

# UHP FALL NEWSLETTER 14 September 2018

Have you  
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writing  
assignment?

REMINDER

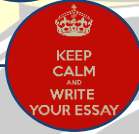
Due 9.21.18



Mountains  
and Valleys  
Chart



Freewrite



Reflective  
Essay

**CAN YOU GUESS?**

How much \$\$\$ does the  
average university spend  
on getting access to  
scholarly journals?

(see page 5)

## Welcome back from Dr. David Craig!

Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

As our new space signals, these are changing times at MSUB and, with change, opportunities. Many Sunday mornings while walking our dogs, I listen to an NPR show, "How I Built This." As the title suggests, the show is about how ideas turn into successful ventures: a shortage of beds in San Francisco during a tech conference gave birth to Airbnb (put an air mattress your living room floor and include a free breakfast for a very low price) or a young couple's car trip from England to Afghanistan and beyond became the English travel company Lonely Planet (take advantage of local knowledge and hospitality). A common denominator in the stories is taking advantage of changing times, seeing opportunities and then doing the work and taking the risks to realize them.

We are at a potential how-we-built-this moment in the UHP: how to create the strongest honors curriculum in the state, whether to turn opportunities for cheaper dorm housing into a UHP residential community, and, even, how to make the return of 25% percent discount drinks at Stinger's into advertising for the program and what we do. Chancellor Edelman's principal message, "put students first," provides this moment of opportunity. But here is where his background in business as well as in education comes into play, ROI (return on investment). When he talks about lowering dorm costs, he is thinking about creating value, the return on his investment.

Our opportunity moment in this lies in us as a community, in how we can create value. Or, more accurately, a potential community since we aren't a very developed one now. By working together, we can overcome our weaknesses—for instance, an anemic social medial presence—build the relationships that characterize highly successful communities and organizations. That's why we included the call for the participation in our subgroups as part of orientation: service, ambassadors, events, and social media.

In these days of change, we can build a community in which alums help students find jobs and prepare their graduate or professional school applications, students help each to overcome difficulties and to strengthen their skills, and we all recruit new members who will bring their talents into the UHP.

To changing time and their opportunities,  
DC

## INTRODUCING DR. STEVEN FUNK

Dear Colleagues,

When Dr. Craig offered me the position of Assistant Director of the Undergraduate Honors Program, I was thrilled!

Since teaching my first Honors course here last year (HON WRIT 101), I have felt spoiled. The intellect and enthusiasm you all bring to the classroom is contagious. You are the reason I remain excited about teaching.

This year's HON 194 is off to a great start. It's T/R 12:10 – 1:40 in COE 421. Drop by if you're considering adding it. We're exploring controversial topics by learning scholarly research methods, digital literacies, and communication.

I am happy to announce that I am taking on the advisory role for most first-year students, so if you're a first-year student, you've likely already received an email from me and you'll receive more. I'd love to schedule appointments with you all. Even if you feel your schedule is perfect, or you already have a plan for next semester, I'd like to get to know you. As Dr. Craig has said before, a large part of the growth that happens in college actually happens outside of the classroom. Moreover, you all constantly teach me about the ways in which the world is changing, so come talk with me!

Come say "hi" in COE 297 when you can. We can grab a cup of coffee, go for a run or a walk, or discuss the latest and greatest in concerts and performance artists.

I am honored to be assisting Dr. Craig in making the MSUB UHP the strongest in the state. We wouldn't have this goal without believing in the strengths of our students.

Looking forward to an exciting year,  
Dr. Funk

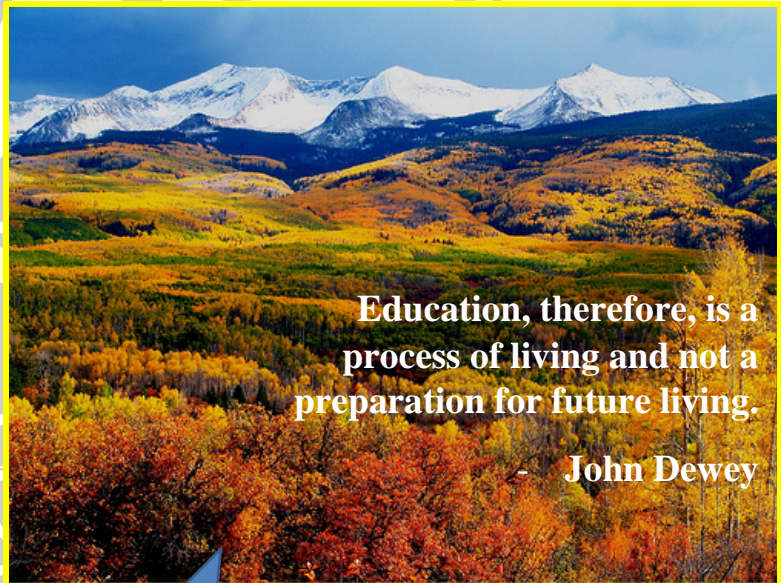
## Calling all scholars!

**The Western Regional Honors Council  
Conference @ MSU Bozeman, March 29 – 31**

**Present research with honors students  
nationwide**

**Please visit the Honors office in COE 297 for  
more information & visit**

**<https://wrhcouncil.org/conferences/>**



**Education, therefore, is a  
process of living and not a  
preparation for future living.**

**- John Dewey**

**GET PUBLISHED!**

## WANT TO PUBLISH?

**The Ausburg Honors Review**

**Journal of Student Research**

**Inquiries Journal**

**Stanford Undergraduate Research Journal**

These journals accept submissions from undergraduates.  
See Dr. Funk for more ideas and help editing!

## DID YOU KNOW?

At least 1/3 of college students change their major within the first three years of college

## WELCOME!

### First-Year Students

Brydan Anderson, Und.  
 Christian Barber, Crim. Just.  
 Alexandra Bloyder, Und.  
 Alyssa Boelen, Crim. Just.  
 Jordan Bourassa, Undec.  
 Noah Clark, Crim. Just.  
 Randal Davis, Bus.  
 Trevor Edwards, Und.  
 Seth Eldridge, Chem.  
 Emily Gaines, Psych  
 Kirby Haggerty, Elem. Ed.  
 Abby Hamilton, Bio.  
 Ashley Hanser, Und.  
 Hannah Hert, Crim. Just.  
 Bridget Johnson, Pre Nurs.  
 Micalann McCrea, Und.  
 Shannon Reny, Und.  
 Amber Robinson, Bio.  
 Jamie Roth, Bus.  
 Gabrielle Scammon, Und.  
 Amanda Stene, Elem. Ed.  
 Rachel Stratman, Pre Nurs.  
 James Unzaga, Chem.  
 Erin Vincent, Bio.  
 Nicholas Wagner, Und.

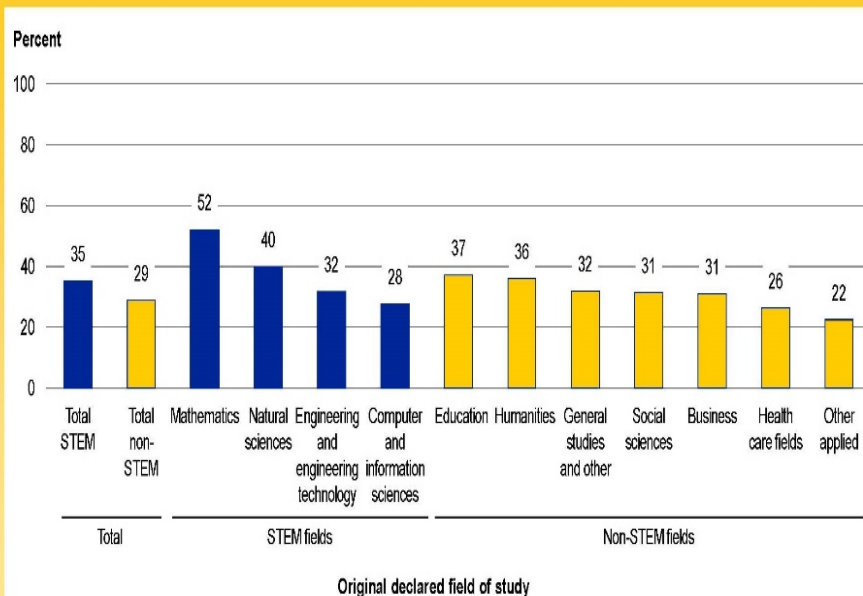
### Transfer Students

Emily Pearson, Pre Pharm.

### Veteran Students

Frank Marie, Und.  
 David McGee, Pre Nurs.  
 Beverly-Ruth Laci, Human Serv.  
 Angel Shandy, Art Ed.  
 Cody Walters, Psych/Bio.  
 Keenan Weatherford, Hist.

**FIGURE 2. Percentage of 2011–12 beginning postsecondary students who ever changed majors, by original declared field of study: 2014**



Don't be afraid to take a class you thought you never would!

Data from: <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/12/08/nearly-third-students-change-major-within-three-years-math-majors-most>

**\*A New Service Requirement\***

Thanks to the efforts of your advisory committee, UHP students will have the opportunity to enhance our sense of community.

At this year's Orientation, Honors students voted overwhelmingly in favor of performing service in the community, at 5 hours per academic year.

**Votes**

YES/NO to Service Requirement  
35 (85.4%) YES      6 (14.6%) NO

5/10 Hours/Year  
28 (70%) 5      5 (30%) 10

5 (30%) 10 per year

\*non-responses were disregarded

Thanks to our Advisory Committee!

Christian Bautista  
Dani Branson  
Lili Delgadillo  
Megi Ivanova  
Rachel Lythgoe  
Kaitlyn Moodie  
Shiloh Skillen-Robison



**Tuesday is T-shirt Day!**

Get 25% off drinks at Stingers with your UHP T-shirt

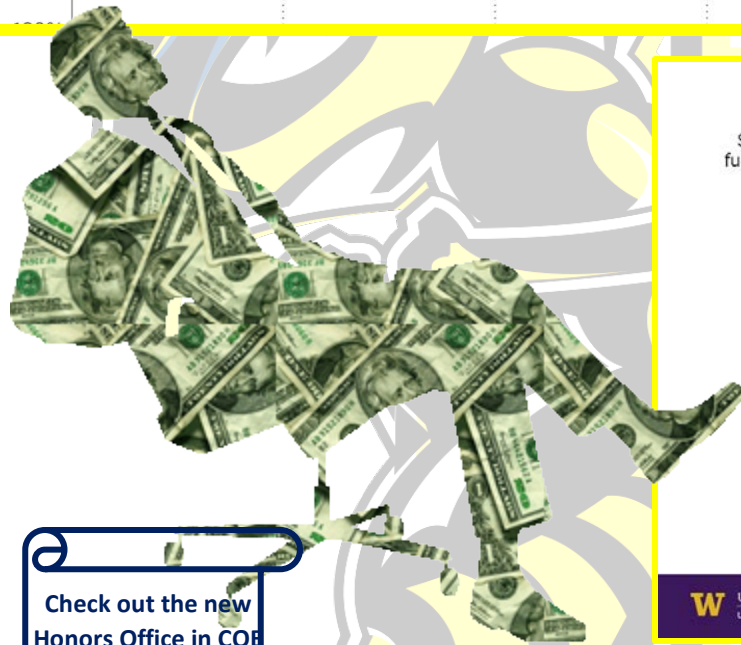
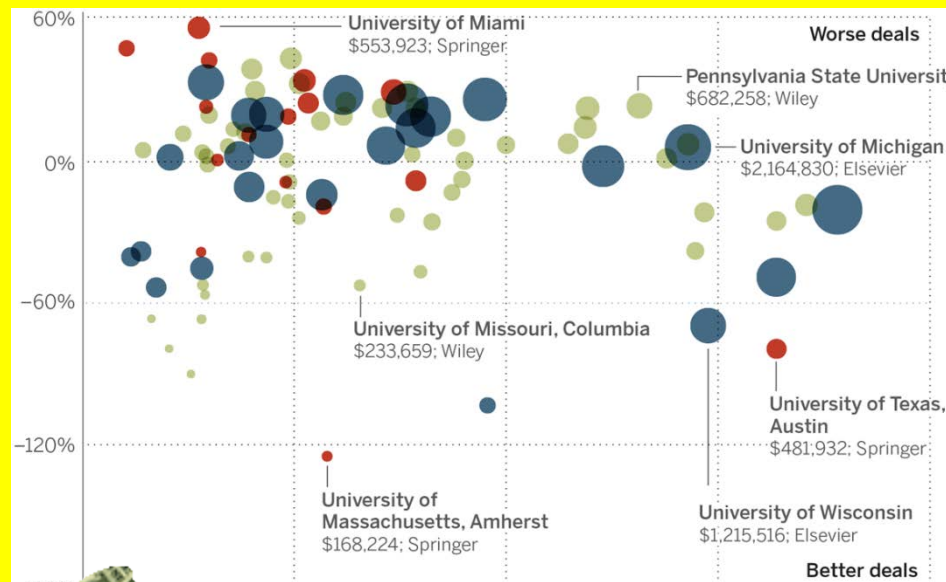


**UHP IS SPONSORING  
SERVICE SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 20!**

<http://www.msubillings.edu/engagement/community/serviceSaturday.htm>



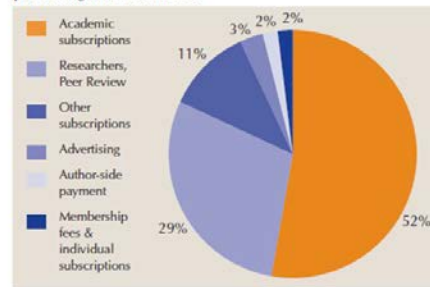
\$\$\$ paid by universities to access scholarly journals  
That should be enough to get you to the library search engines instead of Google!



**Journal article funding sources**

Source: Research Information Network briefing on Activities, costs and funding flows in the scholarly communications system: key findings, 2008

Figure 2: Global funding sources for journal article publishing and distribution



Check out the new Honors Office in COE 297 offering...



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

IS THERE SOMETHING WE NEED TO MENTION IN THE NEXT UHP NEWSLETTER?  
IS THERE SOMEONE YOU'D LIKE TO SEE RECOGNIZED?  
HOW MAY WE SERVE YOU BETTER?