Dear Honors Students,

“Shall I be plain? I wish the bastards dead.”

Why does Shakespeare have Richard III be so shockingly open with the audience about his murderous plans? How does this implicate the audience? Join Dr. Todd Lidh as he unravels the mysteries of this spectacular Shakespeare play, Richard III.

TODAY
5:00pm-6:00pm
Pryz 327

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“Actors are so fortunate. They can choose whether they will appear in tragedy or in comedy, whether they will suffer or make merry, laugh or shed tears. But in real life it is different. Most men and women are forced to perform parts for which they have no qualifications. Our Guildensterns play Hamlet for us, and our Hamlets have to jest like Prince Hal. The world is a stage, but the play is badly cast.” - Oscar Wilde
**STUDENT CORNER**

Maggie Scheer shares some of the incredible experiences that have transpired during her past 5 weeks studying abroad in Oxford!

“In Oxford, as is to be expected, walking (or more commonly, biking) everywhere is a lesson in humility. Who am I to be studying in the Bodleian? Who am I to be enjoying the same views as C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, and of course Hugh Grant? Who am I to be stressed about work in a place like this? Studying at Oxford is unlike any other study abroad experience--and that's what makes it so special. I have learned more in the past five weeks (and this is certainly not limited to academic material, for I've learned quite a bit about myself as well) than I think I've learned in the past 2.5 years of college. How am I so lucky?”

L-R: Maggie, Audra Nakas, and Laura Rothgeb in the garden of New Place, Shakespeare’s daughter’s home.

**Oh the places you'll go... with the Merkel Fund!**

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.

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**Events Calendar**

**The Hitchhiker’s Guide to Culture**

**“Peace on Earth: Religion, Environment, and Peace”**
Friday, February 21 4:00pm-5:00pm
Walton Second Floor Lounge
The special guest this week is... Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love! Dr. Cusimano Love is a professor of International Relations in CUA's politics department and has also taught courses at the Pentagon. She is on the Core Group for the Department of State's working group on Religion and Foreign Policy, served as a Fellow at the Commission on International Religious Freedom, and is a member of the USCCB's International Justice and Peace Committee. She earned her Ph.D. from John Hopkins University. Hear Dr. Cusimano Love’s thoughts on the latest environmental and theological issues!

**Viva l’ Italia!**
Monday, February 24 3:00pm-5:00pm
McMahon Hall Foyer
Missing Italian food after returning from a semester in Rome? Want to enjoy an afternoon steeped in Italian culture? Join the Center for Global Education for an afternoon of Italian food and music open to all students and faculty, as well as many Italian organizations from the local area. His Excellency Ambassador Claudio Bisogniero of Italy will be in attendance!
Food provided by Menomale Italian Restaurant.

**Tour of CUA’s Vitreous State Laboratory**
Friday, February 28 4:00pm-5:00pm
Hannan Hall
Although not usually open to the public, Honors students will have the chance to learn about the inner workings of this world-renowned research lab! Come see why the Vitreous State Lab has received wide recognition as one of the outstanding university centers for the study of glassy materials.

**Interested in spending three weeks in Italy this summer?**
Study the various strata of culture and civilization in Rome, Naples, and the island of Capri! This program will focus on the interdisciplinary study of Italian culture and society through literature, visual arts, archaeology, and architecture. Live in Rome for two weeks and on the island of Capri for one week, while earning credit for ITAL 221. See the attached brochure for more information. Application deadline: March 17.

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“All the world’s a stage and most of us are desperately unprepared.” – Seán O’Casey