

**NCHC E-letter
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2004 Conference Update

2004 Program Book

The 2004 Conference Program Book has been mailed to members this week. We also plan to have it up on our website (www.nchchonors.org) early next week. Click on National Conference. We are able to make minor corrections in the program before a second printing to be distributed at the conference. However, we must receive those corrections not later than September 30. Please send all corrections via email to nchc@iastate.edu by the end of the day on the 30th.

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). We have had several calls from members who need an invoice to give to their finance offices. Please note: at the bottom of the on-line registration form there is a note which asks you to print the page for your invoice. If for some reason the entire page doesn't print (the right-hand margin sometimes gets cut off), you can call 515/294-6222 and they will help you. You will receive an email confirmation of your registration which you should be able to use for an invoice; however, you will also receive an invoice in the mail (approximately 2 weeks after you register). But since the deadline for early registration is October 8, you should register now.

Hotel Update

Nearly 70% of the rooms we have contracted for the conference at The Hyatt Regency New Orleans have been reserved, so if you have not already done so, now would be a very good time for you to make your reservations. 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. We have been assured that you will not find lower rates on any internet site. The cut-off date for the conference room rate is October 8, 2004. If you make your reservations by phone, be sure to tell the reservation agent you are with NCHC

Open Forum, Friday, November 12, 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Remember to attend this year's Open Forum: your opportunity to talk and NCHC Officers and Executive Committee members to listen. NCHC Officers and Executive Committee members will be present to hear your concerns, ideas, interests, opinions, and suggestions. Help shape NCHC's future: attend this valuable session and let your voice be heard.

Honors College Survey

You may have received a survey from the *ad hoc* committee on Honors Colleges, headed by Peter Sederberg and wondered what happened to it after you filled it out and sent it back. The committee is working on fine-tuning the results which we will post as a draft for discussion on the website later this month. (You'll receive an e-notice when it's available.) This draft is intended to be the basis for beginning a discussion which will continue during two sessions, led by members of the *ad hoc* committee, at the 2004 Conference on Friday, November 12 from 1:30 to 4:15 (with a short break in between sessions).

2004 Student of the Year Award

Honors Directors should have received a mailing from Maggie Hill and Adam D'Antonio inviting you to nominate your best student for the third annual NCHC Student of the Year Award and detailing the procedure. Nominations for the award will be accepted by the Student Concerns Committee until October 4. To nominate a student, use the form you received with your letter or download it from on the nchc website (www.nchchonors.org) Send it, along with a letter of support from you detailing why your nominee 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. If you did not receive this mailing, let us know: nchchonors@iastate.edu.

Call for Papers

Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council (JNCHC) is accepting articles for the spring/summer issue (Vol. 6, No. 1). Articles may be on any topic consistent with JNCHC's editorial policy. **The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2005.** Complete information and editorial policies are posted on the website (www.nchchonors.org), click on JNCHC.

National Association of African American Honors Programs (NAAAHP) Conference:

Celebrating and Critiquing Black Education Before and After Brown v Board, Sheraton- Norfolk Waterside, October 21 – 23, 2004.

This note from Gwen Pharr, Vice-President NAAAHP, and Page Laws, Site Coordinators for the conference.

Dear Colleagues:

We realize that it's a very challenging time of year to have to think about a conference, but we also know you are all experts in the quick turn-around. We are truly looking forward to having you and your students come to Norfolk, hear and present some wonderful scholarship, and enjoy our harbor and campus. For a conference brochure, please go to http://www.nsu.edu/honors/events/NAAAHP_brochure.pdf. We would be happy to send a tentative conference schedule, and registration and proposal forms to anyone interested in attending or presenting. Please remember that September 20, 2004 is the deadline for proposals. They can be 200 words or considerably less; about 50 words would suffice. There are spaces still left for individual student presentations, individual faculty presentations, poster sessions and panels. We likewise invite your students to participate in Model UN, Debate and Quiz Bowl.

The Model UN topic is as follows: In the realm of education, should there be universal values or should individual cultures determine their own beliefs and practices? (For example: Should radical Islamic schools be shut down by American Forces?) The Debate topic is as follows: Resolved-- Public education for all has improved since *Brown v. Board*. Concerning Quiz Bowl, if your school owns a lockout machine of the kind used in Honda Challenge competitions, please bring it along. Likewise, if your university has graduate

programs, please invite recruiters to participate in our Graduate School and Business Expo on October 22. A special form for exhibitors is also attached.

Concerning our Friday October 22 afternoon event, "A Grand Celebration" featuring Prof. Henry Louis Gates, we would be pleased to have faculty members wear academic attire. Students are invited to carry a banner, preferably one with the founding date of your university. Please know, however, that the wearing of academic regalia and carrying of banners are entirely optional and not intended to create extra worries for directors. To give Prof. Gates more time for his lecture, we shall print brief histories of each school in our program, and for that purpose we are asking that you submit a 50-word or less historical overview of your school and honors program— also by September 20, if possible. You may zap it to prrlaws@nsu.edu or gepharr@nsu.edu.

Remember to mention the name of our conference when you make your room reservations at the Sheraton – Norfolk Waterside (777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, Virginia, 23501). Phone (757) 622-6664; Fax (757) 625-8271. You may put up to four students in a room. Thanks for all you do for your own students and for the NAAHP.

2004 Satellite Seminars for Honors Programs

NCHC and Phi Theta Kappa are pleased to present the 2004 Honors Satellite Seminar Series, a five-part speaker series, focusing on *Popular Culture: Shaping and Reflecting Who We Are*.

The Series is designed to be interdisciplinary and applicable to numerous fields of study, including sociology, anthropology, psychology, history, political science, American studies, media, advertising and many others. Students and teachers alike will find the topics interesting and engaging - the perfect supplement to a strong honors program.

The Series will be broadcast via C-band and Ku-band satellite on Tuesday evenings throughout the fall 2004 semester. The interactive nature of the Series allows students to call-in or email questions for the speaker to address live. For colleges without access to satellite technology, the Series is also offered in VHS format.

For information about speakers and to access subscription forms, visit www.ptk.org/nchcss/. Subscriptions will be accepted through September 28, 2004.

Four Uses for *Peterson's Guide to Honors Programs and Colleges*

James Tallmon, Dickinson State University, attended the NCHC Faculty Institute in Albuquerque and had this to say about *Peterson's Guide*: "The way Joan Digby talked about the uses for, and history of, the *Peterson's Guide* inspired me to utilize it more than I had in the past, and I can't help but think that I am not the only one who hadn't fully exploited it. Now that I am prepared to use *Peterson's Guide* to its full extent, I wish we could update it, but, as Joan pointed out, Thomson/Peterson may be disinclined if we fail to generate more interest/demand." Jim offered the following uses for the *Guide*:

- 1. Basis for self-analysis. Compare what you are doing vis-à-vis others. Model what you want to do from what others do that you admire.**
- 2. Basis for invention. You'll find there great courses to "pinch" and modify!**
- 3. Recruitment. Give a copy of your entry to University Relations, VP's, President and Alumni/Foundation. Place a copy in the Admissions and Recruitment Offices, opened to your entry, so parents can see that your program has national presence. Send a copy to guidance counselors in target areas, as well as alumni who teach in area high schools.**
- 4. Promotion with your administration. It is an easy guide to what your operation is about.**

Please let the National Office know if you have *used Peterson's Guide to Honors Programs and Colleges* in other productive ways.

Conference 2005 Student Logo Design Competition

If you have not already, you will be receiving a mailing with rules, guidelines, and deadlines for the 2005 NCHC Conference Student Logo Design Competition. The Conference will be October 26-30 in St. Louis, Missouri and the theme is "Gateway to Exploration and Discovery. The information will be on the NCHC website, also. If you have not received this mailing by September 7, please let us know so we can correct your address

NCHC Executive Director

As you know, The National Collegiate Honors Council is seeking its first Executive Director. The Executive Director will report to the NCHC president and will be responsible for providing leadership and management to accomplish NCHC's goals and mission. If you know someone who would be a good candidate, please pass along this information.

The Executive Director will develop NCHC's new national headquarters at the University of Nebraska Lincoln. The director will develop, implement and evaluate strategic initiatives in areas such as marketing, public relations, external funding, relationships with appropriate stakeholders, and institutional data and research, while managing ongoing functions such as staff, records, finance, conferences, organizational communications, publications, and support for NCHC committees.

Qualifications include experience with organizational leadership and management; strong writing and oral skills; experience in fiscal management and development; and experience with marketing and public relations.

Also desirable are association executive certification, experience with volunteer boards, an advanced degree, and familiarity with Honors education.

Candidates should submit a letter of interest, a current resume, salary history and expectations, and contact details for three references to The National Collegiate Honors Council Office, 2130 Jischke Building, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-1150.

Deadline: November 15 or until the position is filled

Off-campus Education Opportunities

Semester in Seattle. *Livable Spaces in Natural Places* the 2005 NCHC Honors Semester, May 23 – August 12, 2005

You will receive a brochure detailing the 2005 Honors Semester, but to whet your appetite and to give you and your students time to plan to attend, below is preliminary information. Additional information, including costs and registration forms, is forthcoming.

Located between the Cascade Mountains and Puget Sound, Seattle is a model of the new American city. Integrating natural beauty with urban growth has made Seattle a living laboratory for designing human communities. Using a set of interdisciplinary and interconnected explorations, students in this Semester will collaborate on shaping communities within city neighborhoods.

NCHC Faculty Institute: Rome Unearthed: Applications of Field-Based Exploration, March 14 – 19, 2004, March 14 – 19, 2004+

Watch your mail in the next few weeks for a brochure describing Rome Unearthed. In the meantime, a copy of the brochure giving costs and registration information is available on the Ball State Honors College web site: <http://www.bsu.edu/honors/>.

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.

This Institute is particularly appropriate for Honors directors and faculty to wish to incorporate field-based elements in their programs; foreign study directors and instructors in history, classics, foreign languages, art history, archeology, religion, and related fields.

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

Harry S. Truman Library Institute Undergraduate Student Grant Program

The Harry S. Truman Library Institute for National and International Affairs is the private, nonprofit partner of the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum & Library. The Institute’s purpose is to foster the Truman Library as a center for research and as a provider of educational and public programs.

Applications for funding will be considered by the Institute’s Committee on Research, Scholarship and Academic Relations.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are awarded to undergraduate students writing senior theses on some aspect of the life and career of Harry S. Truman or of the public and foreign policy issues which were prominent during the Truman years. Awards are intended to offset expenses for research conducted at the Truman Library. One Undergraduate Student Grant will normally be awarded each year provided high quality applications are received.

Application Requirement: Applicants must describe in writing the proposed project and its rationale, and indicate how a research experience at the Truman Library will contribute to the applicant’s future development.

Deadline: September 30. The Committee will notify applicants in writing of its decision within six weeks after the deadline date. Further information and application forms are available at

<http://www.trumanlibrary.org/institute/undergr.htm>.

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.

New/Rejoining Members (8/6 – 9/2/04)

Last Name	First Name	Institution	Membership Type #
Lee	Donzell	Alcorn State University	Institutional
Hashima	Edward	American River College	Institutional
Forss	Brennan	Arizona State University	Professional
Tiel	Jeffrey	Ashland University	Institutional
Hauger	J. Andrew	Augusta State University	Institutional
Wilson	Anne	Butler University	Institutional
McEwen	Jeff	Chattanooga State Technical Community College	Institutional
Persell	Roger	City University of New York: Hunter College	Institutional
Hunt	Barbara	Columbus State University	Institutional
Orr	Robert S.	Delaware Valley College	Institutional
Hospodor	Gregory	Delta State University	Institutional
Godich	Marcia V.	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Institutional
Sunderman	Judith A.	Eastern Illinois University	Professional
Harrison	Karen	Eastern Oklahoma State College	Institutional

Baker	J. Robert	Fairmont State College	Institutional
Young	Calvin	Fullerton College	Institutional
Struwe	Rebecca	George Mason University	Student
Smiley	Ellen	Grambling State University	Institutional
Williams III	Daniel A.	Howard University	Institutional
Jennermann	Donald L.	Indiana State University	Institutional
Clark	Jo Ann	Langston University	Institutional
Harris	Ann	Lincoln University - Missouri	Institutional
Clark	Nancy	Louisiana State University, Agricultural & Mechanical College	Institutional
Pupplo-Cody	Evelyn	Marshall University	Professional
Pennell	Stephen	Massachusetts: Lowell, University of	Institutional
Wallin	Liina	Michigan, University of	Institutional
Rozas	Dario A	Milwaukee Area Technical College	Institutional
Daffron	Eric	Mississippi University for Women	Institutional
Byrd	Houston	Montevallo, University of	Institutional
Chapman	Marshall	Morehead State University	Institutional
Alpert	Eugene J.	No College Relationship	Professional
Stacewicz	Richard	Oakton Community College	Institutional
Bergin	Melinda B.	Oklahoma City Community College	Institutional
Fancher	Dianne	Onondaga Community College	Institutional
Stoller	Richard	Penn State University	Professional
Livingston	Cathy	Quinsigamond Community College	Professional
Sturgill	William	Rockhurst University	Institutional
Sanford	Glenn	Sam Houston State University	Institutional
Menig Burton	Jacqueline	Schreiner University	Institutional
Reinsma	Luke	Seattle Pacific University	Professional
Richardson	Linda	Siena College	Institutional
Frost	Cristopher	Texas State University	Institutional
Parkinson	Beth	Thiel College	Institutional
Schram	A. W.	University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands	Institutional
Richardson	William	University of Washington Tacoma	Institutional
Hull	Shawn	William Woods University	Institutional
Thomas	Pamela	Wingate University	Institutional
Cabbage	Elinor	Wor-Wic Community College	Institutional

