

# THE HONORS AMBO

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Dear Honors Students,

On the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Columbus' landing in the Americas, President Benjamin Harrison wrote, "On that day [Columbus Day], let the people, so far as possible, cease from toil and devote themselves to such exercises as may best express honor to the discoverer and their appreciation of the great achievements of the four completed centuries of American life."

We hope that you had a restful Columbus Day and are now prepared to conquer those midterms!

## *Advising has begun!*

*Have you scheduled your advising appointment yet?*

Class registration for the spring begins on November 4. If you are planning on taking an Honors class, then you **MUST** have an Honors advising meeting. Please call Jillian Olson at 202-319-5220 or drop by McMahon 107 to set up your appointment! Also, if you are planning on taking HSTR, email [olson@cua.edu](mailto:olson@cua.edu) to reserve your spot.

*Did you miss the program-wide advising meetings?*

Be sure to check out the attached course advising packet with all of our course offerings for Spring 2014.

*Have you heard about the new For-Credit Honors Internship Program?*

Get Honors credit for an internship of your choosing! Check out our website for more details: <http://honors.cua.edu/curriculum/forcreditinternships.cfm>.

## *Introducing: "The Virtues"* *with President Garvey*

**An opportunity – exclusively for Honors students – to take a class taught by President Garvey!  
Talk to your Honors advisor to sign up for this Spring 2014 course!**

**HSLs 201: The Virtues**  
*President Garvey*  
MW 3:40-4:55

This course explores the rich tradition of the virtues and vices using a multidisciplinary approach. Course materials will survey the presentation of virtues across a number of media, including art, music, literature, theology, philosophy, film, and television. Much of the course will be structured around the classical division of the virtues into the cardinal virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance) and theological virtues (faith, hope, and charity).



## *Take the Chance to Explore*

Are you...

- a) An exploratory student?
- b) Sure of your major, but thinking of minoring in a subject?
- c) Excited to learn about what CUA's different departments and schools have to offer for extracurricular activities?
- e) All of the above?

Come to the upcoming Exploratory Event on **Monday, October 28 from 6-8 pm**, beginning in Pryz Great Room A. Students will receive advice on how to go about choosing a major and will have the opportunity to participate in breakout sessions that will focus more narrowly on their interests.

RSVP to the Honors Program today!

## *A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 1)*

*"The woods are lovely, dark and deep. / But I have promises to keep, / And miles to go before I sleep, / And miles to go before I sleep." – Robert Frost*

**Handel's Messiah**  
**Two unique opportunities!**

1) **Attend Handel's *Messiah* on December 6<sup>th</sup>.**  
Stay tuned for ticket information!

2) **Attend a lunch discussion on the *Messiah* with a music expert from Phi Beta Kappa!**

On Friday, November 8, from 11:30am to 12:30pm in Caldwell 109, the Honors Program will co-sponsor a lunch discussion with visiting Phi Beta Kappa Lecturer Dr. Ellen T. Harris, The Class of 1949 Professor of Music at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Harris, an expert on Handel, will be giving an informal introduction to *The Messiah*. This is a great way to prepare for the Honors excursion to see *The Messiah* on Dec. 6! Space is limited, so please sign up by emailing Katie Purple at [purpleke@cua.edu](mailto:purpleke@cua.edu).

**A letter from an Oxford pen pal**

CUA Honors student, Meghan Pettini, is currently studying abroad in Oxford and dropped us a line today! Here's what she had to say:

*"Oxford is FANTASTIC! Oh my gosh I absolutely love it. Tutorials are fantastic, and the city is unbelievable. I studied CS Lewis as a group tutorial, which was incredible, and am now studying British politics and Catholicism in England. All of the CUA students here seem to be doing very well--we see each other often, and everyone is loving their time here. I can't wait to be back at CUA in the spring though, and will most definitely be in the office to tell everyone about the experience."*

**Are you thinking about going abroad to Oxford?**

Though the application deadline for the spring semester has passed, it is not too soon to start planning for Summer or Fall 2014.

Get started with a CUA in Oxford Information Session this Friday, 2pm to 2:30 p.m. Grace Schneider, education abroad advisor of CUAbroad, will present on the CUA Oxford Program in 111 McMahan Hall. For more information, visit the [website](#) or contact Grace Schneider at 202-319-6010 or [schneiderg@cua.edu](mailto:schneiderg@cua.edu).



**Events Calendar**

**Interested in going to Madrid for spring break?**  
**Discover Madrid Through the Arts Information Session**  
*Thursday, October 17 4:30pm-5:00pm*  
*Pryz 327*

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and CUAbroad present an information session on studying Spanish in Madrid for credit over spring break with Daniel Garcia-Donoso, assistant professor of Spanish. Pizza will be served. Pryzbyla Center, Room 327. For more information, visit the [website](#), contact Garcia-Donoso at 202-319-6856 or [garciaadonoso@cua.edu](mailto:garciaadonoso@cua.edu), or call the CUAbroad office at 202-319-6010.

*Madrid awaits you!*



**The Hitchhiker's Guide to Culture**

*Friday, October 18 4:00pm-5:00pm*  
*Walton Second Floor Lounge*

The special guest this week is Dr. Maria Sophia Aguirre of the School of Business and Economics. Come hear this economics expert speak on a topic relating to popular culture! Fun fact: Did you know that Dr. Aguirre was a presidential appointee to the U.S. Advisory Commission on Foreign Diplomacy?

**A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 2)**

***"Beware the barrenness of a busy life." – Socrates***