

# UHP NEWS



MSUB Honors Program

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Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

It has taken us awhile to get full-fledged newsletter out, but we are back on track now. In order to handle the increased load (28% more students this year than last) and busier Jenay (with Grad Studies responsibilities), we hired a work study student who will start Monday. There is no time to tarry though, and so let me dive right in to the announcements.

- Spring & Summer Courses – Blurbs on the definite Honors courses are attached. We hope to add at least one more upper-division class and ideally two. Tentatively, there will be two Honors classes for the summer, Forensic Accounting and Interpersonal Communication; both would be online classes.
- Scholarships – As mentioned in the preview version, there are two Honors scholarships which deadlines this semester, November 16 for the \$500 scholarship that we were able to fund from our endowment and December 15 for the Gulick Research Scholarship. More information and applications are available on our website: [www.msubillings.edu/honors/scholarships](http://www.msubillings.edu/honors/scholarships).
- Thanks – Thanks to Konnar Pursell, Scott Gorman, and Clarissa Klink for bringing the discount Tuesdays idea to fruition. If you don't have your UHP t-shirt and need one to take advantage of the offer, stop by our office.
- Another Opportunity & Help Needed – For the Honors Club idea for honors tutoring, we have been offered space in the library. At the moment though, we only have the idea, the concept, we need some volunteers to help turn the idea into an action plan.
- Honors Minor – The Interdisciplinary Honors Minor will be considered at the November 19 and 20 Board of Regents meeting. Dr. Ilse-Mari Lee, Dean of the MSU Honors College, says our proposal looks great and all indications are that it will pass. You may want to think about the minor as you register for the spring and plan your schedules for the future.
- Honors Graduates – This designation is for members who join the UHP with 45 or more credit hours. There is one step left in the approval process, passage by the Academic Senate. For students who entered the program as advanced sophomores or higher, Honors Graduate status (15 hours of Honors courses) may also be something to consider when you register.
- Another Call – If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Committee to the UHP, actually more advisory to me, let me know. In this particularly busy fall, I have fallen behind in getting it up and running, but want to do so before the semester ends.

You'll notice the Stinger's advising hours for next week. Hope to see you there, even if there is only time for a quick hello. With all good wishes for these busy mid-semester days,  
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## TUESDAY T-SHIRT DAYS AT STINGERS

Wear your UHP t-shirt on Tuesday and get 25% off any barista-made drink (including smoothies!) at Stingers!

If you don't have a shirt, stop by McMullen 205 to pick one up.

## HONORS PROGRAM

# New Spring Courses



## HSTR 494-001

“The Scientific Revolution”  
Professor Joseph Bryan

“In this course, students will be introduced to the content of Early Modern European scientific thought (“natural philosophy”) and the craft of historical inquiry. Students will learn that the scientific “heroes” of the past were men (and women!) deeply embedded in religious conflict, social tensions, and political factions that made the pursuit of science controversial and collusive. They will meet too artisans at work on air pumps, elite women discussing electricity, heterodox thinkers applying new scientific theories to religious assumptions, and travelers bringing back tales of unique flora and fauna.

## HONR 294/494-001

“Telling the Story”  
Guest Writer John Clayton & Professor  
Bernard Quetchenbach

“Stories are everywhere, and this course explores how to discover and structure them. Using examples from contemporary literary journalism covering business (Michael Lewis), sports (Gary Smith), medicine (Jon Franklin) and history, we will examine how writers choose heroes, conflicts, scenes and resolutions. Readings and discussions will look at how story structure affects readers, while assignments will sketch out experiments in subject areas of the student’s choosing, which also include nature, music, spirituality, or law.



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# Other Spring Offerings

### **HONR 111 Perspectives and Understanding – Professor David Craig**

Explores classic and contemporary works of literature, art, and philosophy with an emphasis on cultural and historical contexts in order to develop critical and multi-disciplinary analytical skills. For spring 2015, the course will explore such interrelated issues as: 1) learning how to live in this world, 2) the frequent conflict between individual longings and societal values, and 3) the search for meaning and value in personal life.

### **SOCI 101-002 Intro to Sociology—Professor Jennifer Scroggins**

Introduces concepts and principles of sociology. Surveys the discipline's basic ideas and orientation.

### **COMX 212-001 Intro to Intercultural Communication – Professor Melinda Tilton**

Examines communicative encounters among people of different cultural, ethnic, and minority groups. Local, national, and global in scope, the course also analyzes identity, verbal and nonverbal communication, popular culture, intercultural relationships, and multicultural communication in applied settings. Practical guidelines for enhancing intercultural interactions will be offered while noting the layers of complexity in communicating across cultural boundaries.

### **HSTA 200 Historian as Detective – Professor Joseph Bryan**

Examines the basic research methods of History. Includes basic research writing and information gathering skills appropriate to History. Students will be instructed in the use of the Turbrian/Chicago Manual of Style system of documentation. The course also prepares students to delve more deeply into the discipline of History by equipping them with the tools they need to succeed in more advanced study through upper division courses in the History program.

### **HONR 499 Hunger and Food Security – Professor Virginia Mermel**

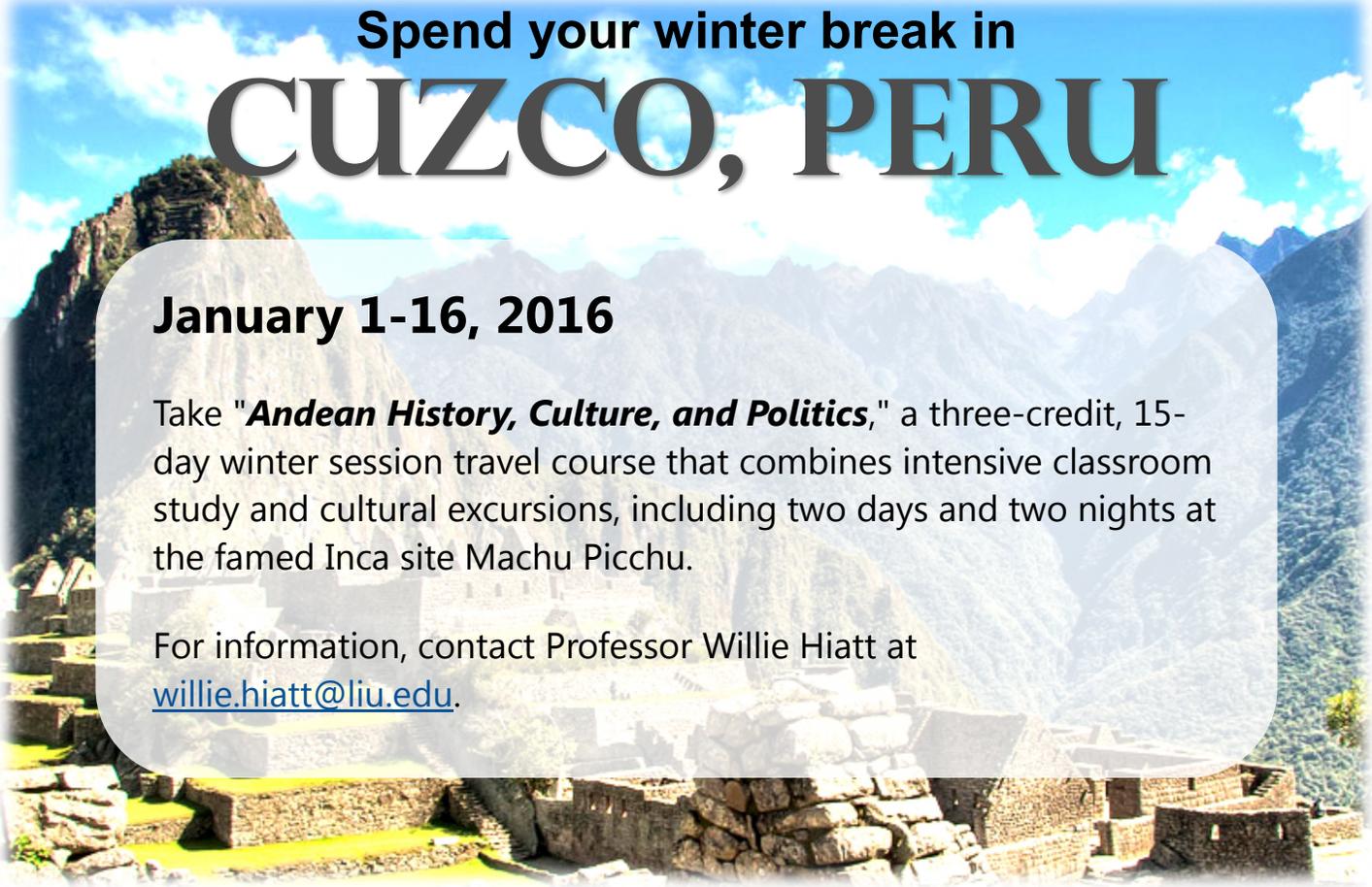
Builds on the food insecurity work completed by students who took this course in prior years. Students will explore and implement strategies to improve the emergency food distribution system, reduce food waste, and build a food safety-net that will increase food availability to low-income people in the short-term as well as build an emergency food reserve that will benefit all Billings area residents in the long-term.



## COFFEE & ADVISING SESSIONS

Meet with Dr. Craig and get a **free drink** if you wear your Honors t-shirt!

Tuesday 9:00-11:00 & 3:00-4:30; Wednesday 2:00-4:00



# Spend your winter break in **CUZCO, PERU**

**January 1-16, 2016**

Take "***Andean History, Culture, and Politics***," a three-credit, 15-day winter session travel course that combines intensive classroom study and cultural excursions, including two days and two nights at the famed Inca site Machu Picchu.

For information, contact Professor Willie Hiatt at [willie.hiatt@liu.edu](mailto:willie.hiatt@liu.edu).



## **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**— Spring 2016: January 24-April 30; Summer: June 12-Aug 6; Fall: late August-end of November

**Deadlines to apply**—Contact by October 25th for Spring (they will make sure you can apply); Summer is March 15, Fall is April 15.

**Contact the Honors Program for more information!**