

UHP NEWS



MSUB Honors Program

October 2014

Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

As most of us have noticed, we have entered that time of the semester when we seem to be on an accelerator, with tests, readings, and assignments coming ever faster. In the UHP, things are moving at quite a pace these days as well, and so let me update you on what has happened and give you a preview of what is coming.

- Spring Courses – While we are still working on our final course roster, we will have our most robust number of spring courses ever. We expect to have 4 courses that will count for General Education credit, including for the first time a course that will count for Diversity credit. There will be two special seminars. The proposals for them are due Monday, and we invite your feedback on which ones we should select. We are still working on arrangements for this year's capstone course. In order to help you with course selection, we are having a pizza advising session on Wednesday, October 29.
- UHP Space – The search for honors space is continuing. Most recently, space on the 5th floor of the LA building was under consideration, but that did not work out. The search is having a side benefit, that is, more recognition of and support for our need for space.
- The Value Add Principle – I have set aside a small portion of our budget for enrichment activities for honors courses. The idea occurred to me as we worked on arrangements for LIT 294, which will feature joint activities with Ithaca College (a college in New York) and I made arrangements for Mark Spragg to visit Perspectives and Understanding as we read his acclaimed memoir, *Where Rivers Change Directions*. You have heard me mention the value add principle many times before, and one of our goals this year is to develop new ways to embody it in our doings.
- Post-Orientation – I have not responded to your orientation writing assignments on Sfumato, i.e. uncertainty and the ability to handle its accompanying risk, but I expect to in the next week. Relatedly, I encourage you to schedule your semesterly conference with me if you haven't already done so.
- Scholarships for UHP Students – While we continue exploring the possibility with the university, there is a complication, the university's \$1,000,000 budget shortfall. On the other hand, in a meeting that I attended earlier this week, Chancellor Nook spoke about his fund-raising priorities, the second of which was more money for scholarships (the first is the \$5,000,000 required to build Yellowstone Hall).
- McNair Scholarships – This is really a reminder opportunity, and for eligible students offers an almost certain doorway into graduate school and into funding to attend.

Wishing you well as we enter October, perhaps anticipate Halloween, and ideally enjoy our days.
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PIZZA & ADVISING PARTY!

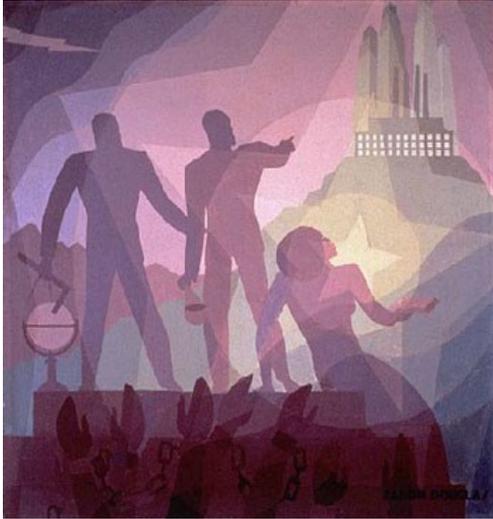
OCT 29, 11:30—2:00

Missouri Room in the SUB

This is an informal meeting where you can ask questions, get information about next semester's honors classes, and/or (at the very least) stop in to have a slice of pizza!

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New Spring Courses



LIT 294

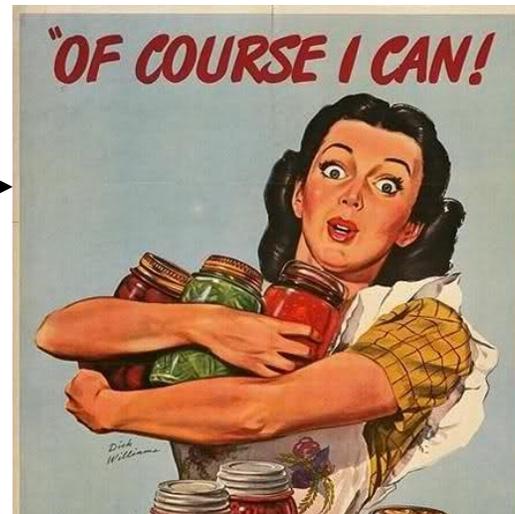
“African American Literature”
Professor Tom Nurmi

“This survey of African-American Literature from the 19th century to the present, and will include virtual conferencing and inter-college discussions with Ithaca College.”

COMX 482

“Women, Media and Society”
Professor Sam Boerboom

“Students will become familiar with feminist scholarship as applied to contemporary issues, such as the ethicality and effectiveness of appealing to women through community organizations and/or campaigns.”



FILM 324

“Screenwriting”
Guest Writer Virginia Spragg &
Professor Tami Haaland

“An introduction to narrative structure, character development, and the crafting of dialogue and action. Students will complete writing assignments that will assist them toward the creation of a full length script.”



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Spring Seminars

Philosophy of Mind—**Professor Ana Diaz (Philosophy)**. “An introduction to contemporary debates in the philosophy of mind...not to consider bizarre cases just for the sake of it, but to see what light we can shed on our nature as beings with mental lives.”

The Scientific Revolution—**Professor Joseph Brian (History)**. “In this course, students will be introduced to the content of Early Modern European scientific thought (‘natural philosophy’) and the craft of historical inquiry.”

Raspberry Pi Computing—**Professor Bruce Brumley (Computer Systems Technology)**. “In this course, students will learn to use Raspberry Pi (a \$35 computer) as an education tool and to test it in an actual classroom.”

MORE TO COME!

HAVE YOU MET WITH DR. CRAIG YET?

- Please schedule a time to meet with Dr. Craig this semester if you haven't yet!
- You should have at least one meeting a semester!



CAPITAL SEMESTER PROGRAM

EARLY DEADLINE: October 1, 2014

FINAL DEADLINE: November 5, 2014

Spend a semester in Washington D.C., get academic credits and apply for substantive internships at such places as the American Red Cross, U.S. Department of Justice, and foreign embassies.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Internships
- Housing
- Classes
- Guest Lectures
- Networking
- Scholarships

Visit www.DCinternships.org/CS or contact the Honors Department for more information.

ATTENTION: SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

If you are a first generation/low income or a minority student, you could be one of the 25 Montana students selected each year to receive the following benefits of the McNair Scholarship Program:

- Paid summer tuition, room and food!
- Visit Graduate Schools!
- Eligible for Graduate Fellowships!
- Travel to Scholars Research Symposium!
- Research Stipend!

MCNair Scholars

Deadline is October 17th

Find more information at:

<http://www.montana.edu/mcnair/>

For interest in research at MSUB or help with your application, contact
Dr. Craig.



CONTRACTS

Don't forget to hand in your course contracts!

www.msubillings.edu/honors/courses.htm

HONORS STUDY ABROAD IN GUATEMALA

Apply for Summer, Spring or Fall sessions in Guatemala with the University of Arizona/AVANCSO study abroad program!

Pre-requisites: Two semesters of college Spanish or the equivalent. GPA: minimum 3.0.

Dates— Summer 2015: June 14-August 7; Fall 2015: August 30-November 28; Spring 2016: January 16-April 23.

Deadlines to apply— Summer session: Feb. 15; Fall session: April 15; Spring session: Oct. 15.

Contact the Honors Department for more details!