

THE HONORS AMBO

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Let the 2013-2014 school year begin!

Welcome back, Honors Students!

We hope that you enjoyed the summer!

We are excited to be able to fill you in on everything that is going on with the Honors Program, and especially help you to remember and plan for all our upcoming events! Please take note of some of the changes listed on this page, and our important events calendar on page 2.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning, sharing, and having fun as an Honors community.

Some changes around the UHP office:

- Dr. Jennifer Paxton has joined the UHP staff in the newly created position of Assistant Director. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor of History and has been teaching at CUA since 2010. Some of you may have already had her for class! We are excited to welcome Dr. Paxton to the Honors Program.
- Former graduate fellow Andrew Cuff is now working in CUA's School of Theology and Religious Studies as he pursues his doctorate. Good luck, Andrew!
- Julie Yarwood, our Coordinator of Distinguished Fellowships and Grants, can now be found in her new office in 114 McMahan Hall.

Who's where?

We continue to have two offices here at the University Honors Program.

107 McMahan Hall is shared by the UHP and the School of Arts and Sciences. It is home to **Dr. Shoemaker**, Director, and **Jillian Olson**, Assistant to the Director.

112A McMahan Hall, known as the UHP Annex, is occupied by **Dr. Paxton**, Assistant Director, and **Katie Purple**, graduate fellow.

Do not hesitate to stop by to ask any questions you may have, or simply to say hello and enjoy a cup of tea!

Spring Break in MADRID!



Join Dr. Daniel García-Donoso for spring break in Madrid as you explore all the historical and cultural sights, from the Royal Palaces and the monastery of El Escorial, to the Paseo del Prado and Buen Retiro Park! Walk the streets of this lively city and savor the taste of its delicious tapas. Dr. García-Donoso is teaching the course SPAN 240, "From Court to Modernity: Madrid Through the Arts" this semester, which is an excellent academic accompaniment to the spring break trip. The course still has one open spot! All Honors students are encouraged to consider it!

*****SPAN 240 is NOT required to go on the Madrid trip.*****

More information and prices to come!

A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 1)

"You will recognize your own path when you come upon it because suddenly you will have all the energy and imagination you will ever need." –Sara Teasdale

Events Calendar

Class of 2017 Welcome Reception

Thursday, September 5 5:00-6:30pm
McMahon Hall Foyer

Join the University Honors Program staff and faculty members as we welcome the incoming freshman class to CUA! Light refreshments and beverages will be served. All UHP students are welcome to attend.

Honors Orientation Extended Events

Education Abroad Fair

Thursday, September 5 11:00am-2:00pm
Great Room, Pryzbyla Center

CUA offers more than 60 semester and summer program options abroad in countries all over the world. Meet with program representatives and past participants. Don't miss it!

Treasure Hunt at the National Gallery of Art

With Dr. Heimann, Chair of the Department of Art, and Dr. Paxton
Saturday, September 14 1:30pm
Meet on the Front Steps of Mullen Library to Take Metrorail as a Group to the National Gallery of Art

This is not your average art gallery tour! Students will pair up in teams to hunt for artistic "treasure." In four rooms devoted to different periods in the history of art, Professor Heimann will introduce one major work, and then students will have a limited period of time in that room to find the answers to questions about the other works. Students will work in pairs, and the team with the most correct answers will win a prize. We will tabulate the results over gelato in the National Gallery's famous café. Space is reserved first for honors students.

The Symbolic City: Why Washington Looks the Way It Does

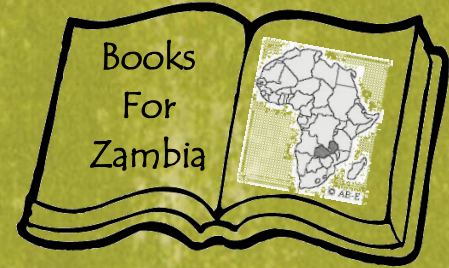
With Dr. Leslie Tentler, professor, Department of History
Monday, September 16 5:30pm
Great Room C, Pryzbyla Center

Have you ever wondered why Washington looks like a diamond with a big bite taken out of it? In this copiously illustrated lecture, Professor Tentler (who developed CUA's famous course on Washington) will explain how Washington took on its present shape, starting with the famous plan of Pierre L'Enfant and covering the development of the Mall and the monumental core of the city. She will also talk about how the city of Washington reflects the attitudes and values of local elites, and (sometimes) of Americans more generally. Come get to know your new home!

A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 2)

"It is a mistake to try to look too far ahead. The chain of destiny can only be grasped one link at a time." –Winston Churchill

Opportunities



A proud alumna of the University Honors Program, **Eleanor Brasfield**, is currently serving in the Peace Corps in Zambia. Her local school is eagerly seeking new or used books of all kinds, especially storybooks for children, but all books, including textbooks, would be welcome!

You can bring the books to the Honors Annex in McMahon 112A for shipment to Zambia, or mail them yourself to:

Eleanor Brasfield
P. O. Box 530376
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Zambia

Ingrid Merkel Travel Scholarship

Honors Students engaged in international travel for academic reasons (including study abroad), travel to academic or professional conferences, or research programs on- and off-campus are eligible to apply to the Dr. Ingrid Merkel Travel Scholarship. Awards (maximum \$500) will be awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants should submit a one-page letter with a description of their plans and a budget itemizing costs to Jillian Olson <olson@cua.edu> prior to September 27.

