

# UHP NEWS



**MSUB Honors Program**

**November 2016**

Fellow Honors Programmers,

Amidst November busyness, it's registration week, and so much of this newsletter is about honors courses. We are also in event planning mode for lectures or presentations by Honors alum Desja Eagle Tail, Zoo Montana Director and mayoral candidate Jeff Ewelt, and Honors guest writer Craig Lancaster. We've never really had a December holiday tradition and would like to have some kind of holiday celebration. If you have ideas for one, let us know.

- Special Honors Seminars and Future Courses – We invite these seminars as way contributing to the academic vitality of the university by offering courses that would not otherwise be taught. With the input of from our October survey, Honors Council, and Advisory Committee, we have chosen Race in American History for spring 2017, Feminist Philosophy for fall 2018, and Mapping Literature and The Body in Contemporary Culture for spring 2018. If there are topics or professors that you would like to see in the future, let us know. In order better to facilitate your planning for the future, we will put up projected classes for future semesters on our website.
- Thinking Ahead about Scholarships – Award announcements for our fall scholarships will come out later this week from the MSUB Foundations. But we have much [more scholarship funds available for the spring deadline](#), typically about \$15,000 to award. In thinking about applying for scholarships, either ours the university's (February 1), it's to your advantage to think about a few couple things now, most notably, your credentials and possible recommenders. Credentials is the "why you question?"—what about your achievements, potential, need, and contributions to MSUB make you a person in whom the university wants to invest. As someone who writes about 20 scholarship recommendations a year now, here are some things on my mind. I want a resume or activities list; it is also helpful to have a copy of your personal statement if it is ready in time. My letter can likely be most helpful to you if I am supporting the case you are making about yourself, hence the aforementioned materials. By the way, recommendation letters are something that I know a lot about, includes ones for the most prestigious scholarships, professional schools, and graduate universities. For a number of years, I would write up to 300 of such letters.
- Desja Eagle Tail Lecture – Desja is a 2015 UHP alum, who dreams of becoming a professional singer. She already has some impressive professional achievements: a featured performer at the Alaska State Fair, two demo CDs, and a singing tour among several regional casinos. She composes some of her own songs, although she probably won't sing of these for her lecture on Native American music.

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As always, a list of all Honors offerings can be found on [our website](#).

- Professor Otjen's Research Course – We are especially interested in courses that test college learning in real world situations. For the Research class, past students have designed a marketing campaign for downtown Miles City and a communications campaign for Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch. No matter your major, the course offers a great opportunity for hands-on learning.

Although it's a 2-vacation day week, I will be in the office both days and would be glad to talk to you about registration or to have your conference for the semester.

Wishing Novembers was warm and splendid as today's weather,

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# New Honors Courses Spring 2017

## **HONR/HSTA 494-001 Race in American History – Professor Emily Arendt**

Examines the long, tangled history of race as an idea in American history from the sixteenth through the twentieth centuries. Students will be introduced to major historiographical debates surrounding key issues such as the origins of racial ideology and its relation to trans-Atlantic slavery; the changing belief of race as a cultural and/or environmentally-determined category to one based in biology and physiology; and the ways that race has historically interacted with other factors such as gender, ethnicity, and class to create structural imbalances of power in American society.

## **BKMT 490 Undergraduate Research – Professor AJ Otjen**

Work with a client from the community to produce a branding and strategic marketing communications campaign. This course welcomes students with many talents including music, writing, graphic arts, or any major that can give input or reference to human condition and behavior. The work is almost always a service learning project and non-profit, giving the student an opportunity to affect social change.

## **HONR 311 Advanced Perspectives and Understanding**

Cross-listed with HONR 111, but recommended for junior and senior students. Course assignments link these skills to students' major, program, or professional goals.

# Spring 2017 Internship in Washington, D.C.

## U.S. Senator Jon Tester

### Details:

- A semester-long internship in Senator Tester's official Senate office located in Washington, DC.
- Responsibilities include attending hearings and briefings, researching legislation, and assisting with constituent services.
- Interns may develop their own policy focus, attending briefings and conducting research in that area. Our staff will work with you to ensure you have a full and rewarding experience on Capitol Hill!

### Application Materials:

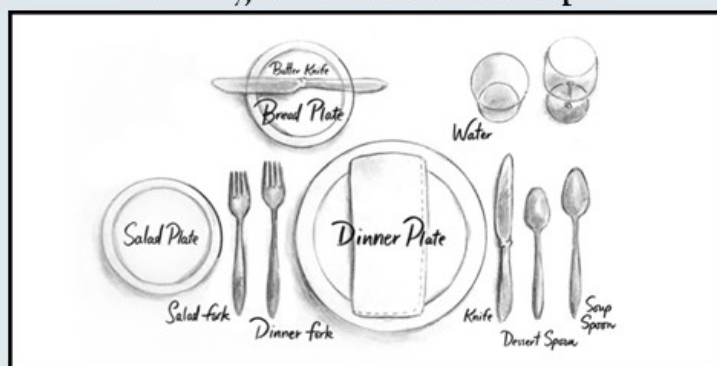
- Resume with cover letter
- Completed application (found at [www.testersenate.gov](http://www.testersenate.gov) under the "Services" tab)
- 3 references
- A writing sample of up to two pages (optional)

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15**

If you are interested in applying, please contact the Honors Program for more details.

## Meet, Greet, & Eat

MSU Billings' Annual Etiquette Dinner  
Tuesday, November 15th at 6pm



**Confused? We Can Help!!**

*Join employers and learn how to navigate professional dinners; including tips on:*

- ❖ Making Sense of Fine Dining Table Settings
- ❖ Networking & Making Professional Connections

***Due to Limited Seating, RSVP with Advising & Career Services - McMullen West or Library 100***

There is a \$20 deposit required with registration, this fee is returned at the dinner.



## REMINDER

In order for the Honors Minor to show up on your student info, you need to sign up with the Registrar. Let us know if you need any assistance!



## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: JEFF EWELT

Director of Zoo Montana  
Tuesday, November 15  
@6pm  
Location TBA



**DESJA EAGLE TAIL**, Honors Scholar class of 2015, will be presenting during the Library Lecture Series:

**NOVEMBER 29 @6:30pm**

Her presentation is titled "Native American Music: A journey in time through Native American Music with an emphasis on Crow traditional songs."

