

# UHP NEWS



MSUB Honors Program

November 2015

Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

A quick edition of our newsletter in these busy Thanksgiving week days. We continue to build membership and will likely have over 100 UHP members for the first time ever after our annual fall call for nominations. By the way, you can nominate students whom you see as benefitting from the program and becoming strong members.

- **Advisory Committee** – The Advisory Committee is formed and most likely will have its first meeting next week. The committee will serve two primary functions, giving me a student group to consult with about various Honors matters and providing a forum for students to voice their ideas and concerns to me. If you are interested in joining the committee, let us know. Relatedly, the NCHC, the national organization for honor programs, describes the characteristics of healthy, fully developed honors programs. If you are interested in seeing what they have to say, including about advisory committees, see: <http://nchchonors.org/faculty-directors/basic-characteristics-of-a-fully-developed-honors-program/>
- **Western Regional Honors Conference** – We would like to send some UHP members to this conference this year as way of connecting with other honors programs and participating in honors initiatives on a regional level. More information to come.
- **Honors Minor** – Our proposal for the Honors minor received preliminary approval at the Board of Regents meeting, and we have worked with the registrar so that the first minors can be awarded this spring's graduation. The requirements for the minor are included in the newsletter.
- **Honors Scholarship** – Congratulations to Sarah Shaw for receiving the UHP Scholarship announced in the previous newsletter. Sarah is a junior and a management major with minors in accounting and finance. She is a Student Jacket Ambassador and hopes to become a University Honors Program Graduate.
- **Gulick Research Scholarship** – Dr. Walter Gulick, a former director of the UHP, established this \$500 research scholarship to support UHP juniors or seniors who are pursuing research. Baudry Metangmo was last year's recipient. The application deadline is December 15; for more details see: <http://www.msubillings.edu/honors/scholarships.htm>
- **University Honors Graduates** – Our proposal for a new graduation category, University Honors Graduates, will be considered at the Academic Senate meeting on December 3. If it is accepted, UHP members who join the program with 45 or more hours of college credits will have an easier path to gaining "UHP" recognition at graduation and on their transcripts.
- **HSTA 428** – Dr. Tom Rust invites UHP students to take his Historical Archeology course for honors credit.

Wishing you happy Thanksgivings, some rest, and good spirits as we enter the holiday season.

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**DON'T FORGET! TUESDAY IS T-SHIRT DAY AT STINGERS**

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

## HONORS PROGRAM

# Honors Minor

### Interdisciplinary Honors Minor Requirements

The Interdisciplinary Honors Minor consists of 21 honors credits, including 2 required courses, and a minor portfolio that represents student experience in the minor.

#### Required Courses

HONR 111 Perspectives & Understanding	3 credits
HONR 499 Honors Problem-Solving Capstone	3 credits*
Elective honors credits	15 credits
Total	21 credits

\*A department capstone that contains the following elements may be substituted for honors capstone:  
original research or creative scholarship,  
written interpretation or analysis, and  
public presentation or a defense.

Choose the 15 elective honors credits from:

- honors sections of General Education courses
- HONR special topic seminars
- specially designated departmental seminars
- honors contracts
- honors independent study courses
- internships

At least 9 credits must be 300-level or higher.

#### The Minor Portfolio:

After completing the minor courses, students work with their faculty advisors to compile a minor portfolio that represents their learning experience in the minor. Typically it will include samples of student work and a brief essay focusing on the ways in which their work has contributed to their learning experience at MSUB and toward their career objectives.

## Congrats on your successful senior exhibition!

# VANTAGE POINT

THEODORE HAMPTON

### From the artist:

"The exhibition, Vantage Point, is a series that focuses on cinema, creating scenes and environments through the camera that mimic how we view the world through the silver screen. It uses isolated subjects in very simple environments, creating only a moment out of what could be a larger narrative. The story, however, is not the focal point, but that fact that the audience feels the subjects are part of one. Part of what separates the images from what we view in our own environment is the staged quality. Film is a staged process, mirroring reality, but is not authentically "real." The qualities of film are brought to the attention of the viewer where altered state of reality can be viewed."

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### Western Regional Honors Conference

#### Riverside, CA

#### April 8 -10

The theme for WRHC 2016 is: "Diversifying Honors: Innovation, Contribution, & Global Citizenship." UCR is well-known for its diverse community, and the 3 pillars of UCR Honors are based on Creativity & Innovation, Culture of Contribution, and Diversity & Global Citizenship.

As the host for WRHC 2016, UCR Honors hopes to encourage dialogue around diversity and to not only celebrate the honors community's achievements, but also its capacity to give back and engage with the world as global citizens.

Find out more on [their website.](#)



## Honors Advisory Committee

Jehremy Felig, Miranda McNeil, Lacey Mogan, Kaitlyn Moodie,  
Bailey Nedens, Doug Raymond, Ryan Reddick, Amy Sexton,  
and Shiloh Skillen-Robinson