Welcome back for the spring 2013 semester at UTSA! We hope you enjoyed your holiday break and are ready for another successful semester at UTSA! While we know you will be busy with classes and work and other commitments, we hope you will find time to join us in some Honors College activities.

First, I would like to announce a NEW EVENT! This spring, we will be hosting weekly Friday pizza lunches to give a small group of Honors students the chance to sit down and have an ENGAGING CONVERSATION with UTSA staff and Honors faculty. We are excited about the list of guests we have put together and hope you will want to attend. You can find out more about the guests and topics on pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter.

Second, we will be looking for six PAID Honors Peer Mentors to work with the new Honors Academic Inquiry course (AIS 1203). The AIS 1203 course will be required of all incoming freshmen, beginning fall 2014, and all new Honors freshmen will be required to take an Honors section of the course. Each section – Honors or non-Honors – will have a Peer Mentor who works with the students in the section throughout the academic year. Although Honors students will have the opportunity to work as Peer Mentors for the non-Honors sections as well as the Honors ones, we will specifically be looking for six Honors Peer Mentors to work with the Honors sections. The pay rate is $8.50 per hour and Peer Mentors will work roughly 19 hours per week (over two semesters). There will be a meet-and-greet for prospective Peer Mentors on February 20th and applications are due February 28th. For more information, check out pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter. [Note: Most Peer Mentors will have to be eligible to receive work-study funding, but Honors will hire two Peer Mentors without work-study funding, so all students should apply.]

Third, we need volunteers for our major fundraiser, the UTSA Great Conversation! which is scheduled for 5:00-9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at the Institute for Texan Cultures. Great Conversation! volunteers greet and chat with the community guests and participate in a conversation on a fun topic of general interest. You receive a free meal and the opportunity to network with VIPs from the community! If you would like to volunteer at the Great Conversation!, please contact me at Ann.Eisenberg@utsa.edu.

Have a great semester! I hope to see you soon at one of those Pizza Lunches or the Great Conversation!
Honors College Advising Center
News You Can Use!

- Looking for forms that can help you with advising tasks? Here is the link to forms students often ask about: Honors contract forms and instructions, explanations of Honors distinctions, registration worksheets etc. [http://honors.utsa.edu/students/forms.html#short1](http://honors.utsa.edu/students/forms.html#short1)
- January 29th is Census Date. All Honors contracts are due by 5:00 p.m. Also, 45- and 90-hour holds will be placed on student accounts after census date, so now is a good time to schedule an appointment with your Honors College Advisor. The purpose of the 45-hour holds is to encourage students to create a semester-by-semester plan that leads to timely graduation. The 90-hour holds are designed for students and advisors to make sure the student is on track to graduate and to review the process for applying to graduate.
- Summer 2014 priority registration for Honors College students begins March 3rd. Students will register themselves on ASAP. If you want to register for an Honors course, you must obtain permission from your advisor to do so.
- At present, it appears that Fall priority registration for Honors Students will begin on April 1st. More information will be forthcoming in a few weeks. Permission codes for Honors courses must be set prior to this date for you to register for Honors courses on ASAP. Please meet with your Honors College advisor to review your semester-by-semester plan prior to fall registration.
- If you want to review class schedules from past semesters to determine what is likely to be offered in future semesters, click on the following link: [https://asap.utsa.edu/pls/prod/xwskschd.P_UTSA_ArcvSch](https://asap.utsa.edu/pls/prod/xwskschd.P_UTSA_ArcvSch)
- Please visit the Student Life website to enjoy all kinds of helpful information. You'll find links to everything from Advising and Financial Aid to San Antonio Community highlights: [http://utsa.edu/uctr/infocenter_links.html](http://utsa.edu/uctr/infocenter_links.html). While you’re there, check out Gallery 23 for fun.
- Mid-term grades will be posted March 4th.
- Spring break is March 10th through the 15th.
- Important registration information can be found at: [http://utsa.edu/registrar/students/registration.html](http://utsa.edu/registrar/students/registration.html)
- If you are graduating in summer or fall 2014 follow this link for important deadline dates, applications and other necessary information: [http://utsa.edu/registrar/graduation/grad_info.html](http://utsa.edu/registrar/graduation/grad_info.html)

Have a great semester!
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Dr. Ann Eisenberg  ann.eisenberg@utsa.edu
ATTENTION CURRENT HONORS THESIS STUDENTS
The following is a summary of the important deadlines that Honors Thesis students must meet for their Honors Thesis Course

**Wednesday, January 29**
Basic thesis information due—thesis readers, working title, and a brief description
Thesis Information Form: [http://honors.utsa.edu/students/assets/forms/thesis-information.pdf](http://honors.utsa.edu/students/assets/forms/thesis-information.pdf)

**Tuesday, April 1**
Deadline to submit a complete draft of the thesis or thesis proposal to the thesis advisor

**Tuesday, April 15**
Deadline to submit a complete draft of the thesis or thesis proposal to the thesis committee

**Thursday, April 24**
Undergraduate Research Symposium, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., UC Ballroom

**Friday, May 9**
Deadline to file the thesis or thesis proposal with the Honors College (signed by the advisor and readers)

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**SAVE THE DATE**
**Pancake Breakfast with the Associate Dean**
10:30-11:30 a.m., San Saba Hall Community Room

**SUNDAYS**
Jan. 19th  Feb. 16th
Mar. 23rd  Apr. 20th

Join Associate Dean Dr. Ann Eisenberg for fellowship and a scrumptious breakfast. Delicious banana, blueberry, and chocolate chip pancakes will be served.

Please RSVP to honors@utsa.edu
Friday Pizza Lunch Conversations

Fridays, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Honors College Conference Room (MS 4.01.76)

These Friday pizza lunches will provide a small group of Honors students the chance to sit down with members of the UTSA faculty and staff to discuss various topics.

RSVP is required for each session you wish to attend. Please RSVP to honors@utsa.edu. Attendance is limited to 20 students.

Please refer to the schedule below (and on the next page) to see our exciting list of speakers and the topic that each will be covering:

Jan 24: Ann Eisenberg, Associate Dean of the Honors College
“Facing Challenges, Facing Change”

Jan 31: Harriett Romo, Director, Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute & Professor of Sociology
“DREAM Act Students as Activists: Why Do They Take the Risk?”

Feb 7: Lynn Hickey, Director of Athletics
“Being and Becoming a Leader”

Feb 14: John Philip Santos, University Distinguished Scholar, Honors College
“The Year of the Selfie”

Feb 21: Dr. Walter Wilson, Department of Political Science
“When Will Texas Become a Blue State?”
Friday Pizza Lunch Conversations

Feb 28: Dr. Cynthia Lengnick-Hall, Professor of Management
“Achievement & Meaning: Finding a Personal Balance”

Mar 7: Dr. Jill Hernandez, Department of Philosophy
“Do Men and Women See Evil Differently?”

Mar 21: Craig Jordan, Associate Dean of the College of Sciences
“Does the Affordable Care Act Serve the Public Welfare?”

Mar 28: Dr. Robert Lengel, Director, Center for Professional Excellence, College of Business (TENTATIVE)
“Awakening the Eye of the Leader”

Apr 4: Steven Kellman, Professor of Comparative Literature
“The Pleasures and Presumptions of Biography”

Apr 11: Thomas Forsthuber, Professor of Immunology, Department of Biology
“Expect the Unexpected”

Apr 18: Joel Christensen, Department of Classics & Philosophy
“Learning from Literature about Leadership”

Apr 25: Kristina Durante, Assistant Professor of Marketing
“Hidden Influences on Women’s Courtship and Competition”

We hope to see you there!
The Honors College now has T-shirts for all Honors students! If you have NOT already received a Honors T-shirt, you can pick up your T-shirts in the Honors College Office (MS 4.02.14) at the dates and times listed below. Letters of the alphabet refer to the first letter of your LAST name!

T-Shirt Pick-up is 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 2:00-4:00 p.m. as follows:

- A-C  Monday, Feb 17th
- D-H  Tuesday, Feb 18th
- I-M  Wednesday, Feb 19th
- O-R  Thursday, Feb 20th
- S-Z  Friday, Feb 21st

Students who are unable to pick up their T-shirt on their designated day can stop by any day during the following week, Feb 24th – Feb 28th, between the hours of 9:00-11:00am or 2:00-4:00pm.

You will be asked to show your UTSA ID and to sign for the shirt when you pick it up.
The Honors College will be looking for six Honors students to work as Peer Mentors in Honors sections of UTSA’s AIS 1203 course as part of UTSA’s First-Year Experience program (FYE) starting fall 2014. Honors students will be able to work as Peer Mentors in non-Honors sections of AIS 1203, but we are looking specifically for six Honors students to work in Honors sections.

For more information about the position, feel free to attend an informational session with an FYE staff member:

**Wednesday, February 5**, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hawthorne Room (UC 2.01.34)

**Thursday, February 6**, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Hawthorne Room (UC 2.01.34)

**Wednesday, February 19**, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hawthorne Room (UC 2.01.34)

To meet and talk with the current Peer Mentors, feel free to attend a meet-and-greet event:

**Thursday, February 20**, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Anaqua Room (2.03.08)

Please see the next page for more details about the Peer Mentor position.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2014
Peer Mentor Job Description:
The FYE Peer Mentor is a student staff member who provides leadership to incoming UTSA students participating in the FYE program. Peer Mentors serve to assist both first and second semester students with their academic adjustment and personal acclimation to UTSA. They will build connections with students by arranging individual meetings and participating in interactive group events and topical discussions. Peer Mentors will be selected on the basis of leadership experiences, communication and interpersonal skills, academic success, the ability to be a referral agent for new campus members, and the capacity to create and foster a peer relationship with students in order to support them in countless ways in their transition to college.

Qualifications:
- Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Graduate student with full-time status at UTSA
- Minimum GPA of 2.75 is required
- Have and maintain a clear judicial record
- Knowledgeable of campus resources
- Ability to connect with a diverse student population
- Good interpersonal skills—positive attitude, compassion, organization, leadership, self-motivation, and dedication to mentoring incoming UTSA students
- Ability to commit adequate time and effort to fulfill the role

Responsibilities:
- Attend all assigned AIS 1203 class meetings
- Meet with an assigned group of 50 students every three weeks to assist with academic concerns and progress
- Meet individually with students in your class that are not attending, not performing well, or having difficulty
- 30-minute weekly meetings with AIS faculty to discuss course and students
- Utilize Blackboard Learn to communicate with students and manage student group
- Attend scheduled FYE/UTSA activities with students
- Hold one office hour each week in the FYE office
- Submit weekly reports to FYE staff
- Attend weekly Peer Mentor meetings with FYE staff member
- Attend bi-monthly meetings with Senior Peer Mentor
- Attend A.M.P.L.I.F.I.E.D. organization meetings

Compensation:
- $8.50 hourly; 19 hours maximum per week (the majority of Peer Mentors will HAVE to be work-study eligible, although there will be some positions available for non-work-study eligible students)

Dates to Remember:
- **February 5th, 6th, and 19th**—Information sessions (see previous page for details)
- **February 20th**—Peer Mentor meet-and-greet (see previous page for details)
- **February 28th**—Peer Mentor applications due
- **March-April**—Applicant interviews and selection

Applications will be available in the Honors College main office (MS 4.02.14).

For more information, please contact Carmen Dunbar, Assistant Director, First-Year Experience Program at (210) 458-6094 or at Carmelita.Dunbar@utsa.edu.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The UTSA Great Conversation! is an important fundraiser for Honors Scholarships. The event also increases public awareness about the important cultural and intellectual role that UTSA plays in the City of San Antonio.

Honors students have the opportunity to attend this event as volunteers. The event allows you to give back to the Honors College while you participate in an evening of fun and stimulating conversation. You will meet UTSA faculty as well as prominent members of the San Antonio community.

If you are interested in representing the Honors College and volunteering at this event, please email Dr. Eisenberg at Ann.Eisenberg@utsa.edu.
The Writer’s Journey
Luncheon with Novelist Robert Boswell
With Special Guest Poet David Tomás Martínez

March 7, 2014
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Pearl Stable, 200 E. Grayson St.

Dean Diem has seats for 7 students at this special luncheon with author Robert Boswell (Author of *Tumbledown*) and Poet David Tomás Martínez (Author of *Hustle*). Boswell and Martínez will discover the life of the writer. Lunch is provided. Dean Diem can transport up to 4 students. Carpool can be arranged.

With RSVP ONLY
Please RSVP to Ann.Eisenberg@utsa.edu
BJ’s Restaurants, Inc. Annual Scholarship

Deadline: May 15, 2014
$2,500 per year (renewable for up to two years)

- Applicants must be pursuing a B.B.A. degree and must have applied to the Honors College at the time of application.
- Applicants must have completed 60 college credit hours at the time of application.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 at the time of application.
- Applicants must have an interest and/or experience in the food service industry, as evidenced by prior or current employment (full or part-time) in the food service industry.
- Preference will be given to veterans of the U.S. military.

Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) Undergraduate Research Scholarship

Deadlines: TBD
$1000 per student in spring or fall and $2000 per student in summer

- Undergraduate student in good standing with the university
- Must be enrolled full-time in spring and fall, but no enrollment required for summer
- UTSA or overall GPA ≥ 3.0
- Students must have a faculty mentor in place and a project planned with that mentor at the time of application
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Archer Center Fellowships

Informational Meeting
Wednesday, January 29, 2014
12:00 pm
Honors College Conference Room, MS 4.01.76

Interested students can also contact Dr. Eisenberg to schedule appointments with Dareth Finn from the Archer Center from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Archer Fellowship Program is designed to bring top students to Washington, D.C., to pursue an internship of their choice and take courses on policy, leadership and persuasive communication. Students can select from a wide range of internship opportunities -- from government to industry to the not-for-profit sector.

Archer Fellows earn 15 hours of credit at UTSA. Participants are housed on Capitol Hill and receive assistance in finding an internship.

You are eligible to apply to the 2014-15 Archer Program if you: (1) will have completed 60 college hours by the end of spring 2014; (2) have a GPA of 3.0 or higher; and (3) will have completed the Core curriculum requirement in Political Science by the end of spring 2014. Additional information and applications are available on the web at www.archercenter.org.

Come learn more at the Archer Information sessions!

For more information, contact Dr. Ann Eisenberg at ann.eisenberg@utsa.edu
Alex Guajardo (senior, Political Science) will be interning in the Congressional Office of Representative Joaquin Castro while he is in Washington, D.C., as a UTSA Bill Archer Fellow in spring 2014.

Ana Cabrera-Marquez (senior, Honors Studies) was accepted to participate in the 2013 Texas Conference for Women in Austin on November 19, 2013.

Diana Cuervo (Finance, ’13) has been offered a position as an analyst at Goldman Sachs. She will go to New York for training and then will be based in Salt Lake City for the next two years.

Danielle Chapa (junior, Psychology) took first place in the undergraduate social science category for her paper *Perceptions of Attractiveness among Mexican-American and Anglo-American College-Aged Women and Men* at the College of Sciences Research Symposium on October 18, 2013.

Drew Galloway (senior, Public Administration) received the Urban Management Association of South Texas’ J. Rolando Bono Scholarship at the City of San Antonio Council Chambers for 2014 (pictured below).

Edina Blazevic (senior, Accounting) has received the Sol Schwartz & Associates, P.C. Accounting Scholarship Award for 2013

Robin Bankey (Biology, ‘13) has been accepted into the professional sciences Master’s program in environmental science at the University of North Texas.

Ernest Thomas (senior, Biology) has been accepted into the Dental School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.
Lola Okunnu (senior, Biology) has been admitted to medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Kayla Lovelady (Mechanical Engineering, ‘13) has been accepted into the highly competitive Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate (NUPOC) Program and will leave for Officer Candidate School on February 2nd to become a surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy.

Honors alumnus JD Fields (Biology, ‘12) won first place in UTSA’s International Education Week Photo Competition for his photo, “Two Girls” (pictured left).

A number of Honors College students have been selected to serve on the President’s Student Leadership Council, including Jose Camacho (senior, Economics), Salina Cram (senior, Psychology), Zack Dunn (senior, Finance), Kyle Lemere (senior, Communication), Hannah Beck (senior, Political Science), Chris Stewart (junior, Public Administration), Christian Treviño (senior, Mechanical Engineering), and David Zhang (senior, Biomedical Engineering).

Jessica Steinman (Political Science, ‘13) has received the Kenneth and Verena Wilson Fellowship through Texas State University to allow her to intern with an NGO in Vietnam for summer 2014. The NGO, Chabdai, works in the area of sexual abuse, human trafficking, and the prevention of exploitation, especially for children.

Four students from the Honors College seminar on “Holocaust and Genocide” in fall 2013 were named recipients of the Wells Fargo Community Leadership Award from the Inclusion and Community Engagement (ICE) Center for their effort to establish a scholarship for research and study on human rights. The four students, Gabriel Diamante (junior, History), Tanisha Hurd (senior, English), Audrey Stipe (senior, Mechanical Engineering), and Karla Terrazas (Biology, ‘13), have decided to donate the $1,000 to the Holocaust Studies scholarship fund.
Several Honors students received COBi grants to fund their study-abroad trip to China this summer, including Edina Blazevic (senior, Accounting), Diana Cuervo (Finance, ‘13), Zachary Dunn (senior, Finance), Caidi Davis (junior, Management), Jocelyn Garcia (junior, Management), Salma Mendez-Gomez (junior, Management), Sahara Rodriguez (junior, Accounting), Heather Turner (junior, Marketing), Anastasia Walter (senior, Infrastructure Assurance), and Sarah Worth (junior, General Business).

Honors students Zack Dunn (senior, Finance) and Rebecca Smith (senior, Kinesiology) were named 2013 Mr. and Ms. UTSA, respectively (pictured below, left)

All three UTSA winners (pictured above, right) in the undergraduate paper category at the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) annual conference were Honors College students: Audrey Ynigez-Gutierrez (Senior, Chemistry) won in the Chemistry category for her paper, Synthesis of Guanidylated Amphiphiles and Bolaamphiphiles for siRNA Encapsulation in Gene-Silencing Therapy. Viridiana Estrada (Psychology, ‘13) won in the Linguistics category for her paper, Do We Predict as We Age? An Event-Related Potential Study of Sentence Processing in Spanish-Speaking Older Adults. Claudio Macias (senior, Biology & Mathematics) won in the Bioengineering/Biomedical Engineering category for his paper, Modifying Mechanical and Bioactive Properties of Hydroxyapatite Scaffolds via Collagen Coatings.

Jesse Zamarripa (senior, Biology) has been accepted into medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He is currently applying to the dual MD/MPH program as well.
The following Honors students were chosen to receive a spring 2014 Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) Undergraduate Research Scholarship of $1,000: Ana Cabrera Marquez (senior, Honors Studies), Margarita Akopian (senior, Biology), Biljana Jovanova (senior, Finance), Jose Camacho (senior, Economics), Curtis Powell (junior, Economics), Evelyn Head (senior, Communication), Shane Jones (senior, Sociology), and Victoria Olivio (senior, Psychology).

Honors College Graduate Assistant, Shawn Keeney (English, ‘13), won first place and $300 in the graduate-student division of the UTSA English Department’s third annual Name That Author competition.

Nine Honors College seniors have had their papers accepted for presentation at the National Council on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) annual conference, which will be held in Lexington, KY, on April 4th-6th. The students and their papers are: Rosemary Beavers (Biology) & Andres Ruiz (Biology), Neurodevelopmental Trajectory of Simple Arithmetic in Bilingual Children; Jose Camacho (Economics), Customs Unions and Trade Liberalization: An Evaluation of the North American Free Trade Agreement; Armando Gomez-Farias (Mechanical Engineering), Finite Element Sensitivity for Plasticity Using Complex Variable Methods; Jade Heverly-Campbell (Public Health), Music and Art in Medicine: A Pre-Health and Medical Student Initiative to Improve Quality of Life for Nursing Home and Assisted Living Residents; Lotte Jensen (Anthropology), Dietary Differences and Activity Budgets of ‘Alouatta palliata’ in Primary and Secondary Forest Fragments in Northeastern Costa Rica; Akhilesh Mantripragada (Computer Science), Edulinc: A Powerful Collaboration Tool for Schools; Marissa Mendoza (Psychology), The Effects of Gender, Stress, and Risk for Depression on Amygdala Volume in Adolescents; and Victoria Olivo (Psychology), The Extended Parental Self: Gender Differences in Parental Spending on Sons and Daughters.
Business Honors

Ashley Nicole Amador
B.B.A. in Human Resource Management
_cum laude_ with International Distinction

Claudia A. Delgado
B.B.A. in Management

Michelle Sloan Fair
Master of Accountancy
B.B.A. in Accounting
_cum laude_

Austin Michael Hagee
B.B.A. in Finance

Tesia N. Muñiz
B.B.A. in Accounting

Josue Rene Rivera
B.B.A. in Accounting
B.B.A. in Finance

Travis J. Towart
B.B.A. in Accounting
B.B.A. in Finance
_cum laude_
General Honors

Hannah Seabury Beaver
B.A. in Psychology
*cum laude* with a minor
in Art History and Criticism

Anisha Dandona
B.S. in Multidisciplinary Science
*magna cum laude*

Shireen D. Daruwalla
B.S. in Biology
*cum laude*

Moses Amala Nevill Duggirala
B.S. in Electrical Engineering
*cum laude*

Samantha A. Elliott
B.A. in Psychology
with a minor in Sociology

Zaida Monserrat Flores
B.A. in Criminal Justice
*magna cum laude*
with a minor in Psychology

General Honors

Jessica Shawn George
B.S. in Civil Engineering

Felicia Elaine Head
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies
*cum laude*

Kathlene Rose Hurt
B.S. in Computer Engineering
*cum laude*
with a minor in Computer Science

Stephanie James
B.S. in Biology
*cum laude*

Jordan Christine Kinnally
B.A. in Anthropology
with a minor in Psychology
Fall 2013 Graduates

General Honors

Olivia Lashae Osband
B.A. in Sociology
with a minor in Biology

Ashley Ann Parr
B.F.A. in Art
magna cum laude
with International Distinction

Krishna Kishor Patel
B.S. in Biology
summa cum laude

Anh T. Pham
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

Paige Pieniazek
B.B.A. in General Business
magna cum laude
with Business Honors

Anggi Arlandi Priatmadi
B.S. in Computer Engineering

Rani A. Putri
B.S. in Electrical Engineering
cum laude

Isatu Sesay
B.S. in Health
cum laude

Leadership Honors

Courtney Alyssa Haass
B.B.A. in Management
cum laude with a minor in
Finance and Business Honors

Highest Honors

Cathryn Elisabeth Boethel
B.M. in Music Studies
cum laude
“The Pursuit of an Effortless Clarinet Recital”
with Dr. John Silas Millican,
Department of Music

Marc Castro
B.S. in Electrical Engineering
summa cum laude
“Investigation of Molybdenum Disulfide Transistors with Aluminum Oxide Passivation”
with Dr. Arturo Ayon, Department of Electrical Engineering
Highest Honors

Clarissa Christelle Dieck
B.A. in Anthropology
summa cum laude with a minor in Spanish
“Prehensile Tail Use & Positional Behavior among Age-Sex Classes in Mantled Howler Monkeys (Alouatta palliata) in Costa Rica”
with Dr. Joanna Lambert,
Department of Anthropology

Eli S. Embleton
B.A. in Classical Studies
magna cum laude with Leadership Honors
“Leadership in the Ancient World”
with Dr. Joel Christensen,
Department of Philosophy and Classics

Viridiana Estrada
B.A. in Psychology
magna cum laude with a minor in Biology
“Do We Predict as We Age?
An Event-Related Potential Study of Sentence Processing in Spanish-Speaking Older Adults”
with Dr. Nicole Wicha,
Department of Biology

Armando Gomez-Farias
B.S. in Civil Engineering
summa cum laude
with a minor in Business Administration
and International Distinction
“Feasibility of Mobile Applications in Reinforced Concrete Design”
with Dr. Manuel Diaz, Department of Civil Engineering

Jesse Edward Harris
B.A. in Anthropology
summa cum laude
“JOIN-UNJOIN: A Hearing Son’s Silent Journey to Find the Mother He Almost Knew”
with Professor John Philip Santos,
Honors College

Kayla Lauren Lovelady
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
cum laude with a minor in Mathematics
“Finite Element Methods for Anisotropic Materials”
with Dr. Harry Millwater, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Highest Honors

Lisa René Oakes
B.A. in Psychology
_magna cum laude_
“Drawing on Tattoos: Effects of a Visible Tattoo on Impression Formation of a Female Target”
with Dr. Michael Baumann,
Department of Psychology

Laura de Jesus Solis
B.S. in Biology
_cum laude_
“The Effects of the CARDS TX in Airway Remodeling”
with Dr. Claude Jourdan LeSaux,
Department of Cardiology, UTHSCSA

Karla Y. Terrazas
B.S. in Biology
_cum laude_
“The Effect of Diameter Distribution of Axons on Action Potential Propagation Velocities”
with Dr. Fidel Santamaria,
Department of Biology
HON 3233.02M/HIS 3903.01M
Honors Seminar: Modern Japan
Dr. Wing Chung Ng

This course will examine the history of Japan from about 1600 to the dawn of the 21st century. It covers the early modern period under the Tokugawa, the era of nation-building during the Meiji, the rise of militarism leading to the Pacific War, the postwar years of American Occupation, and Japan’s subsequent rebirth as a global economic powerhouse in the late 20th century. In casting this history in such a broad scale and sweep, the key question is how did a country, relatively modest in size and limited in resources, manage to have such a significant impact on Asia Pacific and the world at large? This inquiry helps put contemporary Japan’s continuing effort to reinvent itself in a globalized world in historical perspective. Students pursuing a major or minor in History may use this course to meet upper-division elective requirements in Asian history.

HON 3233.01F
Honors Seminar: Islam in the Modern World
Dr. Amy Pozza Kardos

This course explores Muslim perspectives on modernity from the late 19th century to the present. It begins with an introduction to early Islamic civilization and the shared traditions that still constitute the foundation of Muslim identity today. The course then surveys the diversity of global Islam in the modern era, including regional formations of Muslim culture, sectarian divisions, debates within various schools of Islamic Law, the influence of mystical practices, and the emergence of a wide range of reform and piety movements. It focuses on the voices of individual Muslims over the past century in both popular and academic literature, film, and the visual arts. The course will also critically examine Islam in the modern media and the portrayal of Muslims as a homogenous community with rigid traditions that are incompatible with the modern world. Students pursuing a major or minor in History may use this course to meet upper-division elective requirements in Asian history. Students pursuing a major or minor in Humanities or a minor in Religious Studies should ask their advisor about possible substitutions.

HON 2201.01T
Honors Community Service
Mrs. Alegra Lozano

HON 2201 is designed to provide members of the Honors College with the opportunity to earn college credit for their experiences in community service. Students are expected to take responsibility for planning and keeping track of their community service experiences. In addition students will have the opportunity to share their experiences in a seminar setting.

HON 3233.02S
Honors Seminar: US War Literature
Dr. Ben Olguín

This course is designed as an intense advanced survey of several established and new genres of American transnational war literature and film from the nineteenth century to the present. The primary literary and cinematic texts have been selected for their complex treatment of transnational American subjectivities that are synthesized in various wartime contexts. The immediate goal is for students to gain insights in the ways that artists deploy various aesthetic devices and conventions to illuminate and critically interrogate foundational social and political issues such as the nation, ethics, and the function of art, all of which are accentuated during wartime. The ultimate goal is to exercise the explication and expository writing skills in critical cultural and aesthetic analysis necessary for advanced research. Students pursuing a major or minor in English may use this course a Category C elective.
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This two-year fellowship at the IDA Science and Technology Policy Institute provides a unique opportunity for recent bachelor’s and master’s degree recipients to gain science and technology policy experience. Policy research will focus on areas such as energy and the environment, education, information and communication technologies, innovation and competitiveness, national security, and international cooperation. Fellows will be involved in collaborative research for leaders in the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in the Executive Office of the President and for such federal agencies as the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

What to Expect
Fellows work with teams of researchers on a wide variety of analyses related to science and technology policy. Experiences over the course of the two-year fellowship will include professional development through:

- Participation in analyses in support of tasking from federal policy makers
- Interaction with OSTP and federal science agency professionals
- Training on specific analytical methods and tools
- Mentorship from members of the research staff
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Who Should Apply?
Applicants must be U.S. citizens and have earned at least a bachelor’s degree by September 2014. Master’s degree candidates are also encouraged to apply. Competitive candidates will have strong academic records in life science, physical science, engineering, statistics, computer science, mathematical science, or social and behavioral science. Candidates should have an interest in science and technology policy; however, previous policy experience or education is not required. Strong written and verbal communication skills are essential. Ideal candidates are innovative, analytical self-starters who are able to work collaboratively in teams.

Apply here.

Complete applications received by January 31, 2014, will be given full consideration.
For more information about the IDA Science and Technology Policy Institute, please visit: https://www.ida.org/stpi.php
Donald M. Payne International Development Fellowship Program

Number of Fellowships Offered: 5  
Eligibility Requirements: U.S. citizenship; GPA of 3.2/4.0; seeking to start two-year relevant grad program in fall 2014  
Online Application Opens: October 22, 2013 www.paynefellows.org  
Application Deadline: January 27, 2014; Finalists selected by the end of February; Fellows selected by mid-March  
Contact: paynefellows@howard.edu; 202-806-4367, (877) 633-0002; or Tessa Henry, (Tessa.henry@howard.edu) 202-806-5952

The Payne Program is designed to attract outstanding young people to careers in international development as USAID Foreign Service Officers. The Payne Fellowship Program provides benefits valued at up to $90,000 over two years toward a two-year master's degree, arranges internships in Washington D.C. and at USAID missions overseas, and provides professional development and support activities. Fellows who successfully complete the program become USAID Foreign Service Officers.

CHCI Congressional Internship

Summer 2014 Application Deadline: January 31, 2014  
Fall 2014 Application Deadline: April 25, 2014

The purpose of the Congressional Internship Program (CIP) is to expose young Latinos to the legislative process and to strengthen their professional and leadership skills, ultimately promoting the presence of Latinos on Capitol Hill and in Federal Agencies.

The Congressional Internship Program provides college students with a paid work placement in a Congressional Office or Federal Agency for a period of twelve weeks (Spring/Fall) or eight weeks (Summer). This unmatched experience allows students to learn first hand about our nation's legislative process.
## DATES TO REMEMBER

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