

UHP Newsletter

Season's Greetings Honors Programmers,

With the end-of-the-semester rush upon us, let me dive right in with my part of the newsletter:

- Honors Club Christmas Party – I hope to see you there as we take some to celebrate the season and the semester's end.
- Guest Writer Class – At the moment, we have only 2 people enrolled for the Gary Ferguson class, and I am hoping to get to the 8-to-10 students that we have had for our previous seminars. We are in the process of seeing if we can arrange for the class to carry credit for other programs, most notably creative writing, environmental studies, and philosophy.
- NCUR Reminder – The UHP will pay your expenses for this year's NCUR Conference which is at the University of Kentucky from April 3-5. Last year, Patricia Hampton and Laura-Ashlee Twiford had presentations accepted. The deadline for submitting proposals is this Friday, December 6.
- Capstone Class – With the Professor Kochner's Hunger class, we want to pilot a concept and start a tradition. There are two dimensions to the concept: 1) the pathway to acquiring real-world problem-solving skills is experience with actual problems, and 2) real-world problems, unlike their textbooks counterparts, often involve budgets, compromise, constraints, and interpersonal skills, among other things.
- The Networking Open House – Awhile back, I was talking to a UHP member who was reluctant to attend a networking workshop. He viewed such events as emphasizing the wrong things, i.e. appearances and connections rather than substance. While I understand this concern, I think that networking skills are an essential part of a professional's toolkit. So I encourage you all to attend at least one of these Career Services events before you graduate.

With all good wishes for successful ends to the semester and joyous, bountiful holiday seasons,

David Craig

Congratulations, Eli!

Eli Wickenburg will graduate this December and hopes to find a job in communications, one that would enable him to use writing and editing skills. In this year's coat of arms, he gave as his motto, Creativity & Freedom, one that certainly matches his aspirations. He is engaged to be married next October. For his English senior capstone presentation, he will read from a novel that he started in Professor Sue Hart's Creative Writing class.

Upcoming events & reminders

December 6

White Elephant Christmas Party



Bring a random \$5.00 White Elephant/Gag gift for exchanging. Enjoy Hot Cocoa to warm up with and baked treats to and snack on. Honors Club will be handing out our newly printed T-Shirts to sport.

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Honors Council Meeting & Luncheon

Council members are invited to attend a hosted lunch in LA Bldg. in room 800 from 1:00-2:00pm.

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Open House & Networking

Career Services is hosting a Holiday Open House & Networking event in LIB 100 from 1:00-3:00pm.

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NCUR Submission Deadline

This year's National Conference on Undergraduate Research will be held at the University of Kentucky - 4/3-4/5/2014. In order to have a presentation accepted for this year's conference, students must submit 450 word abstracts. For more information:
http://www.cur.org/ncur_2014

Spring 2014

Honor's Guest-Writer Seminar

Contemporary Nature & Ecology Writing

With Gary Ferguson



This year's Honors guest writer will be noted nature, science, and adventure writer Gary Ferguson. Ferguson has published 19 books on science and nature, with his 20th *The Carry Home* expected out this spring. This work celebrates the outdoor life shared with his late wife Jane and continues Ferguson's use of intimate personal experience in writing about life in the wild. Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00.

Desja packs the house, raises \$1,000 for United Way, and completes her Honors contract. Congratulations to Desja for this trifecta of accomplishments.



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