

NCHC E-letter

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Proposal Notifications

We now believe everyone who submitted a proposal--as well as his/her honors director-- has been notified via email whether or not the proposal has been accepted. If you did not hear anything, it is perhaps because your email address was incorrect and the message bounced back. In some cases, your institution's spam filter blocked the message, and those, too, bounced back. Our Conference Services had a problem determining which proposals came from students, so some honors directors and faculty mistakenly were identified as students. Your NCHC staff sincerely apologizes for this mistake.

Because this is the first year NCHC has gone to strictly on-line registrations and proposal submissions, we knew there would be a few glitches in the system. And we were right. This year has been a true learning experience; however, by next year we will have these problems worked out.

Call for Round Table Topics for Sunday, November 14, 9 – 11 am.

A recent feature of the NCHC conference is the topical round table discussions on Sunday morning from 9 am to 11 am. If you would like to suggest a topic and lead the discussion for one of these tables, please send your name, institution, email address, and topic to Virginia McCombs (vmccombs@okcu.edu) no later than September 15.

On-line Registration

The on-line registration process seems to be working well. If you have had problems, please let us know. (nchc@iastate.edu or 515-294-9188)

Hotel Update

The Hyatt Regency New Orleans is now accepting reservations either by phone or on-line, and we have been assured that you will not find lower rates than the ones below on any internet site. If you make your reservations by phone, be sure to tell the reservation agent you are with NCHC. For complete information and a link to the hotel, please go to www.nchchonors.org, click on National Conference, Conference Forms, and scroll down to Hotel Registration Website. Rates are as follows: single/double: \$189; and triple/quadruple: \$209. The cut-off date for the conference room rate is October 8, 2004.

2004 Student of the Year Award

Honors Directors, you are invited to nominate your best student for the third annual NCHC Student of the Year Award. Nominations for the award will be accepted by the Student Concerns Committee until October 4. To nominate a student, download the application form on the nchc website (www.nchchonors.org--go to announcements) and ask the student fill it in. Send it, along with a letter of support from you detailing why your student should be chosen Student of the Year, to Maggie Hill,

Oklahoma State University, OSU Honors College, 510 Edmon Low Library, Stillwater, OK 74078. You may also send a list of the student's activities and/or resume.

NCHC Faculty Institute

Rome Unearthed: Applications of Field-Based Exploration, Rome, Italy, March 14 – March 19, 2005

Registration deadline: December 9, 2004 or until spaces are filled.

NOTE: We mistakenly listed costs for the Institute in the July e-letter. These costs have yet to be determined, and we will let you know what they will be as soon as we know. We apologize for this error.

The City of Rome is a paradigm of a historically, culturally, and topographically layered city. Juxtaposed you will find monuments and remains of ancient, modern, medieval, renaissance, and other periods of Western culture, as well as centers of international political and religious institutions. Utilizing the methods of NCHC's Place as Text™, participants will analyze literally and figuratively unearthed expressions of the City. Explorations in the Forum Romanum (a classic model of unearthed space) and in the Campus Martius (the location of our hotel) will be followed by self-directed and self-designed investigations of specific interest to the participant.

All explorations will entail responsive writing and group discussion to develop pedagogical strategies which can be used in the classroom on the home campus, as well as to provide a model for field-exploration-based learning.

Further details will be included in the September NCHC e-Newsletter. Official announcements, with all necessary budget information, will be distributed in September and October. Facilitators of the Institute will be present at the "Idea Exchange" of the annual meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council in New Orleans. For initial inquiries, contact Prof. James Ruebel, Honors College, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306; 765-285-1024; jruebel@bsu.edu.

Conference 2005 Student Logo Design Competition

The 2005 NCHC Conference will be October 26-30 in St. Louis, Missouri. The conference theme is "Gateway to Exploration and Discovery, and we are looking for a logo which illustrates that theme. Institutional representatives will receive further information in the mail in late August or early September, but we wanted to give you a heads-up right now.

To assist entrants we ask them to consider the following statement enlarging on the theme:

Few locations in the United States embody the theme "Gateway to Exploration and Discovery as much as St. Louis. Founded in 1764 as a center for the fur trade, St. Louis became the major gateway for explorers and pioneers heading west. Lewis and Clark began their quest from St. Louis in 1804, while the residents of St. Louis funded Charles Lindbergh's pioneering flight across the Atlantic. Like St. Louis, our ventures in honors education foster a gateway to exploration and discovery—academically, professionally, and personally. We welcome you to share your own honors explorations and discoveries in 2005. Meet us in St. Louis!

Entrants should bear in mind that the logo must be able to be reproduced as large as the front of a tee-shirt and as small as the cover of the conference program.

Watch your mail for rules, guidelines, and deadlines.

NCHC Listserv

We receive calls asking how to get on (or off) the NCHC listserv. Complete instructions are on NCHC's home page. Go to www.nchchonors.org, scroll down to the button that asks "Want to join the ListServ?" and follow the links. Keep in mind that not everyone on the ListServ is an NCHC member and not all NCHC members are on the listserv. However, everyone on the ListServ is interested in Honors education.