

HONORS NEWS & NOTES
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Fall 2007 HONORS CALENDAR

October 31-November 4: NCHC in Denver, CO
November 7: HSB Old-School Recess, 8pm, Lied Rec Center
November 13: HSB Last Lecture, 7:30pm, Jischke Honors Building
November 19-23: Thanksgiving Break, no classes
November 28: HSB Java and Jams, 7pm, M-Shop
December 5: Poster Presentation, Great Hall, 3:30-5:30pm
December 1: HSB Broomball, 10pm, Ice Arena
December 3-7: Dead Week
December 9: Sunday Before Class, HSB, 6pm, location TBA
December 10-14: Finals Week

SPRING SEMESTER HONORS SEMINARS

Seminar registration begins Tuesday, November 13th at noon. Seminars titles are listed below (and new seminars have been added since the last issue), but for more information and descriptions for the seminars, check the Honors webpage <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~honors/homepage.html>. Please check online for the most up-to-date information. Honors Seminars' Reference Numbers will be posted on the webpage one week prior to registration opening. Reminder: DO NOT REGISTER BEFORE NOON. Any adds before noon will not be considered valid.

HON 322A, The Literature of the Vikings, Monday, 1st Half, 2:10-3:30 p.m., 1 credit, Instructor: Jeanine Aune

HON 322B, The Three Musketeers from Page to Screen, Thursday, 7:00-8:50 p.m., 2 credits, Instructor: Gloria Betcher

HON 322C, Introduction To Islam, Tuesday/Thursday, 1:10-2:00 p.m., 2 credits, Instructor: Jennifer Clair-Toy

HON 322D, Professional Improvement for Biology Undergraduates, Wednesday, 10:00-11:50 a.m., 2 credits, Instructor: Jennifer Deitloff

HON 322E, Healthy Campus 2010, Tuesday, 10:00-10:50 a.m., 1 credit, Instructor: Lauri Dusselier

HON 322F, Innovation And Entrepreneurship – Turning An Idea Into A Profitable Business Opportunity, Wednesday, 1st Half, 1:10-3:00 p.m., 1 credit, Instructor: Judi Eyles

HON 322G, It's Not Easy Being Green (Oh Wait, It Is!!), Thursday, 2:10-4:00 p.m., 2 credits, Instructor: Mickey Fitch

HON 322H, The Billion at the Bottom: How To Help The World's Poorest, Tuesday, 2nd Half, 2:10-4:00 p.m., 1 credit, Instructor: Lehman Fletcher

HON 322J, Star Trek: Reflections on Philosophy and Society, Monday, 1st Half, 10:00-11:50 a.m., 1 credit, Instructor: Adam Foley

HON 322K, Christianity and Science, Thursday, 1st Half, 11:00-12:50 p.m., 1 credit, Instructor: Thomas Ingebritsen

HON 322L, Exphrasis Explored: Reinventing Meaning By Combining, Wednesday, 11:00-11:50 a.m., 1 credit, Instructor: Christiana Langenberg

HON 322M, Evolution as Computation, Tuesday, 2:10-4:00 p.m., 2 credits, Instructors: John Mayfield

HON 322N, Tolkien's Mythology, Friday, 2:10-4:00 p.m., 2 credits, Instructor: Alan Myers

HON 322P, The Russian Film Comedy, Monday, 3:10-4:00 p.m., 1 credit, Instructor: Olga Mesropova

HON 322R, Leadership in Action: Servant Leadership Training, Monday, 10:00-11:50 a.m., 2 credits, Instructor: Vanessa Preast

HON 322T, The Psychology of the Holocaust, Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., 2 credits, Instructors: Elizabeth Schabel

HON 322U, Universality In A Diverse World: Principles And Challenges Of International Human Rights, Monday, 3:10-5:00 p.m., 2 credits, Instructor: Nathan Swanson

HON 322V, Through Another's Eyes: A Literary Look At People/Cultures/Societies Different From Our Own, Tuesday, 4:10-6:00 p.m., 2 credits, Instructor: Michelle Tremmel

HON 322W, Autism in Literature and Culture, Thursday, 3:10-4:00 p.m., 1 credit, Instructors: Susan Yager

HON 322Y, Assisted Reproductive Technologies: Biological and Ethical Considerations, Tuesday, 11:00-11:50 a.m., 1 credit, Instructor: C. R. Youngs

HON 324A, Lessons From The Twilight Zone, Monday & Wednesday, 1st Half, 4:10-5:00 p.m., 1 credit, Instructor: Stephanie Zywicki

HON 324B, Storytelling: Our Life Testimonials, Tuesday, 9:00-9:50 a.m., 1 credit, Instructor: Craig Zywicki

HON 324C, This American Life, As Lived Narratives, Wednesday, 2:10-4:00 p.m., 2 credits, Instructor: Carrie Kortegast

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join the University Honors Program in welcoming its newest members:

Michelle Hemann	Agriculture
Laura Larabee	Agriculture
Chad Baker	Business
Trong Duc Dong	Business
Tram Nguyen	Business
Brian Moore	Design
Alycia Reed	Design
Christian Vandehaar	Design
Lindsey Behrens	Human Sciences
Abby Pettinger	Human Sciences
Kathryn Huting	LAS
James Lauer	LAS
Robin Lehner	LAS
Nicole Lepore	LAS
Jason Rieder	LAS
Annalissa Vincent	LAS
Kristin Wheeler	LAS

FHP LEADERS NEEDED

Have you thought about being a Leader for next year's Freshman Honors students? This is your opportunity to plan activities and facilitate discussions for the 2008 FHP students. Applications for the Freshman Honors Program Leader positions will be available at

<http://www.honors.iastate.edu/forms/FHPapp07-08.doc>. The full job description is available at <http://www.honors.iastate.edu/forms/FHPjobdescription07-08.doc>. FHP Leaders receive 2 credits of HON 302 for their experience. Interviews will be January 14-25, 2008 and training sessions will be held from February to April. Any current Honors student is eligible to apply. If you would like more information or have questions about being a Leader, an informational session is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2007 at 7:30 pm in 1151 Jischke Honors Building. Applications are due Friday, December 7 at 4:00pm to the Honors Program Office. Please contact Jamie Beyer at jbeyer@iastate.edu for more information.

FHP UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Honors Program is seeking Undergraduate Assistants (UAs) for 2008. The Undergraduate Assistants are responsible for interviewing potential Freshman Honors Program (FHP) Leaders, planning Leaders' Training, preparing Leaders' Meeting notes and attending meetings, planning and attending the FHP Retreat, and other duties related to FHP seminars and Leaders. The appointments are from January 2008-December 2008 and UAs are paid \$915/semester and average 8 hours of work each week during the fall and spring semesters. The job description can be found at <http://www.honors.iastate.edu/forms/UAjobdescription07-08.doc> and the application can be found at <http://www.honors.iastate.edu/forms/UAapp07-08.doc>. The application is due by November 5 at 5:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Beyer at jbeyer@iastate.edu.

JISCHKE HONORS BUILDING USE

All Honors students can be granted access to the Jischke Honors Building after hours through use of a keycard. If you do not have a keycard, you can be issued one through the Honors Program Office. Your first keycard is free of charge, but there is a \$20 replacement fee if you lose your access card.

ATTENTION SPRING 2008 GRADUATES!

Deadlines for project proposal submissions vary among colleges, so please check with the contact for your college Honors Committee if you have any questions. Remember, your senior year will go by quickly- it's never too early to get ahead on your project!

Agriculture and Life Sciences: Chair, Joan Cunnick, 383D Science I, jcunnick@iastate.edu
Business: College Liaison, Rob Musselman, 1200 Gerdin Business Building, robertm1@iastate.edu
Design: Student Services Coordinator, Michelle Rasmussen, 297 Design, mras muss@iastate.edu
Engineering: Student Services Specialist, Janet Putnam, 110 Marston, jwputnam@iastate.edu
Human Sciences: Student Services Specialist, Dayle Nickerson, 131 MacKay Hall, dmnick@iastate.edu
Liberal Arts & Sciences: College Liaison, Jane Jacobson, 102 Catt Hall, jrjacob@iastate.edu

HONORS STUDENT BOARD NEWS

OLD SCHOOL RECESS

Remember those childhood games from elementary school? Now is your time to join in and regress to the days of recess! Fun, food, and fun! Wednesday, November 7th, 8pm at the Lied Rec Center.

LAST LECTURE

Ever wonder what a faculty member would say if they had only one last lecture to give in their lifetime? Well, come find out on Wednesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be held in 1151 Jischke Honors Building and refreshments and snacks will be served afterwards.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & OTHER FUNDING

CAMPUS DEADLINES EXTENDED FOR TWO MAJOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP: AN AWARD FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS WHO ARE CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN SCIENCE, MATH, ENGINEERING AND RELATED FIELDS

Are you a **sophomore or junior involved in research who is planning to obtain an advanced degree and pursue a career in research in one of the STEM fields** (science, technology, mathematics, engineering)? Consider applying for **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship**, which provides an award of \$7500 annually for one or two years to use during your junior or senior year.

The campus deadline for application submission to the 2008 competition has been extended November 13, 2007; find more information at http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/scholarship_opportunities.php#goldwater . Contact Laura Merrick in the Honors office (lmerrick@iastate.edu or 294-0172). Laura serves as the ISU Faculty Representative to the Goldwater Scholarship Program. Students can not apply on their own for this award program, but must have their application endorsed by ISU.

TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP: MAJOR FUNDING FOR JUNIORS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Are you a junior **who aspires for a position in government or the non-profit and advocacy sectors** where you could improve the ways in which government agencies, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations serve the public and protect resources? The **Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation** awards \$30,000 merit-based scholarships to college students in all majors who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service.

The campus deadline for application submission to the 2008 competition has been extended November 13, 2007; find more information at http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/scholarship_opportunities.php#truman. Contact Laura Merrick in the Honors office (lmerrick@iastate.edu or 294-0172). Laura serves as the ISU Faculty Representative to the Truman Scholarship Foundation. Students can not apply on their own for this award program, but must have their application endorsed by ISU.

RESEARCH GRANTS FOR HONORS PROJECTS

Grants of up to \$750 (University Honors Grants) are available from the Honors Program to defray expenses of your Honors Research Project. A description of the project and a detailed budget are part of the application process. Projects that are substantially completed are ineligible for funding - apply early in your project planning process! Detailed information, including applications, guidelines, and funding are available at <http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/scholarships.php> or in the Honors Office. The best grant applications are typed, free of spelling errors, and contain thoughtful and clear explanations of project goals and budgets. Work with your project advisor in preparing your application and call Laura Merrick at 294-0172 with questions or concerns. There is no specific deadline for University Honors Grants.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Honors students—congratulations on your exceptional academic record! We invite you to consider applying for one or more of the prestigious national scholarships and fellowships for which Iowa State students with high-caliber scholastic credentials and records of leadership and engagement may be eligible. Information is provided on the National Scholarships and Fellowships webpage of the University Honors Program: http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/scholarship_opportunities.php .

These award opportunities range from ones that support study abroad in hundreds of countries worldwide (e.g., Fulbright, NSEP Boren) and ones that provide funds covering research and education expenses while

students are still undergraduates (e.g., Goldwater, Udall, Phi Kappa Phi Emerging Scholar) to ones that offer substantial funding to cover the cost of graduate school and associated experiences in the United States or elsewhere (e.g., Marshall, Rhodes, Truman, NSF Graduate Fellowship).

Because of your excellent academic performance, we think that you might want to consider exploring how these opportunities could fit with your interests and goals. While academic merit is certainly a starting point for these programs that recognize and promote excellence, in order to successfully compete for these awards, applicants must have outstanding records of leadership or community service, evidence of intellectual or creative pursuit, a compelling personal statement, clear plans for personal and intellectual development, and strong letters of recommendation from faculty who can confirm the student's past endeavors and promise for future accomplishment.

If you are a Freshman or Sophomore, it's not too early to identify experiences that could help you be competitive in the future. Several of these award programs are open to first or second year students! If you are a Junior or Senior, be sure to contact the appropriate Fellowship Advisor right away, especially if the application deadlines occur in the middle of the junior year or beginning of the senior one. Schedule an appointment to chat with me or one of the other campus contacts for these award programs.

In the University Honors Program office, Laura Merrick functions as a Fellowship Advisor to provide assistance to high ability students—both Honors and non-Honors—who are interested in and potentially competitive for these opportunities. We encourage you to visit the websites for the individual award programs and to schedule an appointment with Laura (294-0172 or lmerrick@iastate.edu) to discuss your options.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ISU ADVANCE WORKSHOP ON PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR RECOGNIZING AND REDUCING UNINTENTIONAL BIAS

The workshop takes place on Wed. Oct. 31, 2007, from 9 am to noon, in the Memorial Union Sun Room. What can academic institutions do to increase both numbers and advancement of women in science? Research indicates that there is routine and unintentional bias in the ways that we evaluate men and women. What is unintentional bias? Who is responsible? How can we minimize unintentional bias in our everyday activities? Workshop highlights include Dr. Erin Kelly from the Univ. of Minnesota Dept. of Sociology, a Reader's Theatre, and a discussion of best practices. Faculty, staff, and students welcome. For more information, contact susanma@iastate.edu or 294-6151, or <http://www.advance.iastate.edu/>

ISU ADVANCE NETWORKING EVENT - MAKING A CAREER IN STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics: THREE WOMEN'S STORIES": A BROWN-BAG LUNCH

The event occurs on Wed. Nov 14, 2007, from noon to 1 pm, in the room 240, Bessey Hall. It will be an informal discussion of the special issues faced by women working in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers. Presenters will offer three perspectives on the issue and will discuss research on the gender-related issues of working in STEM disciplines, experiences with the challenges of recruiting women into STEM careers in business and industry, and the challenges and rewards of maintaining a STEM career in the academy. There will be plenty of time for discussion. Faculty, staff, and students are welcome. For more information, contact susanma@iastate.edu or 294-6151, or <http://www.advance.iastate.edu/>

ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST

The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest is an annual competition-now in its 19th year- designed to challenge college students to analyze the urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's complex

world. Full-time juniors and seniors at accredited four-year colleges and universities in the US are welcome to enter the contest and compete for \$10,000 in prizes and the opportunity to meet Elie Wiesel in New York City. **The postmark deadline for the 2008 Essay Contest is Friday, December 7, 2007.**

Any student interested in entering the contest is required to have a professor review his or her essay and sign the contest entry form. Faculty members should only endorse thought-provoking, well-written essays that fall within the contest. Honors students interested in applying should submit their essay for review to the Honors Program Office. Electronic entry forms and answers to frequently asked questions are available at www.eliewieselfoundation.org. Contact Laurie Fiegel for more information.

UNIVERSITY LECTURES

The ISU Lectures Program, funded by GSB and the Office of the Provost, is committed to the philosophy that the function of the university is to provide "a market place of ideas." The Committee on Lectures works to bring to campus a broad spectrum of lectures as well as cultural and artistic events. For a complete listing and descriptions of Iowa State University Lectures Program Schedule of Upcoming Events please visit www.lectures.iastate.edu. Here is a brief listing of upcoming lectures in the next month:

King Corn - A Documentary Film

Monday, November 5, 2007, 7:00 PM @ Gallery, Memorial Union

Globalization Backlash: How Politics, Culture and Sovereignty Complicate Real Globalization - Christine Romans

Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 6:30 PM @ Alliant Energy-Lee Liu Auditorium, Howe Hall -

Evolution and Human Origins: The Late Divergence Hypothesis - Milford Wolpoff

Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 6:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union

Technology, Globalization, and Culture - James Bernard, Jr., and Jamie Thingelstad

Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 6:00 PM @ Alliant Energy-Lee Liu Auditorium, Howe Hall

King Corn - A Documentary Film

Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 6:30 PM @ LeBaron Hall Auditorium, Room 1210

King Corn - Panel Discussion

Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 8:00 PM @ LeBaron Hall Auditorium, Room 1210

Eating Genes: Global Ethics and Equity Issues in Genetically Modified Food and Sustainability Lisa Weasel and Virginia Walbot

Thursday, November 8, 2007, 7:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union

Fear and Fantasy in Post-9/11 America - Susan Faludi

Monday, November 12, 2007, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union

Iowa Caucus Workshop - How to Participate in the Iowa Caucuses

Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 4:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union

The Globalization of Higher Education - James Duderstadt

Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 6:30 PM @ Alliant Energy-Lee Liu Auditorium, Howe Hall

*****To Be Rescheduled*** Corporate Social Responsibility: Why It's an Imperative - Julie Craven**

Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 8:00 PM @ To Be Rescheduled! Sun Room, Memorial Union - *To Be*

Rescheduled in Spring 2008

Technology, Globalization, and Culture - Oded Shenkar

Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 6:00 PM @ Alliant Energy-Lee Liu Auditorium, Howe Hall

How Did Petroleum Source Rocks Accumulate? Insights from Deep-Sea Sediments - Philip A. Meyers

Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 7:00 PM @ Gallery, Memorial Union

The Best of What We Are: John Brentlinger and the Painters of Solentiname, Nicaragua - Gary Tartakov

Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 8:00 PM @ Pioneer Room, Memorial Union

The Physics of Baseball - Eli Rosenberg

Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union

The Ethical, Philosophical, and Legal Implications of Genomic Research - A Symposium

Thursday, November 15, 2007, 9:30 AM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENT LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

The theme of the 2008 National Collegiate Honors Council Conference is "NCHC 2008: Crossing Frontiers." The Conference Planning Committees support student participation through the conference logo contest. Iowa State University is allowed to submit one original student-created logo into the competition. The winner will receive a complimentary registration to the 2008 Conference and recognition in the printed conference program. Contact Laurie Fiegel at lfiegel@iastate.edu for more information.

WINGSPREAD CONFERENCE

ATTEND A MEETING OF THOUGHTFUL INQUIRY

Wingspread conferences, sponsored by The Johnson Foundation, bring together experts and other individuals who are leaders in the development of policies specific to the conferences. Honors students at Iowa State are among the students from only a dozen other schools around the nation who have special status as Wingspread Fellows and are invited to apply to attend the conferences at no cost to themselves. Students attend as observers to the deliberations, but have plenty of opportunity to interact with the experts on an informal basis. In fact, it is not necessary to be majoring in the area of the conference topic. The Foundation is interested in encouraging students to become educated citizens and, thus, have opened these conferences to any interested student. Wingspread was built in 1939 and designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Wingspread is located on Wind Point, a peninsula on the western shore of Lake Michigan in Wisconsin. For further information on the conference or facility go to <http://www.johnsonfdn.org/tour.html>. Please review the conference listings below and consider becoming a Wingspread Fellow. ALL OF YOUR EXPENSES ARE PAID FOR THE CONFERENCES. Contact Laurie Fiegel, lfiegel@iastate.edu, or 294-4371 about upcoming conferences.

Youth Participation in Local Government

Statement of Purpose: To develop strategies for strengthening youth participation in the making of public policy at the local level.

This conference was developed to: Evaluate ongoing efforts and develop a template for other

municipalities.

The principal issue is: The disengagement of young people from political life.

Synopsis: In order to combat youth civic disengagement, some people are trying to involve young people in local politics. There are now enough examples out there to assess what is working best and develop a template for other municipalities. That is the goal of this conference.

Expected outcome: A set of guidelines to help those interested in developing this kind of project.

Co-sponsors: The Surdna Foundation, University of Michigan, School of Social Work

Dates: November 16-18, 2007 (Friday-Sunday)– begins at 4:00 p.m.; adjourns at 1:00 p.m.

GETTING INTO JISCHKE AFTER HOURS

In order to have after-hours access to the Honors Building, see Linda in the Honors Office and sign up for access. You then will be assigned a card. If you already have a university-provided keycard to enter your residence, the Honors Building system will be coded to allow you entrance using that keycard. If you do not have a keycard, you will be issued one that you will be able to pick up at the Honors Program Office. It may be as long as two weeks for the new keycards to be issued or for current keycards to be coded into the system.

You will be granted access to the Honors Building as long as you are a member of the Honors Program in good standing and you must abide by the After Hours Building Use Policy. If you lose your access card there is a \$20 replacement fee.

THE AFTER-HOURS BUILDING-USE POLICY FOR THE JISCHKE HONORS BUILDING! Three words: **USE GOOD JUDGEMENT!** *If you need further elaboration, read on:*

These are a few rules and guidelines that all students must follow when using the Honors Building after business hours. These are based on the Building-Use policy, ISU building-use regulations, ISU security regulations, and Jischke Honors Building supervisor policies. In general, after-hours use of the Honors Building is a **PRIVILEGE** granted by ISU security and the Building Supervisor. This privilege can and has been revoked for student noncompliance of the building policies and guidelines. It is for the benefit of all that these guidelines be followed. HSB, as the Honors student representative body, has the responsibility to make all Honors students aware of these policies and to enforce them. These common-sense rules **MUST** be followed; by not doing so, you directly jeopardize the privilege of Honors Building use after hours for all students.

---Entrance after hours is by access card only. Card readers are located at the Northeast door and the South door.

---Do not post any signs, flyers, etc. on the walls or woodwork.

---Pick up trash before you leave.

---You may not sleep overnight in the Honors Building.

---Only members in good standing in the Honors Program are allowed in the Honors Building. You may not allow non-honors students into the building after hours.

---NEVER prop an outside door open - it violates the university building-use policy and it sets off an alarm.

---If someone is studying, respect their right to study quietly - that's why the building is here.

---Don't use the phone for lengthy personal conversations. It is for the benefit of all that these guidelines be followed.

NOTE: There is to be no alcohol or illegal drugs in the Honors Building at any time. Violators will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.