UNDERGRAD ESSAY CONTEST

The Western European Studies Program in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences invites undergraduate students at ISU to submit essays dealing with Western Europe. The essay topic is open, and could involve any aspect of contemporary or historical European culture, literature, politics, economics, philosophy, etc. Essays should be a minimum of five typed pages, double-spaced, and can be written in English or in any of the languages of Western Europe.

The prizes awarded will be $200 for first place, $100 for second, and $50 for third place. Winners will be recognized publicly and on the Western European Studies Program’s website.

Please send essay submissions by April 27 to Western European Studies Program Essay Prize, c/o Prof. Chad M. Gasta, 3102 Pearson Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011.

For electronic submissions or questions, email Chad M. Gasta at gasta@iastate.edu.

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRAD STUDIES

The MASDAR Institute of Science and Technology in Abu Dhabi has announced full scholarships to graduate students around the world.

A full scholarship is available to qualified talented students who meet its high admission standards, which include a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, minimum TOEFL score of 577, and a minimum GRE quantitative score of 700.

Students accepted into the Masdar Institute will be offered a full scholarship, which includes a 100% tuition fee scholarship, textbooks, a laptop, medical insurance, housing in a single-unit apartment at the Masdar campus, reimbursement of travel expenses, reimbursement of TOEFL and GRE exam fees (upon registration at Masdar Institute), and a cost-of-living stipend per month, with no bond or conditions to the scholarship upon graduation.

More information is available on the website at www.masdar.ac.ae. Any questions about the Institute may be directed to Stephen Lee (slee@masdar.ac.ae), the assistant provost.

WINGSPREAD CONFERENCES

Apply to attend an event as soon as you find one that interests you. Contact lfielgel@iastate.edu or visit www.johnsonfdn.org for more details.

‘The Racine Promise’

Purpose: To inform the Racine community about Promise programs in other cities and introduce the idea of The Racine Promise. April 29, 3 to 7 p.m.

‘Update on Publicly Funded Mental Health and Addiction Treatment in Racine’

Purpose: To inform the Racine community of changes in publicly funded addiction treatment programs. May 6, 4:15 to 6:30 p.m.

‘National Land and Water Protection Funders’ Meeting’

Purpose: To gather funders to discuss opportunities for increasing public and private funding for land and water conservation. May 18–20; begins at 6 p.m., adjourns at 1:30 p.m.

Parks Award

Each year the W. Robert Parks Honors Commendation is awarded to three individuals who have demonstrated outstanding contributions to the Honors Program. Honors students may nominate individuals in the categories of Outstanding Faculty, Friend of Honors and Outstanding Honors Student. To learn more or to nominate an individual, go to the honors website at http://www.honors.iastate.edu/happenings/awards.php. Nominations are due to the Honors Program Office on April 6, 2009 at 5 p.m.
SUMMER VOLUNTEER DNR OPPORTUNITIES

April is a great month to get started with volunteering! This is your monthly email letting you know about volunteer opportunities with the Department of Natural Resources.

And don’t forget you can get detailed and up-to-date information on all of the volunteer opportunities at www.keepersoftheland.org. Please add dnr.volunteer@dnr.iowa.gov to your email address book to ensure you do not miss any updates!

Campground hosts needed

Campground hosts live on state park campgrounds during the busy summer season. They answer questions, help with check-in, and do other administrative tasks. Hosts may also help with maintenance, cleanup, and any other tasks they feel motivated to tackle.

http://www.iowadnr.gov/volunteer/camphostpage.html

Iowa Wetlands Symposium

April 2–3, Des Moines


Fifth Annual Carter Lake Clean Up

Walk the shoreline and pull out tons of trash and tires.

April 18, Carter Lake, Council Bluffs

For more info, contact carterlake@hotmail.com

Spring Clean-Up Day at Beed’s Lake

April 18, 9 a.m.—noon, Beed’s Lake State Park, Hampton

http://idnr6t6.dnr.state.ia.us/kolweb/eventViewDetail.do?eventID=439

Great Garlic Mustard Challenge

Pull invasive garlic mustard plants from public parks in Johnson County.

April 20–May 17, Johnson County

http://www.idnr6t6.dnr.state.ia.us/kolweb/eventViewDetail.do?eventID=1818

Prairie Rescues 2009

Volunteer to help restore and improve native Iowa prairies.

http://www.inhf.org/prairierescue2009.htm

Earth Day at the Prairie

Learn about prairie fire, invasive plant species and using a GPS unit!

April 18, 1–8 p.m., Prairie Resource Center, Lehigh, Webster County

http://idnr6t6.dnr.state.ia.us/kolweb/eventViewDetail.do?eventID=425

Project AWARE 2009

A canoe-powered clean-up of the Cedar River will be the most fun you’ll ever have with trash!

June 20–27, Cedar River

http://www.iowaprojectaware.com

Special Events at Iowa State Parks

In April, at a state park near you!

http://www.iowadnr.gov/parks/events_calendar/index.html#april

Facilities Planting at Woodland Island

Paint park facilities. Experience is not required. Opportunity is ongoing pending completion of project. Dates of volunteer service are flexible according to availability.

Wilson Island State Recreation Area, 32801 Campground Lane, Missouri Valley


MORE DETAILS ABOUT FALL 2009 HONORS SEMINARS

Registration for Fall 2009 Honors seminars begins April 14 at noon. If you try to register for seminars before that date and time, you will be unable to add the course and the system will exclude you from the wait list. Reference numbers will be posted a couple days prior to registration.

Find the full descriptions at http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/seminars_f09.php.

Below are the Fall 2009 Honors seminars. The number of credits per course are listed in parentheses (e.g., (2)). Courses that count as an International Perspectives credit are indicated by an asterisk (*), and courses that meet a U.S. Diversity credit are indicated by two asterisks (**).

HON 321A – Yards and Cars: Building Our Suburban Nation—Tuesday, 4:10–5 p.m. (1)

HON 321B – Are You What You Eat?—Tuesday, 1:10–2 p.m. (2)

HON 321C – Dorm Life, Real Life, Fake Life, No Life: Technology and Community—Tuesday, 9–10:50 a.m., 2nd Half (1)

HON 321D – Pirates in History, Literature, and Film—Thursday, 7:10–9 p.m. (2)

HON 321E – Creative Writing: Science Fiction and Fantasy—Friday, 10–10:50 a.m. (1)

HON 321F – Caravaggio to the Expressionists—Thursday, 4:10–5 p.m. (1)

HON 321G – Exploring the Human-Animal Bond in Memoirs and Film—Tuesday, 11–11:50 a.m. (1)

HON 321H – Ideas Worth Sharing: Engaging in TED Lectures and Critical Thought—Monday & Wednesday, 11–11:50 a.m., 2nd Half (1)

HON 321J – Jewish History in Europe: From the Golden Age of Spain to the Holocaust and Beyond—Wednesday, 3:10–5 p.m. (2)

HON 321K – Christianity and Science—Thursday, 11 a.m.—1:00 p.m., 1st Half (1)

HON 321L – The Future of International Development: Continued Aid or Sustainable Action*—Tuesday, 5:10–7 p.m., 1st Half (1)

HON 321M – This American Life**—Thursday, 1:10–3 p.m., 1st Half (1)

HON 321N – Black Book of Communism: Crimes, Terror, Repression—Tuesday, 4:10–5 p.m., 2nd Half (1)
THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM COMMITTEE and the HONORS STUDENT BOARD cordially invite you to attend the

HONORS POSTER PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION

Featuring posters from 99 students

Wednesday, April 15, 2009
10 a.m–noon
Great Hall, Memorial Union

All Honors students are welcome and encouraged to attend this event.

College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
* Lindsey Altenhofen – Biology
* Cliff Dolbeare – Agricultural Education
* Meghan Fick – Biology, Spanish
* Sarah Graham – Animal Science
* Trisha Grevengoed – Animal Science
* Allison Hannen – Agricultural Biochemistry
* Janae Hohbein – Microbiology, Performing Arts
* Danielle Hundley – Animal Science
* Kate Kreger – Genetics
* Allison Olsen – Animal Science
Christopher Thomson – Animal Science, International Agriculture
Katherine Tsamis – Biology, Health & Human Performance
Christine Weber – Microbiology, Genetics
* Erin Wessling – Animal Ecology

College of Business
Jeffrey Edwards – Finance, International Business
Spenser Frank – Finance, International Business
* Sharon Holst – Accounting
Jacqueline Karns – Management
* Drew Kettwick – Finance, Accounting
* Peter Kostelnick – Finance, International Business
* Katie Lorber – Marketing, Logistics & Supply Chain Management
* Elizabeth Purdy – Management, Marketing
* Sarah Sletten – Finance, Agricultural Business
* Vivien Tse – Accounting, Statistics
* Mindy Twetten – Marketing

College of Design
* Christopher Bahl – Landscape Architecture
* Monica Carolan – Graphic Design
* Andrea Dahlberg – Graphic Design
* Joseph Figueras – Interior Design
* Natasha Foote – Graphic Design
* Natasha Gaffer – Interior Design, Management
* Melissa Gasway – Graphic Design, Marketing
* Jason Grimm – Landscape Architecture, Environmental Studies
* Jessica Grobeck – Graphic Design
* Kelsey Hargens – Graphic Design
* Anders Holine – Graphic Design
Andrew Kopp – Integrated Studio Arts, Management
* Nate Luetkehans – Graphic Design
* Lisa Martin – Interior Design
* Keihly Moore – Architecture Professional Degree, Environmental Studies
* Stephanie Nelson – Landscape Architecture, Environmental Studies
* Alycia Reed – Art & Design
* Shannon Schaefer – Art & Design
* Hanna Shiplett – Interior Design
* Lydia Stone – Graphic Design
* Lauren Suerth – Community & Regional Planning
* Andrew Temeyer – Architecture Professional Degree
* Megan Truebenbach – Landscape Architecture
* Christian Vandehaar – Integrated Studio Arts
* Emily Wulf – Architecture Professional Degree
College of Engineering
* Samuel Cotter – Civil Engineering
* Michael Eggleston – Electrical Engineering, Physics
* Charles Fisher – Materials Engineering
* Matthew Goodman – Materials Engineering
  Kathryn Horlocker – Civil Engineering
* Brian Lewis – Electrical Engineering
* Noah Van Dam – Mechanical Engineering
* Tyson Williams – Computer Engineering, Computer Science

College of Human Sciences
* Lauren Adams – Family & Consumer Sciences Education Studies
  * Stephanie Burbridge – Elementary Education
  * Julie Carr – Kinesiology
  Crysta Culp – Child, Adult & Family Services, Spanish
* Amy Jensen – Hotel, Restaurant, & Institution Management, Spanish
  * Jennifer Neal – Dietetics
  * Nicole Nelsen – Kinesiology
  * Brittnay Passmore – Hotel, Restaurant, & Institution Management
  * Brock Reiter – Kinesiology
  * Krista Sheldahl – Kinesiology
  Aerielle Smith – Apparel Merchandising, Design & Production
  Danielle Sponder – Apparel Merchandising, Design & Production, Marketing
  * Erin Thole – Dietetics
  Lynn Torrence – Dietetics, Spanish
* Lyndsey Tremel – Child, Adult & Family Services

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
* Stephen Anderson – Psychology, Philosophy
  * Kristina Daggett – Spanish
* Nicholas Dial – History, Political Science
  * Jennifer Edmondson – Music
  * Jennifer Flagg – Biology
* Susan Fratzke – Political Science, International Studies
  * Rachael Heisterkamp – Psychology
  * Andrew Isaacson – Sociology
  * Kellie Kendrick – Spanish, Mathematics
  * John Lambert – Anthropology, English
  * Sean Lynch – Interdisciplinary Studies
  * Neal Marasinghe – Political Science
  * Hayley Martin – Biology, Psychology
* Thomas Mazula – Psychology, Accounting
  * Brionni McGriff – Political Science, Sociology
  * Megan Moore – Advertising, Spanish
  * Andrea Nickell – Psychology
  * Scott Nystrom – History, Economics
  * Ozioma Oji – Psychology
  * Michael Pagano – Biology
  Michael Peterson – Meteorology, Spanish
* Monica Peterson – Political Science, Environmental Studies
  * Andrew Phillips – Biology, Psychology
  * Clark Richardson – Agricultural Business, Political Science, International Agriculture
  * Benjamin Schwedler – Meteorology
  * Mariana Seda – English
  * Teppei Shirakura – Biophysics
  * Jeanny Wang – Economics, Sociology
* Miko Wilford – Psychology, Political Science
  * Joo You – Chemistry
* Julie Young – Journalism & Mass Communication, Psychology

Freshman Honors Mentor Program Presenters
Sarah Anderson – Genetics
Samuel Bird – Agricultural Business
Logan Butler – Aerospace Engineering
Amy DCamp – Pre-Biological/Pre-Medicine Illustration
Lauren Ingebrand – Food Science
Zachary Jung – Aerospace Engineering
Carl Kirpes – Mechanical Engineering
Nathaniel Looker – Agronomy
Nathan Miller – Aerospace Engineering

Thomson Moser – Aerospace Engineering
Benjamin Murphy – Aerospace Engineering
Angela Nguyen – Biology
Daniel Richards – Aerospace Engineering
Caisa Royer – Psychology
Donald Souls – Aerospace Engineering
Kyle Willis – Aerospace Engineering
Jami Yoder – Early Childhood Education
Alexander Zimmerman – Aerospace Engineering

Note to Honors Students:
If you are planning on presenting a poster and do not see your name on this list please contact Karen (kareno@iastate.edu) as soon as possible.

* Student is graduating in the Spring 2009 term.
Register now for the Ready to Run Iowa on April 3! Scholarships are available to every registrant!

Ready to Run Iowa is a bi-partisan, comprehensive, one-day workshop offered by the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Ames and Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) at Rutgers University. It is based on CAWP’s Ready to Run campaign training school to recruit and train women to run for all levels of office.

Speakers for Ready to Run Iowa include national and state campaign strategists, current and former elected and appointed political officials, and party and community activists. See the program schedule and speakers at: http://www.las.iastate.edu/cattcenter/documents/2009_draft_program.doc.

Register online at http://www.las.iastate.edu/events/readytorunform.asp or get a mail-in registration form http://www.las.iastate.edu/CattCenter/runform.shtml.

Registration for Ready to Run Iowa is $100. Through the support of donors, scholarships of up to $50 a person are available. See the Ready to Run Iowa web site at http://www.las.iastate.edu/CattCenter/readytorun.shtml for more details on requesting travel scholarships and registration subsidies.

Although Ready to Run Iowa addresses topics unique to women as they seek greater participation in the political process, the campaign school is open to anyone who is interested in running for elected office and/or working on a political campaign.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO ATTEND READY TO RUN

Suggested paper/presentation topics (in English, French, or Spanish) are American literature, British literature, global/world literature, modern languages, linguistics, creative writing, rhetoric, women’s studies, literacy studies, women’s literature, literary theory, teaching language/literature/writing.

If you have questions, email Breyan Strickler, Ph.D., at breyan.strickler@loras.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO ATTEND READY TO RUN

In collaboration with Clarke College and the University of Dubuque, Loras College (in Dubuque, Iowa) will be hosting the second annual “Streamlines Undergraduate Conference” celebrating literature, creative writing, and languages on Nov. 14.

Visit www.clarke.edu/streamlines to submit a 300-word abstract by Oct. 14.

Immediately thereafter, you will be asked to send the complete paper/presentation to Breyan Strickler at Loras College.

Participants will be notified of selection by Oct. 23.

The conference fee of $20 will cover refreshments and a buffet lunch, including keynote speaker, three courses, and beverages.

Help Wanted: Fall 2009 Weekend Housekeeper!

Starting at $8/hour, preference for this position is given to those with work-study eligibility. Applications are due April 17.

Pick up application and job description in 2130 Jischke. Request information from Linda Young at lindakay@iastate.edu or 294-0573.

Exciting upcoming seminar!

The Microbiology Graduate Student Organization presents “Genome Evolution of the Enterobacteria: From conservation of virulence factors to computational modeling for biofuel production.” Dr. David Baumler from the University of Wisconsin – Madison will conduct the seminar on April 2 from 4:10–5 p.m. in 1352 Gilman Hall.

Stupka Undergraduate Symposium

Would you like to share your research at a professional and welcoming symposium? The dates are April 3 and 4, with the poster session being held in the early evening on the 3rd. Abstracts of posters as well as questions should be sent to mmead@iastate.edu.