

NCHC E-letter

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Institute 04

Reminder: the early registration/discount deadline for the 2004 Faculty Institute is May 1. Registrations will be accepted after the May 1 deadline on a space-available basis, but you will save \$60 by registering early. If you have misplaced your registration form or didn't receive one in the mail, you can download a copy from the NCHC web site (www.nchchonors.org). Headquarters will accept Visa and Master Card payment as well as checks. For more information, contact Bob Spurrier (Robert.Spurrier@okstate.edu), Rosalie Otero (otero@unm.edu) or headquarters (nchc@iastate.edu).

2004 Conference Update

The following forms are now on-line (www.nchchonors.org):

- Conference/Workshop Registration
- Master Class Registration
- All presentation proposal forms (poster session, student panels, presentations, diversity, idea exchange, City as Text)

Remember the deadline for presentation proposals is May 12; honors directors must email student permissions to nchchonors@iastate.edu. There is also a link to information about New Orleans.

Conference Schedule Highlights

Wednesday, November 10

3 – 7 pm

- A Celebration of Honors Teaching and Learning
- Mini-Institute on Major Scholarship Preparation
- Beginning in Honors
- Diversity Workshop

Thursday, November 11

8 am

- Opening Session , Dennis Stroughmatt

9:45 – 12:10

- Developing in Honors
- Students in Honors

12:15 – 5 pm

- City as Text Opening/Explorations

1:30 pm

- Master Classes
- Presentation Sessions

9 pm

- Student Party

Friday, November 12

8 – 10 am; 1:30 – 3:30 pm

- Poster Sessions

8:30 – 9:45 am

- Open Forum—Your chance to voice your ideas/opinions

10 – 11 am

- Plenary Session II, John Barry

1:30 – 4:30

- National Issues Forum
- Consultants' Lounge
- Master Class Presentations
- Presentations

7 – 9 pm

- Gala—Mardi Gras World

Saturday, November 13

7:30 – 9 am

- Idea Exchange
- Conference Planning 2005

9 – 11:45am; 3:15 – 4:30 pm

- Presentations

9 – 11:45 am

- Consultants' Lounge

Noon – 1:30

- Presidential Luncheon

3:15 – 4:30;

- Portz Scholar Presentation

The days are full; the evenings we've left open for you to discover New Orleans!

Officer/Executive Committee Nominations

The Nominating Committee has issued a final call for nominations for 2005. Feel free to nominate yourself or another NCHC member you feel will help move the organization forward for one of the following openings: Vice President; Secretary, Treasurer, four Professional Executive Committee members and three Student Executive Committee members.

Presidential Leadership Award Nomination Deadline May 15

Is your Institution's President doing great things with your program? The *NCHC Presidential Leadership Award* will be presented at our Annual Conference in New Orleans to the President of an NCHC member institution deemed to have contributed significantly to the advancement of honors education. The deadline for nominations is May 15, 2004! Information is on your NCHC web site (www.nchchonors.org) or call 515/294-9188.

Satellite Seminar

Once again NCHC is collaborating with Phi Theta Kappa to produce an outstanding Satellite Seminar Series on Phi Theta Kappa's Honors Study Topic, "Popular Culture: Shaping and Reflecting Who We Are."

NCHC and Phi Theta Kappa feel it is important to focus on this topic through a series of satellite presentations because, to quote Phi Theta Kappa's introduction to the topic, "Popular culture can be a vehicle for change, a generational and international unifier, a leveler of classes, a tool for recognizing and understanding even the least among us. Popular culture boldly manifests itself in anger and rebellion, but also provides comfort through shared experiences."

The satellite speaker presentations will be a shared experience for college honors programs which can be comforting and highly effective teaching tools--important complements to our honors programs.

The series begins on Tuesday, September 28 with a presentation on the impact of popular culture on the interpretation of history and the role of popular culture in shaping society's values.

October 12: the seminar will address the "culture of youth and its music" and will focus on the ways in which this culture has been created and developed in recent years.

October 26: Dr. Susan Bordo will help us understand the new field of academic work called "body studies" in which scholars look at the image-driven emphasis on physical attractiveness, sexual allure and success. The presentation will address the power of mass imagery to influence youth and adults both positively and negatively.

November 9: Professor Stephanie Coontz, co-chair of the Council on Contemporary Families, will address America's changing values about love, sex and marriage.

November 16: Dr Richard Lapchick will help us understand the impact of sports on society, both positive and negative and will suggest constructive ways to make sports a win-win in America.

Membership Handbook

You might have noticed in the updated pages for your Membership Handbook that email addresses were missing. Not to worry. We are in the process of mailing corrected membership pages. If you have not received yours by mid-May, please let us know.

Dues for 2004

Institution members who have been on a July-June cycle and have not renewed for 2004 will not be able to attend the 2004 Conference in New Orleans at the member rate, nor be allowed to vote for 2005 officers. If June, 2004 is listed after your institution's name in the Handbook update you will receive in the next 2 weeks, your membership will lapse

on June 30, 2004. If you have questions, call or email Carol Lamb (nhc@iastate.edu or 515.294.9188).

Dues for 2005

We have had several calls from members planning 2005 budgets requesting dues information for 2005. The membership voted in November to increase the 2005 dues as follows: Institutional, \$500; Professional (from member institutions), \$100; Professional (from non-member institutions), \$350. Student membership remains \$35 year/\$90 for 3 years.

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.