

UHP NEWS

October 16, 2019

Fellow Honors Programmers.

Greetings in pleasantly warm and blue-skied week,

Octoberish rhythms now, we are into the second round of tests or mid-terms. For many of us, our to-do lists are seemingly accumulating as the falling leaves. For me, that's a good thing; it's reminder to start prioritizing and deciding what can and cannot be accomplished in coming weeks.

Our UHP Sponsored Service – We hope for a good turnout for out for it. The weather is supposed to be good, a good day to be outdoors at the Zoo or refreshing the Rims. The latter was the one that I worked on last year, relaxing to work some while taking in the views.

Writing Assignments – For me as your reader, this year's assignments have produced some surprising results, most surprisingly of all was how many writers experience anxiety, especially social anxiety. Since I have been reading annual writing assignments for over 20 years now, it got me thinking and wondering. In effect, I have lots of questions and really no answers: is there more stress now? Is anxiety more recognized than it was in the past? Is it more acceptable to write and talk about anxiety than it was in the past? And many, many more.

Writing Assignments Part II – Your writing assignments help us to serve you better as a program and me better as your advisor. As you know, advising is more than helping you schedule your courses and making sure that you have all the requirements filled to graduate on time. It's also about assisting you on your college journey as a whole in a way that prepares you for next steps. As we hear again from those of you on internships or from graduates, their duties, especially in a job, were not based on what one is taught in classes.

Pre-Distinguished Lecture Session with John Roberts – This will be an interesting session because he has had an extraordinary career, hardly one would predict from a graduate of a small Montana high school. He has played with or for Chris Botti, Feist, Sting, Dr. Dre, Mariah Carey, Lady Gaga, Frank Sinatra Jr., and Chaka Khan among others. He has driven his career by his passion for music, not by financial rewards. Does this mean that you ought to do the same? I don't know, but I do think that it is helpful to hear from someone who has traveled the less traveled road.

We'll begin scheduling group and individual advising sessions next week, and there in the newsletter, but another reminder won't hurt. The fall deadlines for Honors scholarships and Honors contracts are quite near. If you are going to have trouble, meeting either one let us know.

Only two weeks until Halloween, DC

Remember, fellow Honors Programmers, your UHP Fall 2019 contract is due by Friday, October 18th. Please put this at the TOP of your to-do list.

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Special points of interest

- Check out Service Saturday opportunities to fulfill your service requirement.
- Scholarships to apply for
- UHP Achievers



SERVICE SATURDAY

VOLUNTEER



OCTOBER 19, 2019
9:30AM-12:00PM
SUB ATRIUM

ENVIRONMENT

CAUSE

MSUBILLINGS.EDU/SERVICESTATURDAY



Refresh the Rims: Complete a beautification project of the Billings Rimrocks with Parks and Recreation. Grab a bag and help preserve this area of outstanding natural beauty.

Montana Audubon: Assist with a conservation based education program by helping to restore part of the 54-acre wetland habitat. Spot birds, net insects and identify plants in this outdoor development project.

ZooMontana: Meet the animals and poke the staff, as we help with gardening, grounds keeping and greeting guests at ZooMontana. Free entry to park and family friendly volunteer opportunity.

Sponsors: Dining Services Sodexo, Library, University Honors Program, A&SC 111 First Year Seminar
Partners: Parks and Recreation, MT Audubon, ZooMontana

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

Don't forget about the service project for the Honors program — we need flyers stuffed into our UHP brochures — this can be done at any time in the UHP office

Record your service hours at Service Sting — link is below

https://msubillings.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ebM1dy4BeYTBhEp

Registration for Spring 2020 begins Monday November 4th Check out the New Honors courses being offered:

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. 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.

HONR 492 Independent Study

HONR 498 Internship

HONR 499 Honors Capstone

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 Turbian/Chicago Manual of Style system of documentation.

HSTA 494 The History of the Punk Rock Movement -- Professor Joseph Bryan

This course will assess Punk and Punk Rock through an historical lens. It will begin with the Vietnam War era, consequences of decolonization, and rising tensions of the Cold War, then linger on the neo-conservatism of Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan, and end with the global revitalization of Punk Rock in response to the USA's neo-imperial reaction to the events of 9 September 2001.

HONR 294/494 The Rise of Artificial Intelligence – Professor Austin Bennet

This interdisciplinary seminar will leverage literary studies, rhetoric, and ethics to examine how fiction has impacted our collective understanding of artificial intelligence (A.I.). We will explore its various forms—including stories, novels, plays, and film—as a place to wrestle with future ethical concerns. Further, we will consider fiction's imaginative limits when compared with current and predictive advancements in A.I.

Contract Deadline is Fast Approaching

**Please work on getting your contracts completed
as soon as possible**

Seniors need to meet with Dr. Craig

Please call the Honors office to schedule your meeting as soon as possible



NCUR2020

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Last year 5 UHP members participated in the Western Regional Honors Conference at MSU, and this year with NCUR 2020 we have a similar opportunity. The NCUR conference features research and creative projects from undergraduates from across the nation; the sponsor's goal is to have 4000 presenters this year. We have had UHP members present at previous conferences, but have been limited by the cost of sending students to campuses across the nation. This year we can afford to pay the registration fees and lodging for any UHP member who gets a proposal accepted. Explore the conference website: <http://www.montana.edu/ncur2020/>

Abstract submission opened Monday, September 30, 2019
Abstract submission deadline is Friday, December 6, 2019



Wednesday, October 16
Mr. John Roberts - Cuban Connection

Professor John Roberts will present on his research and experiences in Havana and Santiago de Cuba. The music of these regions have affected the sound of music throughout the world, especially the music of the United States, as the dispersion of Cuban music throughout the Americas is directly related to the slave trade. Discussion will include styles of Danzon, Cha-Cha, Salsa, Rumba and more, and how they have been integrated in Western Music for the past 100+ years.

Bio: John Roberts is an Associate Professor in Music at MSU Billings who thrives on diversity and multi-cultural experiences. He has traveled to every continent (except Antarctica) and all 50 states in a musical capacity, and is passionate about sharing these experiences with community, students and peers. You may find him, at times, performing around town with his Afro-Latin Soul project.

<http://www.msubillings.edu/cas/Music/bioRoberts.htm>

Reception and Career Transitions Discussion

UHP & Grad Studies Reception
Career Transitions Discussion with
John Roberts
LI 148 from 5:15-5:45
(pizza and drinks provided)

October 16 – Mr. John Roberts
The Cuban Connection
LI 148 from 6:00-6:45 pm

Call this the story behind the research component of the evening. In recent years, we have had lots of questions from UHP members on how one launches a career and navigates the first steps after MSUB. This Career Transitions event is a chance to explore some of those questions. We also have the UHP alumni panel discussion later in the semester to explore the same issues from the perspective of recent grads.

Honors Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: November 1st



Available to any Honors students enrolled full-time who are on track to graduate as University Honors Scholars when there are sufficient donations to enable awarding the scholarships.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

In order to be considered for the University Honors Scholarship, the following materials are required:

A formal letter including information about your current academic progress, involvement in community and/or school activities, work experience, educational goals, financial situation, and any other relevant information you would like the scholarship committee to consider.

A working copy of your most recent grade transcript (an unofficial transcript).

PRIORITY CONSIDERATION:

In addition to considering the required application materials, the selection committee will consider the following factors:

1. Be on track to graduate as a University Honors Scholar or University Honors Graduate. A plan to graduate with the appropriate designation can also be used to satisfy this requirement.

2. Have participated in University Honors Program activities such as orientation, the required yearly writing assignments, and/or semesterly conferences.

Gulick Research Scholarship

Deadline: November 1st



Available to full-time Honors juniors and seniors who demonstrate academic excellence with a proposal for a focused research project that meets criteria established in conjunction with a faculty advisor.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

In order to be considered for the University Honors Scholarship, the following materials must accompany this application:

1. A 300-500 word statement which describes your research project. Please indicate whether special materials or travel will be necessary to the research and what results you anticipate (a paper, exhibit, public presentation, for example). Also indicate whether you will enroll for independent study credits (specify how many credits).

2. A working copy of your most recent transcript. An unofficial transcript is fine.

3. A recommendation letter from the faculty member who will supervise your research.

UHP Achievers

Congratulations to MSUB soccer teammates Abby Hamilton , Amanda Hemmen and Lexi Bloyder for earning academic all-Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC). Abby and Amanda both have a 4.0 GPA and Lexi has a 3.67 GPA

Congratulations to Naomi Norris for being elected as a student body senator.

Stop in and pick up your new University Honors Program Swag

Please stop by the office to pick up your new Honors Handbook, along with our newly designed UHP t-shirt and sticker. You will also find cookies, candy and the occasional baked goodies.

Writing Assignment Is Still Due



If you haven't gotten this year's UHP writing assignment, please stop by the office to get it or request a copy of it via email. The suggested due date was Wednesday, September 18.

Let's Strengthen Our UHP Community

In order to strengthen our community, we are recruiting to get 4 subgroups to help in the effort. If you are willing to help with these efforts, please let us know what group or groups you can help with:

Service – helps to arrange UHP activities such as Service Saturdays, the Research, Creativity, and Community Involvement Conference, etc.

Ambassadors –helps with prospective students and associated events such as Preview Days

Events – helps with events and event planning

Social media & outreach – assists efforts to give the UHP a presences in the social media world

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