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Something for Everyone by Kelly Besasie, Junior in the College of Business

reetings, Honors Students! I hope this finds you well rested after the summer break and eager to begin a new semester. As the new president of the University Honors Student Association (UHSA), I have been anticipating your arrival on campus as I, along with the other Executive Board members, begin preparing for the exciting year ahead of us.

First, let me tell you a little bit about the UHSA. This student-led organization, which is open to Honors and non-Honors students, strives to enhance the on-campus experience by providing volunteer and social opportunities to its members. The group meets two times each month to plan volunteer activities and to discuss potential events and fundraisers. Believing that hard work warrants some free time, UHSA members also enjoy coordinating fun social gatherings for Honors students.

The UHSA has a strong tradition of offering volunteer opportunities to students. Each semester, the group organizes a blood drive held on campus, which assists the local Red Cross. Additionally, we have an ongoing book drive through Better World Books. UHSA members have also nearly perfected their baking skills through our

 semiannual Cake and Baked Goods Silent Auction, which benefits various charitable organizations (for example, the auction last fall benefited a struggling school in South Africa). We are always looking for volunteers (and bakers!) for these events and would welcome your input and suggestions.

Along with our tradition of community involvement, the UHSA also knows how to have fun. We plan numerous social events throughout the semester and have many in mind for this year. An ice cream social is being planned, as well as a Halloween party including pumpkin carving and a haunted house trip. A holiday celebration complete with cookie baking is in the works too. The UHSA also sponsors an affordable day trip each year to destinations such as Milwaukee or Chicago; activities may include museum visits, theater performances, walking tours, and, always a must, a three-course dinner. These events are open to all Honors students and their friends, and the Honors Web site (www.uwosh.edu/ honors/) is updated as details are finalized.

The UHSA relies on its Executive Board to put a lot of effort into providing Honors students with these excellent volunteer and social opportunities. The 2008-2009 Executive Board is composed of motivated, friendly students from all of the colleges who are excited to welcome new members and ideas. Many of the people currently holding Executive Board positions are returning members from previous years. They have gained valuable experience and are more enthusiastic than ever to make this year a productive one.

Then there's Adam. As the UHSA's advisor, he is our fearless leader who is known for two things: sending too many e-mails and providing delicious pizza or other

treats at every UHSA meeting. The emails are usually fairly interesting, though, and the free pizza more than makes up for their frequency! Adam also provides academic guidance and can answer your questions about Honors courses and how to integrate them into your course of study.

The UHSA has something for everyone, whether you are looking to help plan events, support our volunteer activities, or simply make new friends at our social gatherings. Please check the Honors Web site for meeting times, news, and events. We love to see new faces at our meetings and invite any interested students to attend.

A good way to find out more about the UHSA is to attend the Sixth Annual Honors Convocation. This event is the University Honors Program's way of celebrating each new academic year (for more information, please see page 6). There will be a number of announcements and presentations, a keynote speaker, Dr. Simon Sibelman of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and a reception afterwards. We hope to see you there! In the meantime, best of luck to each of you in the coming semester.

UHSA Executive Board 2008-2009

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

Spring 2009 Honors Courses

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:30		THEATRE 162 (Donnelly and Hoglund)		THEATRE 162 (Donnelly and Hoglund)	
9:40-11:10		GEOLOGY 110 (Mode) <i>Lecture</i>		GEOLOGY 110 (Mode) <i>Lecture</i>	
12:00-1:00				BIO 108 (Michalski) Discussion	
12:40-1:40	ENGLISH 110 (Henson)		ENGLISH 110 (Henson)		ENGLISH 110 (Henson)
1:20-2:50		ENGLISH 229 (Maguire)		ENGLISH 229 (Maguire)	
1:20-4:20				BIO 108 (Michalski) <i>Lab</i>	
1:50-2:50	BIO 108 (Michalski) <i>Lecture</i>		BIO 108 (Michalski) <i>Lecture</i>		BIO 108 (Michalski) <i>Lecture</i>
1:50-3:20	PSYCH 302 (TBD)		PSYCH 302 (TBD)		
3:00-4:00	PHILOSOPHY 110 (Carlin)		PHILOSOPHY 110 (Carlin)	GEOLOGY 110 (Mode) Discussion	PHILOSOPHY 110 (Carlin)
3:00-4:30		INTRNTL 403 (Grieb)		INTRNTL 403 (Grieb)	
3:00-5:10		GEOLOGY 110 (Mode) Lab			
3:00-6:00		INTRDSCP 175 Honors First-Year Seminar "Trade and Terror" (Kaplan and Subramony)			
6:00-9:00	INTRDSCP 475 Honors Senior Seminar "The Holocaust: Ethics, Evil, and Faith" (Sibelman)	Don't forget Culture Connection I and II (INTRDSCP 271 and 272) These Honors requirements are independent study courses so they're not included on our grids of regularly scheduled courses. 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 course fits easily into most semesters. Seats are limited—sign up now!			

When Can I Register for Spring Classes?

Seniors - Monday, September 29 Juniors - Tuesday, September 30 Sophomores - Wednesday, October 1 Freshmen - Thursday, October 2

If you need assistance scheduling your Honors requirements or have other questions about the UHP, please stop by our offices in Polk 8 and 10 or make an advising appointment by contacting Adam BellCorelli, our Associate Advisor, directly by phone (424-1362) or e-mail (bellcora@uwosh.edu).

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Mandatory for Freshmen: University Honors Program Orientations

This introductory meeting will provide valuable guidance to incoming Honors students.

It will also give you the opportunity to meet

Dr. Roberta Maquire, Director of the UHP, and Adam BellCorelli, Associate Advisor.

All meetings will be in the Honors Lounge (Polk 17), which is just down the hall from the UHP offices on the lower level of Polk Library. Please stop by for a brief (about one hour) informational session at one of the following times:

Monday, September 8 1:50-2:50

Tuesday, September 9 11:30-12:30 or 1:20-2:20

Wednesday, September 10 3:00-4:00

Thursday, September 11 3:00-4:00

If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, please call the UHP at 424-1303 or e-mail honors@uwosh.edu.

AISTHESIS: HONORS STUDENT JOURNAL

Call for Submissions

AISTHESIS: Honors Student Journal invites submissions in all academic disciplines of research, fiction, poetry, and visual arts from any undergraduate student working in an Honors program or course.

Text files in MS Word are preferred and should not exceed 5000 words. Photographs should be black and white. Please do not send original artwork as it cannot be returned.

Deadlines for receipt of submissions: Monday, September 15, 2008, for the Fall Issue and Wednesday, December 31, 2008, for the Spring Issue. Submissions may also be sent electronically to hons@d.umn.edu. All work will be reviewed by a student and faculty editorial committee.

AISTHESIS:
HONORS STUDENT JOURNAL
365 A.B. ANDERSON HALL
1211 UNIVERSITY DRIVE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH
DULUTH, MN 55812-3027

www.d.umn.edu/honors

UHP Student Assistant Applications Due September 19

The UHP has an opening for a student worker who is able to work six to ten hours per week during the academic year. We are seeking a reliable, creative, and motivated office assistant whose duties will include promoting the UHP (creating fliers, posting news and events on our bulletin board, updating the UHP Web site), collecting materials for our ongoing book drive, and performing general office duties such as filing and light typing. This individual must also be a current member of the UHP. Projected start date: October 13, 2008

Web and creative skills are pluses!
Applications are due by Friday, September 19.
Please submit a letter of interest as
well as your work history to

Dr. Roberta Maguire, Director University Honors Program 800 Algoma Boulevard Oshkosh, WI 54901 page 4 September 2008

Campus and Community Events: What's Going on This Fall

Saturday, September 6 (and every first Saturday of each month), 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/.

Saturday, September 6 (9:00AM to 5:00PM), and Sunday, September 7 (10:00AM to 4:00PM): Living Green Wisconsin Expo, Sunny View Expo Center, 500 East County Road Y, Oshkosh. Learn about environmentally friendly products and services of all kinds, including cleaning and gardening supplies, renewable energy options, and pet care products. Tickets are \$8. For more information: http://www.livinggreenwisconsin.com/.

Saturday, September 13, and Saturday, September 27: Riverside Cemetery Tours, 1901 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh. The tour on September 13 will explore the cemetery's tombstones, terrain, and history. The tour on September 27 will focus on Civil War-era Oshkosh residents, including a general, men who enlisted in their sixties, former slaves, prisoners of war, a woman who worked as a nurse, and an abolitionist. Tickets for each tour are \$10. Advance registration is required; please call (920) 236-5672 to reserve your place. Visit http://www.oshkoshmuseum.org/cemetery_tours.htm to learn more.

Thursday, September 25, 7:30PM: Chamber Arts Series, Music Hall, Arts and Communication Center, 926 Woodland Avenue. General admission is \$8; FREE for students with ID. For more information and to view the Music Department's Calendar of Events, visit http://www.uwosh.edu/music/calendar/index.php.

Tuesday, September 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 basement into a second-hand store where you can purchase a surprisingly wide range of good-quality, well-priced (often very cheap!) 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. For more information regarding the sale, please call (920) 236-5202 or visit http://www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/.

Thursday, October 16, 7:30PM: UW Oshkosh Jazz Ensemble, Music Hall, Arts and Communication Center, 926 Woodland Avenue, Oshkosh. General admission is \$5; FREE for students with ID. For more information and for a complete Calendar of Events for the Music Department, visit http://www.uwosh.edu/music/calendar/index.php.

Saturday, October 18, 12:00PM to 4:00PM: Romp in the Swamp, Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 North Lynndale Avenue, Appleton. This is an Annual Walk to Help Support the Preserve! Enjoy a fall hike on the Preserve's beautiful trails plus hot cider and other treats along the way. For more information, call (920) 731-6041 or visit http://www.bubolzpreserve.org/.

Tuesday, November 4, 7:00AM to 8:00PM: General Election. Don't forget to vote! For information regarding voter registration, absentee voting, to verify your local polling place, and more, visit http://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/City_Clerks/Election.htm.

Ongoing Exhibits and Events

Through October 12 (Tuesday through Sunday from 11:00AM to 4:00PM): The Impressionist Figure—Selections from the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh. The Paine's latest exhibit, coming here from the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, New York, features works by many important nineteenth-century French artists, including Cézanne, Gauguin, van Gogh, Degas, Morisot, Pissarro, and Seurat. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$5 for students. For additional questions, contact the Paine at (920) 235-6903 or visit www. thepaine.org

Through October 12 (Tuesday through Saturday 10:00AM to 4:30PM; Sundays 1:00PM to 4:30PM): The Tsar and the President: Liberator and Emancipator, 1331 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh. This highly anticipated exhibit explores the intriguing relationship between President Lincoln and Russia's Tsar Alexander II, who championed Lincoln's efforts to end America's Civil War, reunite the states, and enforce the promise of a more perfect union. Adult tickets are \$7. Contact the Oshkosh Public Museum for details at (920) 236-5799 or visit www.oshkoshmuseum.org.

Every Saturday Morning through October 18, 8:30AM to 12:30PM: Oshkosh Farmers Market, 215 Church Avenue (located in the City Hall parking 1/2 block east of Jackson Street), Oshkosh. The market gets bigger and better each year! Highlights include fresh produce, breads, plants and cut flowers, free-range eggs and poultry, crafts, and cheese! Call (920) 235-4528 for more information.

Through October 21 (Tuesdays through Saturdays 10:00AM to 4:30PM and Sundays 1:00PM to 4:30PM): The Elegant Gesture (Chinese Paintings and Scrollwork), Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, 165 N. Park Avenue, Neenah. This brilliant and comprehensive collection of Chinese brush paintings includes examples that span one thousand years. Admission is FREE! Please call (920) 751-4658 for more info about the exhibit or visit www.bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com.

New Permanent Exhibit, Mondays through Saturdays 10:00AM to 5:00PM and 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. Admission to the museum is \$9.00 (FREE for Wisconsin residents on Mondays until 12:00PM). Visit www.nationalrrmuseum.org or call (920) 437-7623.

Every Wednesday: \$5 Spotlight Movie at Marcus Theatres. Did you know that Marcus Theatres offers a \$5 movie on Wednesdays? The special ticket price is good all day towards that week's film. The featured movie changes each week so check the Web site for listings: www.marcustheatres.com/index_sub.cfm?pageid=subpages/spotlight.cfm.

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Honors Thesis/Senior Capstone Meetings

If you are a junior or first-semester senior and have not yet decided whether to take the Senior Seminar or complete an Honors Thesis as your senior capstone experience, please come to an informational meeting on the senior capstone requirement on *Monday*, *September 15*, at 4:15 p.m.

If you have decided on the thesis option and are ready to begin planning your Honors Thesis, please attend the semester's first thesis planning meeting on *Tuesday*, *September 16*, at 4:40 p.m.

If you are completing your Honors thesis this semester, which means your thesis prospectus has been (or is about to be) approved, please attend our first completers' meeting on *Wednesday*, *September 17*, at 5 p.m.

Please note: The planning and completers' meetings are mandatory for Honors students who have selected the thesis option. If these meeting times conflict with your schedule, please contact Dr. Maguire (maguire@uwosh.edu) to reschedule.

All meetings will be held in the Honors Lounge (Polk 17). See you there!

Culture Connection: Do you need more details about this Honors requirement?

Open Meeting for Students Enrolled in Culture Connection (INTRDSCP 271 or 272) Friday, September 5, 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Honors Lounge (Polk 17)

If you have questions about any aspect of Culture Connection, Honors staff will be on hand to assist you.

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Are You Graduating This Fall? We Need to Know!

Graduates of the UHP (students who have completed the Honors curriculum and who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher) will be awarded the Honors Medallion at the

Graduation Awards for Excellence Ceremony
Wednesday, December 3
5:30PM at Pollock House

Please let us know if you're graduating by completing a Grad Info Form (forms are available in Polk 8 or print a copy by going to http://www.uwosh.edu/honors/gradseniors/Gradinfo.php). Forms are due to Polk 8 via campus mail or e-mail by Friday, November 7.

We will send invitations to the ceremony to your friends and family (please list their names and addresses on the Grad Info Form where indicated). Thank you.

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UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM'S SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

PLEASE COME CELEBRATE A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR WITH US ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

THE UHP IS HONORED TO WELCOME THIS YEAR'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER

PROFESSOR SIMON SIBELMAN

Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Professor of French and Holocaust Studies

Recipient of the TRISS Endowed Professorship for Humanities and the Rosebush University Professorship

Dr. Sibelman will discuss

"RESPONSIBILITY IN AN IRRESPONSIBLE WORLD"

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
5PM TO 7PM
POLLOCK HOUSE
765 ALGOMA BOULEVARD

PLUS GET THE LATEST UHP NEWS AND DETAILS ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED TOO, SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



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