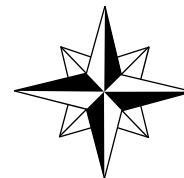


Honors Program Newsletter

Illinois State University



HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2008

Greetings from the Director.

Hello Honors Students,

It looks like we may even have a few hours of sunshine as we near the end of the semester. The long winter, however, hasn't stopped us from having a productive semester. I am always impressed with the dedication and output of Honors students and this semester was no exception. So many of you are taking interesting courses and we have been working hard to get more Honors sections and colloquia for you. Please continue to take advantage of these offerings—the only way our efforts will continue to be successful is if these courses are filled with Honors students.



You may also want to take another look at the interesting summer courses we have this year. The university has decided to invest in summer school and Honors has been benefited by this decision. The courses being offered have small travel components as well as intriguing projects attached to them.

So many of you are engaged in terrific research and I congratulate you. I hope we see more and more undergraduates finding research opportunities that help them probe their subjects more deeply and prepare them better for graduate work. As you know, we offer research grants in the spring, fall, and summer semesters as well as travel grants to present that research at national and regional conferences.

This year three students presented their research at the Honors Council for the Illinois Region Spring Symposium. It was very well attended by Honors students and faculty from around the state and our students represented themselves well. I was extremely proud of their research and the way they presented their findings. You can see them featured in this newsletter.

Our staff and student workers have been very creative in organizing several interesting events for your participation, all of which is part of our ongoing efforts to extend the cultural and academic opportunities for Honors students.

As I near the end of my second year in this position I look forward to getting to know you better. Please stop by the office if you ever want to chat.

Kim Pereira, PhD
Director, Honors Program
Professor of Theatre



Honors Students Present Research at State Honors Conference



Samantha Robinson, Amanda Krueger, Dr. Pereira, Christine Doman (left to right)

Three Honors students presented their research at the Honors Council for the Illinois Region Spring Symposium on March 1.

Christine Doman, Communication Education, The Effects of Teacher Immediacy and Authoritativeness on Student Motivation and Affective Learning

Amanda Krueger, Nursing, Understanding Distress during Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT)

Samantha Robinson, Biochemistry/Molecular Biology, Synthesis of Several Divalent Ytterbium Complexes

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Honors Student Athletes Achieve In and Out of the Classroom

by: Lacey Bordewick

Honors Program student athletes, Erin Lindsey and Warren McCarty, keep themselves busy as they successfully balance their athletic endeavors and academic achievement.

Erin is a member of the Illinois State Women's Volleyball team and is majoring in Computer Physics with minors in Exercise Science and Mathematics. Among her many awards as a volleyball player, in 2007 Erin was named the team MVP, Second team all Missouri Valley Conference, first team Valley Scholar Athlete, and all tournament team for the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. She also helped to lead her team to the NCAA tournament. In the classroom, Erin hopes to use her Computer Physics major to become an astronaut and travel into space. She can also use her minor in Exercise Science as an astronaut. One of the areas that she is interested in working with is observing the physical effects of long term space flights on astronaut's bodies. Some of the research that she has been involved with on campus will help her in this pursuit, too. Erin has worked on a study that measures the body composition of athletes at various points throughout their season to help determine their strengths and weaknesses, as well as a recent study that measures a person's body age versus their chronological age based on their body composition. Both of these studies and her coursework have helped prepare Erin for a successful career after graduation!



Warren is a member of the Illinois State Football team and is majoring in Business Administration. He is currently the senior on campus representative for Apple, which means that along with sporting all the new Apple gadgets, like the iPhone, he meets

with Deans from the various colleges at ISU to try to get their labs to switch to using Macs. (In fact, Warren's best advice to anyone is to get a Mac!) As an active member of the Business Administration Association, Warren has used his connection with Apple to get an iPod donated to one blood donor at the Business Administration Association's upcoming blood drive.



As student athletes, Erin and Warren have been involved in community service through the athletic department. Both have been to local grade schools to read to the students. Warren and the football team helped to build a new playground at Washington Elementary School, and they will be participating in Relay for Life this spring. Erin has been involved in canned food drives, and the volleyball team is currently thinking about taking on the Ronald McDonald House charities as a team charity.

Both students are kept very busy with year round training for their respective sports, but both agree that even though they are always busy, there are many positives to being a student athlete. Being a student athlete has helped to foster close relationships with other athletes. Warren notes that athletes are also rewarded with many opportunities to succeed including getting personal attention if they need it to make sure that they succeed in their coursework. Erin feels that being busy with volleyball and schoolwork helps her to focus and learn well under pressure because she may not have a lot of time to get all of her work done.

When asked what advice they had for freshmen, both Erin and Warren recommend getting involved! They know that being involved helps to make the college experience more enjoyable.



Fulbright U.S. Student Program

What would you have if you mixed opportunity for intellectual and professional growth with cross-cultural interaction plus travel abroad for an academic year to do university coursework, independent library or field research, classes in a music conservatory or art school, special projects in social or life sciences or teaching assistantships? What is the common thread? They all describe what is available through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

One Illinois State University alum, Timothy Johnson, is currently in Turkey on a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship working at the Hacettepe University near Ankara, Turkey. Another, Michael Schaefer, has just found out he has been awarded a Fulbright grant to Brazil, where he will do archeological research involving prehistoric pottery with individualized instruction from a Brazilian professor at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Pretty cool stuff, don't you think?

This could be you – come to a Fulbright Informational Workshop to learn more about the opportunities that are part of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m. in Schroeder 103**. Come to learn more about the Fulbright Program; the application process; and the timeline for the 2009-2010 spring competition, which opens May 1, 2008. This workshop will prepare you for a future application whether it is now or in your future. The Fulbright is for graduating seniors, graduate students, or recent alums.

Questions? Email Becky at rementz@ilstu.edu.



Tim Johnson currently has a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Turkey.

The SALT Shaker

Greetings from the SALT team! There have been some changes in our personnel this semester, so here is an update of the members who are working hard to bring you special events: Ben Burke, Doug

Johnson, Cassi Lund, Megan Miller, Christie Teetsov, Kathryn Valle, and Allyson Wetzell. Graduate Assistants Stephanie Dagen and Lacey Bordewick are also serving SALT, helping to keep the team up and running.

This semester has been full of fun events so far. We would like to thank everyone who came dressed in their best to Honors Spring Formal. The "Candyland" themed formal was held on March 29 this year in the Bowling and Billiards Center. We had a great turnout and the chocolate fountains appeased a crowd that was hungry for fun.

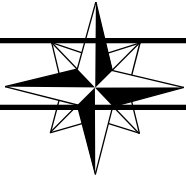
We are excited about our next event, **The Honors Program Presents: Perspectives on Potter**. This panel discussion including Dr. Ray Clemens, Dr. Renée Tobin, and Dr. Karen Coats, will take place on **Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 pm in Student Service Building 375**. The panelists will provide their insights into the social conventions concerning the global phenomenon surrounding the *Harry Potter* series. All students are welcome, and freshmen and sophomores can use this as an experience for the Sophomore Honors designation.

We are also looking forward to supporting the Honors Team for Relay for Life. To help the Honors Team raise money for the Relay for Life campaign, the members of SALT are organizing a *Penny Wars* competition amongst the floors in Honors House. From April 21 to April 24 at midnight there will be jars available in the bathrooms of each floor. Placing bills and pennies into your jar will add positive points to your floor's total, while putting dimes, nickels, quarters, etc. into the jars on other floors will deduct points from the total of that particular floor. The floor with the highest score wins a pizza party.

Another way to help donate to Relay for Life and have fun at the same time is to stop by our **Carnival on April 23 from 1 to 3 pm at the Honors Office**. We will have a variety of fun games, foods, and activities that are sure to relieve some pre-finals stress.

We hope to see you there!





Honors Students in the News

Congratulations to the following students for their recent achievements.

In-Course Honors Contest

Category 1: Paper, Essay, or Writing Project

1st place: Sarah Mason for ENG 308, Literature and the Related Arts: an analytical paper on the 1979 musical thriller *Sweeney Todd*, investigating the dichotomous nature of the musical's title character as both evil and good through Christian religious symbols present in a close reading of the show's libretto.

2nd place: Christine Doman for COM 297, Research Methods: a research study that experimentally examines the effects of teacher immediacy (closeness with students) and teacher authoritativeness (power over students) on student motivation and affective learning.

Honorable Mention:

Simone Runyon for HIS 136, US History Since 1865: a comparison of the liberal social reaction to the Vietnam and Iraq wars within America.

Karen Schaschwarz for ART 379, Modern Art: a paper on the art movement of Primitivism, focusing on the work of Paul Gauguin and Kara Walker.

Category 2: Other

1st place: Sarah Torbeck for HIS 366, Soviet Russia: made a documentary film, *Vstrecha: A Meeting*, which compares and contrasts the life experiences of two couples, one American and one Russian, who grew up on opposite sides of the Cold War, addressing themes of identity, economy, religion, and perception of the Other.

2nd place: Amy Wilson for MUS 294, Music in Recreation: Amy volunteered at BroMenn Regional Medical Center as part of the new "Music for the Heart" program, which brings in musician-volunteers to play soothing music for patients and their family members.

Honorable Mention:

Allyson Wetzell for THE 160, Intro to Costume Design: extension of final project to analyze a play, complete a character analysis, develop a costume concept for the play, and sketches of costumes for two characters.

Anthony Pragovich and **Lindsay Tuegel** for GEO 140, Human Geography: read *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, by Jared Diamond and wrote a critical review of the theory presented in the book. Collaborated with Dr. Fred Walk to show documentaries based on the book to two sections of the class; developed and graded worksheets for the classes based on the documentaries.

Honors Research Mentorships Presentations

Monday, April 21, 3 - 5 pm, Schroeder 112

Scott Baird - Psychology
Georgia Horenberger - Biological Sciences
Danielle Kiefner - Health Sciences
Amanda Krueger - Nursing
Molly Sharer - Health Sciences

Tuesday, April 22, 4 - 6 pm, Schroeder 112

Tracy Deyell - Criminal Justice Sciences
Tim Garvin - Physics
Margaret Gustafson - Psychology
Stephanie Heyer - Psychology
Nathan Kidwell - Chemistry
Lauren Vickroy - Music
David Wischhusen - Physics

Each sessions counts as one experience for the Sophomore Honors Designation.

Honors Student Scholarly Travel Grants

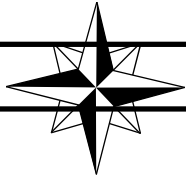
James Brooks – to present at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention. Title: "Multiple Forms of Implicit Prejudice Influence How People Perceive Barack Obama" (PSY Dept)

Christine Doman – to present on a panel at the Central States Communication Association Annual Convention. Her part to discuss: "Illinois Schools and their Communication Curriculum" (School of Communication)

Margaret Gustafson – to present research at the Society for Research on Adolescence. Title: The Romantic Partner Attachment Q-Sort: Further Validity Assessment" (PSY Dept)

Rebecca Saunders – to support travel overseas for continued research which will then be presented at the 2009 Interior Design Educator's Council Annual Conference. Title: "Opportunities for Internships Overseas" (FCS Dept)

Sarah Tedrow – to present at the Association of American Geographers. Title: "Afghan Migration Experiences: Personal Histories of Movement and Perspectives on Repatriation" (GEO Dept)



Where in the world are Honors students?

Uppsala, Sweden
Samantha Meranda



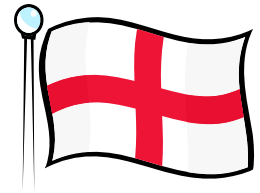
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Canterbury

Kristen Atkins
Julia Sutich



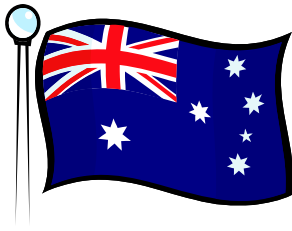
Leicester

Rachel Edwards



Griffith, Australia

Patrice Baumhardt
Rachel Pepich



Granada, Spain

Elisabeth Benfield
Katharine Bettendorf
Erin Clark
Mark Phelan
Andrea Scaife
Stephanie Whitecotton



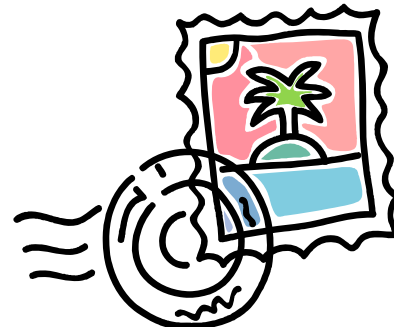
Queretaro, Mexico

Jason Riddle



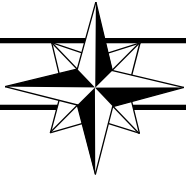
Going abroad? Send the Honors Office a postcard.
We'd love to hear about your adventures.

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To learn about study abroad opportunities, visit the Office of International Studies and Programs, Fell 308.

<http://www.internationalstudies.ilstu.edu/>



Honors Odds and Ends

Honors Events

Service Learning Fair, Monday, April 7, 2 - 4, Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

The Honors Program Presents: Perspectives on Potter, Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 pm, SSB 375

Carnival, Wednesday, April 23, 1 - 3 pm at the Honors Office, food, fun, chance to win lunch with Dr. Pereira

HSO meeting, Monday, April 28, 8:30 pm

Upcoming Honors Deadlines

Summer Partial Tuition Scholarship application deadline is Friday, April 18

2008-09 Academic Year Research Mentorship application deadline is Friday, April 25

M.J. Scholarship application deadline is Saturday, May 10 (postmark)

2008-09 Academic Year Partial Tuition Scholarship application deadline is Friday, May 16

Application materials are available on the Honors website.

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Honors Student Wins Goldwater Scholarship

Twenty-one Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships for the 2008--2009 academic year have been awarded to undergraduate sophomores and juniors selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,035 mathematics, science, and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide. We are proud to announce that an Illinois State University student has been awarded this honor.



Patrice Baumhardt is a junior Presidential Scholar majoring in Biological Sciences. She is currently studying abroad at Griffith University in Australia. Her academic and career goals are to earn a Ph.D. in Marine Biology, specializing in deep sea organisms. She has been very involved in undergraduate research at Illinois State working with Dr. Robert Preston. She co-authored with Dr. Preston more than one article for the MDIBL Bulletin and is awaiting publication on the most recent one.

Patrice has presented at the ISU Undergraduate Research Symposium and the Phi Sigma Society Symposium. She volunteered at the Challenger Learning Center for her Service Learning project, and has been involved in PS Club and Chemistry Club. She also participated the last two summers in a National Science Foundation-funded research project for undergraduates at the Mt. Desert Island Biological Laboratory in Maine, which she describes as the single most important experience that strengthened her resolve to become a marine biologist. She was an Honorable Mention Barry M. Goldwater Scholar in her sophomore year and being named a Goldwater Scholar this year is a much-deserved honor for a very capable student.

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