

THE HONORS AMBO

Events. Opportunities. Reminders.

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Dear Honors Students,

Have dinner at a Symposium, take a professor to lunch, and celebrate the end of the semester at our Christmas dinner. We're brimming with food events at this time of year! While digesting, check out everything else going on in the UHP.

What could you and Plato have in common?

He was a symposiarch. You, too, could have such a title. What is a symposiarch, you might ask? Our friends Merriam and Webster can shed some light on the subject. **Symposiarch** (n) – one who presides over a symposium.



We are looking for two Honors students, currently sophomores or juniors, who are interested in organizing our Honors Symposia for the next year. These events are held usually twice per semester and give a small group of students the opportunity to have dinner with a professor in one of the Honors residence halls.

Your responsibilities would be simple:

- Invite a professor to dinner and pick a date
- Make a flyer and advertise the event
- Make dinner the night of.

Rachel Ray culinary skills are not required; very basic cooking skills are just fine!

If you are interested in being one of next year's symposiarchs, please contact purpleke@cua.edu.

This Week's Special Lunch Guest:
An expert on Handel and a soprano who has performed at venues from Symphony Hall with John Williams to Fenway Park

Visiting Phi Beta Kappa Lecturer Dr. Ellen T. Harris will be giving an informal introduction to the *Messiah* over lunch **on Friday, November 15, 11:30am-12:30pm in Pryz 321**. Dr. Harris is The Class of 1949 Professor of Music at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an expert on Handel. This is a great way to prepare for the Honors excursion to see the *Messiah* on Dec. 6, or simply to learn more about the masterpieces of this musical genius. Space is limited, so please sign up by emailing Katie Purple at purpleke@cua.edu.



Did you not get to ask that one last question during class? Want to know what your professor thinks about a particular topic? Just want to sit and chat with your friends and a professor?

Here's all you need to do! Get a group of friends together (or venture solo) and invite a professor to lunch in the Pryz Food Court. The Honors Program will pay for the professor's lunch. Once you have a date and time set, contact the Honors Program Office (cua-honorsprogram@cua.edu or [202-319-5220](tel:202-319-5220)) and they will arrange for you to come and pick up a meal card for the professor. Meal cards are good at all food venues in the Food Court except Quiznos.

A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 1)

"You called, shouted, broke through my deafness; you flared, blazed, banished my blindness; you lavished your fragrance, I gasped, and now I pant for you; I tasted you, and I hunger and thirst; you touched me, and I burned for your peace."

– St. Augustine, Confessions

Events Calendar

Madrid Spring Break Trip Info Session

Wednesday, Nov 13 5pm-6pm

Pryz 203

Explore the culture, history, food, and excitement of Madrid during spring break! This info session will tell you everything you need to know about the trip and help you decide if it is right for you.

Deadline for applications for the Madrid trip is Monday, December 2nd.



Inside El Escorial

Madrid Deals with the African Subaltern

Thursday, Nov 14 5pm-6pm

Gowan Auditorium

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures presents the 18th Annual Alessandro S. Crisafulli Lecture. Guest lecturer is Dr. Michael Ugarte, professor of Romance Languages at University of Missouri. Reception to follow.

Friday Afternoon Tea

Friday, Nov 15 4pm-5pm

Dr. Rohlf's Apartment – McDonald 204

Whether you like chai or earl gray, there's a steaming mug waiting for you, and plenty of classmates eager to catch up.

CUA Town and Gown Community Chorus Concert

Friday, Nov 15 7:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Chapel, CUA Campus

With choral music of many different styles, the Town and Gown Chorus is made up of CUA students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the local DC community. Conducted by Kevin O'Brien. Come enjoy their first major concert of the school year!

Events Calendar cont'd

Benefit Recital, ft. your fellow Honors students

Saturday, Nov 17 12 noon

St. Vincent de Paul Chapel, CUA Campus

Love classical music? Want to learn more about mission trips? Come enjoy a recital to benefit St. Patrick's Foundation in Kingston, Jamaica, featuring soprano Jackie Ecce singing works by Debussy, Obradors, Spohr, Copland, and others, with pianist Sophia Pileggi and clarinetist Michelangelo Romano accompanying. A free-will offering will be sent to St. Patrick's Foundation through Campus Ministry. Reception to follow.

CUA Symphony Orchestra Concert

Saturday, Nov 17 4pm

Sligo SDA Church, Takoma Park

Spend an evening enjoying the music of this talented ensemble, composed of both graduate and undergraduate students and conducted by David Searle.

'Tis the Season

Save the date!

Honors Christmas Dinner – Monday, December 2nd

Keep your eye out for our evite in your inbox.



Calling All Pictures!

Want photos of you and your Honors friends from this semester featured in our Christmas dinner slideshow? Email them to purpleke@cua.edu, and they'll be displayed on the big screen.

Help children in Zambia receive their Christmas wish



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!

These presents will be specially displayed at the Honors Christmas Dinner on 12/2. Please bring the books in advance to the Honors Annex in McMahon 112A.

A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 2)

"There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread." - Mahatma Gandhi