomination.

I hope you all have an idea of an awesome professor whom you feel deserves recognition!

Have a great semester and I'll be in touch soon!

Course Alert: Political Science 107



Fall 2010
T & Th 11:30-1:00
with Dr. Druscilla Scribner

Course Description

POLI SCI 107 is an introductory Honors-level course in Comparative Politics, one of the four major sub fields in Political Science. Comparative Politics is concerned with the study of domestic politics in countries other than one's own (American Politics is its own sub field of Political Science). Across the semester we will confront a number of fundamental questions in the study of politics: What is the relationship between political and economic freedom and between those freedoms and equality? How do states emerge and endure? How do government choices produce more (or less) equitable societies? What explains (and contains or promotes) political violence? How do we get and sustain democracy in countries as diverse as South Africa, Russia, India, or Brazil? What can we learn from developed democracies such as the United Kingdom and Germany that can help us to understand political competition in emerging democracies and future opportunities for political liberalization in non democracies like Iran and China? We will explore the three central conceptual approaches used in Comparative Politics to research and answer these kinds of questions (the institutional approach, the structural approach, and the cultural approach).



The course has three main goals: (1) to introduce you to the major conceptual approaches used in Comparative Politics and Political Science generally; (2) to systematically and critically examine political experiences in countries outside the United States using the comparative method; and (3) to provide you with analytical, critical thinking, and writing skills that will contribute to your liberal arts education.

Honors Thesis Informational and Planning Meeting

To those seniors who are interested in the Honors Thesis option for your Senior Capstone: If you would like to start working on your Honors Thesis this spring, are considering the thesis option for the future, or have general questions about the Senior Capstone, please attend:

*Spring 2010 Thesis Info Gathering and Planning Meeting
Thursday, February 11, at 4:00PM
Honors Lounge - Pelk 17*

The meeting will be conducted by
Dr. Roberta Maguire, UHP Director. See you then!

If you are unable to attend this important meeting, please contact the UHP at 424-1303 or e-mail Dr. Maguire at maguire@uwosh.edu.

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Campus and Community Events

Saturday, February 6 (and every first Saturday of each month), from 6:00PM to 9:00PM: Art Walk, Main Street, Oshkosh. On the first Saturday of each month, Oshkosh galleries and businesses extend their hours, provide refreshments, and display local artists' creations. A relaxing way to start off your evening, tour our downtown, and appreciate the efforts of artists in the community, the Art Walk has become an Oshkosh tradition. Check out the Art Walk's Web site and see which shops and galleries will be participating this month, print maps to plan your evening, and more: <http://www.oshkoshgallerywalk.com/>.

Thursday, February 11, from 6:30PM to 9:30PM: Rosewood, African American Studies Film Series, Nursing/Ed 151, Introduced by Dr. Liz Cannon and Dr. Michelle Kuhl. Rosewood is a compelling account of the thriving black Florida community whose citizens in the 1920s were massacred and the town itself was burned to the ground.

Sunday, February 14, from 3:00PM to 7:00PM: Seventh Annual Death by Chocolate Valentine's Day Event, Downtown Appleton. From triple chocolate cheesecake to chocolate fountains, indulge your sweet tooth with decadent treats from more than a dozen vendors. Individual tickets are \$20; tickets for two are \$35 and may be purchased in person at the Appleton Downtown Inc. office at 116 North Appleton Street, by calling (920) 954-9112, or on the Web site store at www.appletondowntown.org. For a list of participating restaurants and shops, visit <http://www.appletondowntown.org/appletondt/home/spec+-+death+by+chocolate.asp>.

Wednesday, February 17, through Saturday, February 20, at 7:30PM; Sunday, February 21, at 2:00PM: Collected Stories by Donald Margulies, Fredric March Theatre, 926 Woodland Avenue, Oshkosh. Margulies's 1998 play is a riveting character study that explores the escalating relationship between a teacher and the ambitious student who develops into her rival. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$3 with student ID. For more information and to view the 2009-2010 UW Oshkosh Theatre Season, visit <http://www.uwosh.edu/theatre/Theatre/ThSeas.html>.

Wednesday, February 17, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM: Starting a Bed and Breakfast, Brayton B&B, 143 Church Street, Oshkosh. For anyone who has wondered what it takes to conceptualize, plan for, and operate a B&B, Nicole Brayton's voice of experience will be an invaluable resource. Fee is \$39. To register and to learn more about this and other local workshops, visit http://www.bailiwickworkshops.com/Home_Page.html or call (920) 379-3741.

Friday, February 19, from 6:00PM to 9:00PM: Moonlight Ski & Hike, Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 North Lyndale Avenue, Appleton. This beautiful preserve's many trails will be candlelit for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and hiking. Flashlights are recommended. Ski and snowshoe rentals are available for \$5 and \$3.50, respectively, and include trail fee. If using one's own equipment, there is a trail fee of \$3. For more information, call the preserve at (920) 731-6041 or visit <http://www.bubolzpreserve.org/>.

Wednesday, February 24, from 11:00AM to 5:00PM: American Red Cross Blood Drive, Reeve Memorial Union, Room 227A. The whole process takes only about an hour. Please take time to donate! This event is sponsored by the University Honors Student Association and the UW Oshkosh American Red Cross Club. Walk-ins are welcome or to schedule an appointment, visit <http://www1.givebloodgivelife.org/>.

Thursday, February 25, from 6:00PM to 9:00PM: Passing Strange, African American Studies Film Series, Nursing/Ed 151, Introduced by Dr. Don Dingleline and Dr. Roberta Maguire. Spike Lee's newest film is a front row seat to a middle-aged rock musician's reflections on his electric, poetic, sentimental journey as a young man from California to the capitals of Europe that also manages to capture the show's undeniable energy during its final performances on Broadway.

Saturday, February 27, through Sunday, May 23 (Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00AM to 4:30PM; Sundays from 1:00PM to 4:30PM): Snapshots of History: Oshkosh 100 Years Ago, Oshkosh Public Museum, 1331 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh. Would you recognize Oshkosh circa 1910? Scores of large-scale photos of street scenes, significant buildings, and typical landscapes of the time, all recent acquisitions of the museum, will be on view. Adult tickets to this exhibit are \$7. Contact the Oshkosh Public Museum directly at (920) 236-5799 or visit www.oshkoshmuseum.org.

Saturday, March 6, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, March 7, at 5:00PM: Gian Carlo Menotti's The Medium and Other Menotti Scenes, UW Oshkosh Opera Theatre, Music Hall, Arts and Communication Center, 926 Woodland Avenue, Oshkosh. *The Medium*, which premiered in 1946, is a colorful, tragic opera in which Madame Flora, a woman of dubious abilities who regularly masquerades as an intermediary, has a spiritual encounter during one of her imitation séances. FREE with student ID. For details and to see listings for other Music Department offerings, visit <http://www.uwosh.edu/music/calendar/index.php>.

Tuesday, March 30, 10:00AM to 7:00PM: Oshkosh Public Library, Used Book Sale, 106 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh. Don't miss the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale! Every other month, the Oshkosh Public Library transforms its lower level into a second-hand store where you can purchase a surprisingly wide range of good-quality, well-priced books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl, and other materials. The Library, which has served Oshkosh citizens since 1900, was designed by William Waters and is a beautiful example of neoclassical architecture. Proceeds from the book sale will go to Library improvements and reading programs. For more information regarding the sale, please call (920) 236-5202 or visit <http://www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org>.

Ongoing Exhibits and Events

Through February 21 (Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00AM to 4:30PM; Sundays from 1:00PM to 4:30PM): The Italian Influence in Glass, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, 165 North Park Avenue, Neenah. The museum's most recent exhibition presents ancient and contemporary examples of works in which artists incorporate mosaic techniques as introduced by the Romans thousands of years ago. Admission is FREE. For details, call (920) 751-4658 or visit <http://www.bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com/index.php>.

Throughout March 2010 on Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00AM to 7:00PM and on Sundays from 11:00AM to 4:00PM: Rooms of Blooms—First Annual Greater Fox Valley Flower Show, Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh. Celebrate the coming of spring at the Paine when the mansion is transformed with the scent and artistry of more than 100 floral arrangements. Many designs will be inspired by better-known pieces in the art center's collection and by the style and décor of the rooms in which the flowers will be presented. Admission is \$9. Call (920) 235-6903 or visit <http://www.thepaine.org/events/RoomsOfBlooms.html>.

Permanent Exhibit (Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00AM to 5:00PM; Sundays 11:00AM to 5:00PM): Pullman Porters: From Service to Civil Rights, National Railroad Museum, 2285 South Broadway, Green Bay. See a restored 1920s-era Pullman sleeper car and learn about the typical responsibilities expected of railroad porters, their role in significant labor and civil rights movements, and their cultural and economic influence in American society. Adult admission to the museum is \$9.00. Visit www.nationalrrmuseum.org for details or call (920) 437-7623.

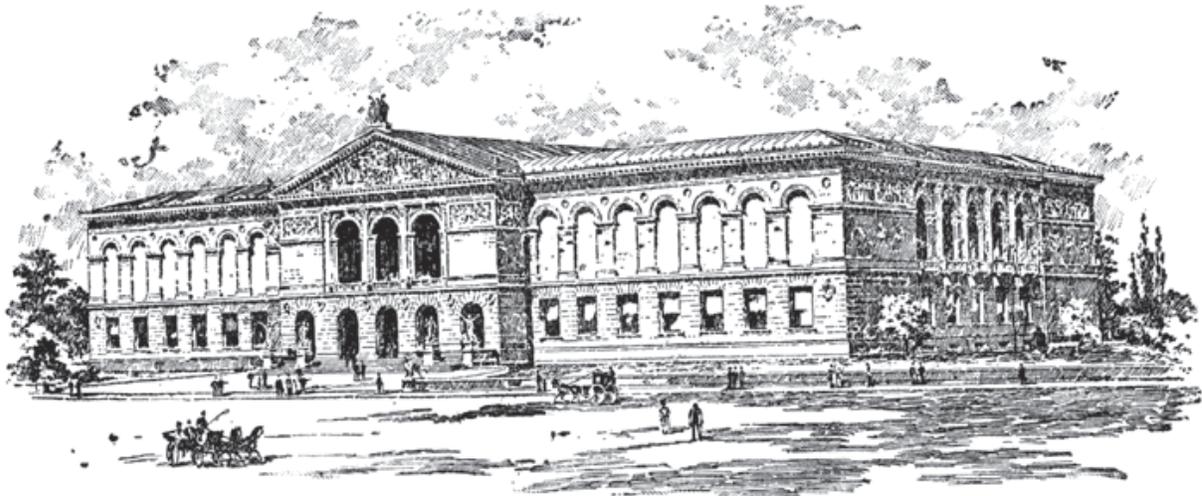
Every Wednesday and Thursday: \$5 Spotlight Movie at Marcus Theatres. Did you know that Marcus Theatres offers \$5 movies on Wednesdays and Thursdays? The ticket price is good all day towards each week's films. The featured movies change weekly so sign up now for e-mail alerts: http://www.marcustheatres.com/index_sub.cfm?pageid=subpages/spotlight.cfm.

UHP SPRING 2010 TRIP TO CHICAGO

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010, BEGINNING AT 8:00AM

WHERE: FOR A FEE OF JUST \$20, WE WILL VISIT THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO, FEATURING *RADICAL INVENTION, 1913-1917*, AN EXHILARATING EXHIBIT THAT FOCUSES ON A PIVOTAL PERIOD IN HENRI MATISSE’S DEVELOPMENT AS AN ARTIST ([HTTP://WWW.ARTIC.EDU/AIC/EXHIBITIONS/EXHIBITION/MATISSE](http://www.artic.edu/aic/exhibitions/exhibition/matisse)); TAKE SOME TIME TO SIGHTSEE (INCLUDING MILLENNIUM PARK AND THE LURIE GARDEN); ENJOY DINNER TOGETHER; AND ATTEND A THEATRICAL EVENT.

TRANSPORTATION: THE BUS WILL DEPART AT 8:00AM FROM ALGOMA BOULEVARD IN FRONT OF ALBEE HALL, AND WE WILL RETURN TO CAMPUS BY APPROXIMATELY 1:30AM ON SUNDAY MORNING. FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, PLEASE CONTACT ADAM BELLCORELLI, THE UHP’S ASSOCIATE ADVISOR, AT 424-1362 OR BELLCORA@UWOSH.EDU.



Vintage image of the Art Institute of Chicago courtesy of the Florida Center for Instructional Technology (<http://etc.usf.edu/clipart>).

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM (UHP) AND THE UNIVERSITY HONORS STUDENT ASSOCIATION (UHSA) ARE SPONSORING THIS CULTURAL EXPERIENCE IN CHICAGO. SEATING IS LIMITED SO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ASAP BY RETURNING THIS FORM (WITH \$20 IN CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO UW OSHKOSH) TO THE UHP OFFICE (POLK 8). THE \$20 FEE INCLUDES BUS TRANSPORTATION, ALL TICKETS, AND DINNER; LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN.



UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM SPRING TRIP TO CHICAGO SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010

NAME: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ \$20 CASH CHECK

E-MAIL: _____

NON-UHP GUEST, IF APPLICABLE: _____

Are You Graduating This Spring? We Need to Know

Honors seniors who have completed their Honors requirements receive special recognition prior to commencement.

University Honors Program Graduates are recipients of the Honors Medallion, which is awarded to students who completed the Honors curriculum and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

University Honors Program Associates receive a Certificate of Recognition, which is awarded to students who completed the Honors curriculum and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.2 to 3.49.

 Honors Graduation Ceremony 
 Monday, May 10, at 5:30PM
 Pollock House

Please let us know if you're graduating this spring by completing a Grad Info Form (forms are available in Polk 8 or by going to <http://www.uwosh.edu/honors/gradseniors/Gradinfo.php>). We will send invitations to the ceremony to your friends and family (as provided on the Grad Info Form).

Completed forms are due to Polk 8 via campus mail or to russoj@uwosh.edu by **Friday, April 2, 2010**.

