

THE HONORS AMBO

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Dear Honors Students,

How did you weather the cold spell? Hopefully with a cup of something hot this past Friday at the HRC's teatime. As the temperatures prepare to drop again tomorrow, keep a warm mug close at hand.

This coming Friday is the first Hitchhiker's Guide of the semester. The special guest is... well, scroll down and see for yourself!

In other news...

Attn: Freshmen Midyear Check-ins

All freshmen are required to schedule a meeting with Lisa Campbell within the coming month. Please see her email for more info.

Oh the places you'll go...

... and the Merkel Fund can help! Named after Dr. Ingrid Merkel, the founder of the Honors Program, the Merkel Fund assists students who are traveling for academic purposes. This can include conferences, poster presentations, study abroad, and more. To apply, simply email a one-page letter describing where you will travel, what you will be doing there, and your exact proposed budget for the scholarship money. Deadline: March 21st.

"Now is the winter of our discontent Made glorious summer by this sun of York"

On Friday, February 21st, a small group of UHP students will attend *Richard III* at the Folger Shakespeare Theater. Tickets will go on sale soon. Stay tuned!



*"And thus I clothe my naked villainy
With odd old ends stol'n out of holy writ;
And seem a saint, when most I play the
devil."*

A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 1)

*"I, that did never weep, now melt with woe
That winter should cut off our spring-time so." – Henry VI, Shakespeare*

Events Calendar

The Hitchhiker's Guide to Culture

Special Guest: Dr. Michael Kimmage!

Friday, January 31 4:00 p.m. – 5:00pm

McDonald First Floor Lounge

Join Honors instructor Dr. Kimmage for a discussion titled, "In Search of American Conservatism." Dr. Kimmage graduated with his Ph.D. from Harvard in 2004 and became a professor at CUA in 2005. He has also taught in Germany and Lithuania and is the author of several books on American history.

This presentation is sure to interest history buffs, politics gurus, and any curious thinker wondering just what has become of American conservatism.



Dr. Kimmage pondering history's lessons.

Thinking about CUA for grad school? Work with the Honors Program!

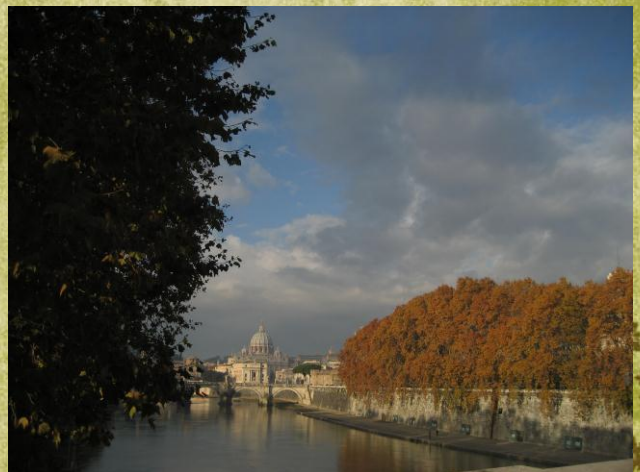
Honors Program alumni (or soon-to-be alumni) are eligible to apply for the Honors Graduate Fellowship. Work 20hrs/week while enrolled in a CUA graduate program, and receive full tuition remission and a generous stipend. Deadline to apply: Feb. 15, 2014. Please email purpleke@cu.edu for more info and an application.

STUDENT CORNER

Matthew Yost, a member of the Honors Program and of the class of 2015, recently returned from a semester abroad in Rome. He found it to be an experience of profound change! Read his reflection below.

"My anticipations of a semester in Rome were always couched in terms of 'experiences' to be accrued: pastas and wines to be consumed, churches to be visited, touristy sites to be mocked and oh so unadmittedly enjoyed. I quickly discovered that this mentality does a great disservice to my time abroad, because experiences are by nature fleeting—I would be hard pressed to remember every glass of wine I've had (not in that sense), or to distinguish between many of the innumerable Santa Marias in the city. Of course, some wines and some Santa Marias stand out, but if I look at my time here as a sequence of experiences, it will fade away astonishingly quickly. That which does persist is that which we allow to change, enrich and ennoble us, becoming part of our outlook, identity, and very self. With this perspective, even trivialities such as the nuances of spelling Italian neighborhoods or noticeable trends in the graffiti you pass on the way to class can acquire an invaluable meaningfulness, because they become part of who you are. A semester is a success indeed if it opens your eyes thus to the world's incredible richness—which is simultaneously unpredictable and universal—because this realization stays with you and changes your entire life, no matter where you are."

One of Matthew's favorite shots from Rome: St. Peter's seen from afar.



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*"O, that that earth, which kept the world in awe,
Should patch a wall to expel the winter flaw!" – Hamlet, Shakespeare*