Dear Honors Students,

The next Honors Symposium is this Thursday!

The Honors Symposium
The special guest is Rev. Msgr. Paul McPartlan!

Did you know…?
- Msgr. McPartlan serves on the International Theological Commission, a group of Catholic theologians that advises the Church’s Magisterium.
- Before he became a priest, he majored in math at Cambridge.
- He was appointed a papal chaplain by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008.

Join the UHP for dinner and some intellectual conversation, and get to know Msgr. McPartlan!

When: This Thursday, April 3rd at 6:00pm
Where: McDonald First Floor Lounge

Kindly RSVP by Tuesday, April 1st at 5pm to Candice Mendez at 02mendez@cardinalmail.cua.edu and include any food allergies you may have.

Jerusalem: the Course and the Trip!

TRS 205: Jerusalem in History and Tradition
Dr. Miller  
MW 2:10-3:25
This seminar-style course, which counts in the Honors Liberal Studies Track and as a substitute in the Humanities Track, explores the history of Jerusalem from its founding to the present as well as the traditions that adhere to it and its mythic dimensions. The focus is on the overlap and interplay of the ancient, the theological, and the political.

Offered in tandem with

Spring Break 2015: Jerusalem
The many sights to see include the Dome of the Rock, the Al-Aqsa mosque, the Garden and Basilica of Gethsemane, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Look forward to guided visits to museums, a walking tour of an Orthodox neighborhood, and a special excursion to Bethlehem.

The spring break trip counts as a 1-credit course. Participation in TRS 205 is not required for participation in the spring break trip, and participation in the course need not entail going on the trip.

Hear ye, hear ye!

Be a chess piece at Medieval Day 2014
Come celebrate all things medieval with Dr. Paxton on Sunday, April 6, from 1 to 6 pm on the Pryz Lawn. There will be medieval weapons demonstrations, musical performances, crafts, and a catapult! At 5pm we will stage our famous human chess game. If you would like to be a chess piece, please send an email to Dr. Paxton (Paxton@cua.edu) so that she can send you a link to the electronic signup.

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“There is nothing in which deduction is so necessary as religion,” said he, leaning with his back against the shutters. “It can be built up as an exact science by the reasoner. Our highest assurance of the goodness of Providence seems to me to rest in the flowers. All other things, our powers, our desires, our food, are all really necessary for our existence in the first instance. But this rose is an extra. Its smell and its color are an embellishment of life, not a condition of it. It is only goodness which gives extras, and so I say again that we have much to hope from the flowers.” - Arthur Conan Doyle,
**Hitchhiker’s Guide to Culture**

“Advocating and Defending the University’s Mission: 2 Days in the Lives of the VP for Public Affairs and the General Counsel”

Friday, April 4  4:00pm-5:00pm
Walton Lounge

In addition to sending the eagerly-anticipated snow day emails, Victor Nakas is responsible for the University’s communications, marketing, and media relations. After 27 years working with the Army, Lawrence Morris is responsible for the team that gives legal advice to our University leadership. Together, they are on the front lines of defending and promoting CUA’s mission. Come hear their story!

**Honors Spring Dinner**

Thursday, April 24th  6:00pm
Caldwell Hall Auditorium

Come celebrate the end of the semester with our faculty and students! Mark your calendar.

**Tour of the National Building Museum**

Sunday, April 27  Meet at the metro at 1:00pm
Tour begins at 2:00pm

Explore DC’s museum of architecture, engineering, and design, for FREE! Past exhibits have featured sustainability projects, Shakespearean theaters, World Fairs, modernist architecture, and even LEGO buildings! Check out a video preview of a new exhibit, called House and Home, here. Please RSVP to Jillian Moser (olson@cua.edu). The National Building Museum is only a few blocks from the Chinatown metro, so you’ll be in a good part of town to get some dinner afterwards!

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“A garden to walk in and immensity to dream in—what more could he ask? A few flowers at his feet and above him the stars.” - Victor Hugo, Les Misérables

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**STUDENT CORNER**

**Congratulations!**

Honors student and graduating senior, **Amelia Krahe**, is this year’s winner of the Thomas O’Hagan Poetry Contest! Her winning poem is included below.

### "Orientation"
(after "Desolation" by Wendell Berry)

Outward turned, we are
constant bodies that shift and turn,
absorb grassy pastures and suntinged pavement;
singing with our omnipresent eyes.
Spirits going, forthgoing,
we are in endless bloom.
Reaching, dancing, unfolding and spreading
usually in twos (and sometimes ones).
Turned inward, though,
And imbued with masked intention
we live, a severed servant
annul the lineage of consequence.
With solitary will we turn
what is tightly woven into unbound autonomy;
and begin eagerly to look with eyes full
towards the living wind.

This was the sunny view
outside the Music School this morning.
We’re hoping that spring is here to stay!

Have a great week!