

# University Honors Program News

MSU Billings

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## Important Notices

### Spring Classes

Registration for Spring is now open. Be sure to register for an Honors class or two. The Spring class list is attached at the end of newsletter. Please note the honors contract option listed at the bottom of the page. In order to receive an honors contract, please send an email request to Tami Haaland at ([thaaland@msubillings.edu](mailto:thaaland@msubillings.edu)).

### Scholarship Deadlines

There will lots of scholarship deadlines coming up with the approaching of the New Year. Be sure to check the scholarship section of the newsletter and look for scholarships of your own.

### Honors Lunch

On Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:00 pm in the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Faculty Lounge of the LA Building there will be lunch provided by the Honors Program. There will be pizza, salad, and desserts. You will also have the opportunity to meet Omi, the graduate student who works with the Honors Program.



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## MSUB Professor to Give Book Reading

Dr. Bernard Quetchenbach, a writer and an associate professor of English here at MSU Billings will be giving a public book reading of his new book, "The Hermit's Place." The reading will be given through the YMCA Writer's Voice program on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Yellowstone Art Museum.

Dr. Quetchenbach's book is the second collection he has written. Along with his poetry, there are 11 charcoal images illustrated by Christopher Engstrom.

Quetchenbach's book "Everything As It Happens," also a collection of poetry, was published in 2007. His

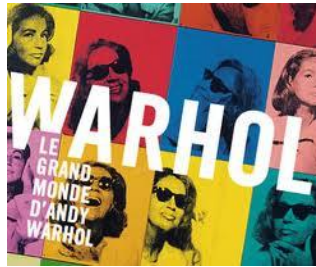
essay, "Canadas," was listed as a Notable Essay of 2005 in Best American Essays 2006. He is also the author of "Back from the Far Field: American Nature Poetry" in the Late Twentieth Century, published in 2000. For more information contact Corby Skinner at 294-2390.

*"Ignorance never  
settles a question."  
-- Benjamin  
Disraeli*

## Events On Campus

### Andy Warhol Exhibit

The Montana State University Billings Art Department and the Northcutt Steele Gallery will present an exhibition of original photographs by artist Andy Warhol in November. The exhibit opens Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm and goes through December 10<sup>th</sup>.



### Union Night

It's your Union Night! Come by and enjoy. Come by and decorate your own Christmas cookies. The fun starts Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the SUB.

### RHA Snowflake Supper

RHA is hosting their Snowflake Supper on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### SAB Holiday Dinner

Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm SAB is hosting their Holiday Dinner in the cafeteria.

### Service Saturday

Volunteer just a bit of your time on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Meet in the SUB at 9:30 pm.

### Men's Basketball

Come by the gym to cheer on the Yellowjackets on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

### Women's Basketball

After the men's game stay to support the Lady Yellowjackets on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

### Choir Concert

Come by and enjoy the music of fellow students on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. For students the price is \$2.

### Ask an Executive

This is a great opportunity to start networking. Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> features members from St. Vincent Healthcare. Head to Library Room 100 between 11 am and 1 pm.

### Student Recital

Enjoy the music of MSU Billings students on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:10. There is no charge for this event.

### Percussion Ensemble

Hear the music of MSU Billings percussion students on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. There is a slight cost of \$2.



### Junior Recital

Ron Dorado is presenting his Junior Recital on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

*"Life is my college.  
May I graduate well,  
and earn some honors."  
—Louisa May Alcott*

## In the Area

### A Christmas Carol

*A Christmas Carol* is the classic tale about the old miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, who refuses to take part in the Christmas spirit. Shows are Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm and Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Venture's Theatre is located at 2317 Montana Ave., Billings, MT

### 12 Nights of Zoo Lights

This is the largest drive through holiday lights in the area. ZooMontana is hosting a magical holiday drive-thru experience every weekend in December. The drives start Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The drive is open from 6 to 9 pm.

### A Christmas Story

The well told story of Ralphie Parker who only wants a Red Ryder BB Gun for Christmas. The play will show Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. All showings are at the Billings Studio Theatre located at 1500 Rimrock Road.

## Library of Congress Internship

The Library of Congress is looking for internships for their Preservation Research and Testing Division. PRTD is responsible for research, analytical studies, and quality control projects pertaining to materials and environments found in the Library and other cultural heritage collections. The prospective intern can expect to interact with several dozen preservation professionals, including scientists and conservators. The intern is

responsible for conducting research and/or technical analysis projects based on the level of experience. The work environment is a newly renovated science laboratories that are equipped with a full range of state-of-the-art instruments for hyperspectral imaging, X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy, environmental scanning electron microscopy/energy dispersive spectroscopy, Fourier-transform infrared

and Raman spectroscopy, UV-VIS-IR fluorescence spectroscopy, inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectroscopy, gas chromatography-mass spectroscopy, gel permeation chromatography, ion chromatography, thermal analysis, physical testing and artificial aging. Candidates should have a background in one of the physical sciences. For more information please visit the [PRTD website](#).



## Student United Way

The Student United Way is a student-led community change organization at MSUB. The primary functions of Student United Way are to give, Advocate and Volunteer in the areas of Education, Income and Health, help students grow as civic leaders and connect to the Billings Community and United Way of Yellowstone County, build lasting relationships with

each other and the United Way movement, and have fun volunteering with other MSUB students!

For more information, Contact Student United Way President Eric Braun in the Office for Community Involvement at 896-5815 or e-mail him at [studentunitedway@msubillings.edu](mailto:studentunitedway@msubillings.edu)

### Student United Way

Join the Student United Way for one of their meetings at 6:15 pm in the Missouri Room on Tuesdays.



## Campus Corps

Campus Corps is a state-wide AmeriCorps service program through which college students tackle unmet community needs in local non-profit organizations.

The goal is to make connections between college campuses and the community, and to address needs through student involvement and volunteering. Students

commit to a term of service, fulfill their hours and other program requirements, and receive an Education Award upon successful completion.

The Education Award is not a personal check made payable to the student, but a voucher that is used for educational expenses only. It can be applied toward current tuition and fees,

future tuition and fees, or toward a qualified student loan upon graduation. For more information contact the Office for Community Involvement in the SUB 225 or call (406) 896-5815 or (800) 565-6782 ext. 5815.



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**Providing Enriched  
Educational Opportunities  
For Students**



Established in 1997, the Honors Program at Montana State University Billings provides an enhanced and supportive learning environment responsive to the educational needs of exceptionally motivated undergraduate students. The program is open to all undergraduate students regardless of their major who are interested in opportunities for enriched learning, cultural explorations and fellowship. The program fosters an affordable small college experience with enhanced access to professors while benefiting from the University's size and diverse degree programs.

## Scholarship Headquarters

### Level 1

- 1) Keep checking back for more scholarships in this level.

### Level 2

- 1) Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Essay..... Deadlines vary  
For residents of Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming  
[Application Information](#)
- 2) Montana Tuition Assistance Program Baker Grants..... Deadlines vary  
Grant is to offset any Pell Grant dollars lost due to earned wages  
[Application Information](#)
- 3) Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute ..... February 1 deadline  
For a student pursuing a career with coal in Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Texas, Utah, or Wyoming  
[Application Information](#)

### Level 3

- 1) National Society of Collegiate Scholars.....December 31 deadline  
Five \$10,000 scholarships for volunteer involved students  
[Application Information](#)

## Conferences

The International Honors Society In Psychology

*The 22<sup>nd</sup> Greater New York Conference on Behavioral Research*

November 7, 2010

[Conference Home Page](#)

National Collegiate Honors Council

*Rhythms and Currents*

Kansas City, Missouri

October 20-24, 2010

[Conference Home Page](#)



Western Regional Honors Council Conference

*Constructing Places of Collaboration*

Park City, Utah

March 31-April 2, 2011

[Conference Home Page](#)



Sigma Tau Delta (International English Honors Society)

*Beyond Words*

Pittsburgh, PA

March 23-26, 2011

[Conference Home Page](#)

National Conference on Undergraduate Research

Ithaca, New York

March 31-April 2, 2011

[Conference Home Page](#)

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS**  
**University Honors Program**  
**Class List Spring 2011**

**COMT 160-003: Introduction to Intercultural Communication (3 credits)**

**Melinda Tilton, TR 8:40-10:10**

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.

**HON 182 (3 credits) Renaissance to Early Modern Worlds.**

**Instructor TBA, TR 10:30-12:00**

This course is a continuation of HON 181, Ancient to Medieval Worlds.

**HON 292/492 (3 credits) The History of Mystery**

**Instructor Reno Rachel Schaffer, MWF 2:00-3:00**

Introduces the characteristic elements and themes of mystery/detective fiction as a literary genre and traces its historical development from the 19th century to the present. Through written assignments and class discussions, examines short stories and novels that reflect a variety of subgenres, such as Golden Age, hard-boiled, feminist, regional, ethnic, and international.

**HON 290 or 490 Internships (1-3 credits)**

**HON 291 or 491 Independent Study (1-3 credits)**

**Honors Contract:** By special arrangement students may negotiate an Honors Contract with a professor. This contract will suffice to make a regular class fulfill an honors requirement through extra work as specified by the contract. **Requires Director's approval.**