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National Collegiate Honors Council E-Letter November 2006

Conference registrations near record

Special features, great location, draw crowds to Philadelphia event

More than 1,850 people have registered to attend NCHC's 41st annual national conference this month in Philadelphia.

The event runs from Nov. 15 through Nov. 18 at the downtown Philadelphia Marriott hotel. On-site registration is open beginning Wednesday evening, Nov. 15.

Online registration continues now and throughout the conference at www.nchchonors.org.

Special Presentations

Students, faculty, and administrators from hundreds of schools will give presentations of scholarly research on honors pedagogy and of nuts and bolts processes and best practices in running honors programs and colleges.

Among them will be three students whose work earned them Portz

Scholarships, seven panels of students presenting interdisciplinary research papers, four panels with a focus on diversity in honors, and more than 100 students displaying posters.

The Student Interdisciplinary Research Panels will each be moderated by a past NCHC president.

World Class Speakers

The guest speaker list is headed by Arthur R. Miller, of Harvard Law School, and by Robert Dunham, of



The National Constitution Center will be the site of NCHC's Philadelphia Experience on Friday, Nov. 17, during the 41st annual conference.

the Federal Defender's Office in Philadelphia.

Also speaking will be Dr. Barbara Millis, renowned teaching and learning expert from University of Nevada, Reno. She'll headline the Celebration of Teaching and Learning.

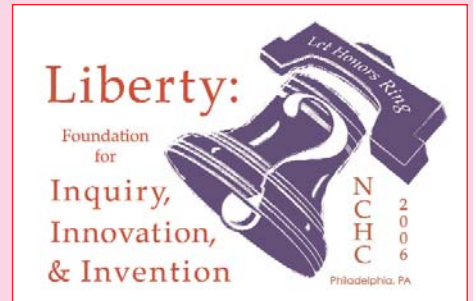
The keynote speaker at the Mini-Institute for Major Scholarship Preparation will be Tim Turner, who administers grants for the National Science Foundation. Panelists include Sarah Levin of the Jack Kent Cook Foundation and Julian Martinez of the Hispanic Scholarship Foundation.

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**-- Kate Bruce
Conference Chair**

Just Plain Fun

While the national conference is the best place to network, to inquire, to share experiences, and seek solu-



tions to problems, it's also a great place to enjoy yourself and your colleagues from across the nation.

Be amazed at the fabulous costumes and toe-tapping music of the Aqua String Band, one of Philly's famous mummies troupes, during Thursday's Welcome Reception.

Donate the perfect item from your region for the Shop Across America silent auction. And then have a good time bidding one all the selections.

Thrill to the ring of history at Friday's Philadelphia Experience at the National Constitution Center, where you'll be welcomed by a fife-and-drum duo. Visit with Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, there, too.

Drink in the delicious sights, tastes, and aromas at the Reading Market during Friday lunch.

"I think that the honors version of a 'Philadelphia Story' will be the best one you've ever experienced," said Kate Bruce, conference chair.

HOW TO REGISTER

It's not too late to plan to attend NCHC's fabulous 41st annual conference. Here's how to do it:

Visit the website at www.nchchonors.org. Click on 2006 Conference Information, then Conference Registration, and follow instructions.

Got questions? Call us at 402-472-9150!

Deadlines and Dates

- Nov. 15** NCHC presents the "Declaration of Interdependence" at Independence Visitor Center, Philadelphia
- Nov. 15-19** 41st annual national NCHC conference in Philadelphia, Pa.
- Jan. 1:** Deadline for submission of articles to 2007 HIP
- Jan. 31:** Due date for NCHC site visitor profile updates
- March 1:** Deadline for submission of articles to Spring/Summer JNCHC

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ED-ifying News

by Patricia Ann Speelman, Executive Director

I can't wait to see you all in Philadelphia. The conference is just a week away, as I write this, and the staff is quite excited about the wonderful opportunities it presents for networking and making new friends in honors.

We get together only once each year, so the conference is a wonderful time to catch up on news, learn about innovative projects, and mine great ideas.

Every single member is important to NCHC and we want you to feel welcome, whether you have been in honors for a decade or a day. Don't be shy about asking questions if you have questions. Don't be shy about sharing concerns if you have concerns. And don't be shy about voicing suggestions if you have suggestions.

Please be sure to introduce yourselves to me as I scurry from session to session throughout the week. I would hate to miss knowing you!

Honors in Action



Named in honor of Dr. Thomas Bach and his wife Eileen of Johnstown, the new Bach Family Honors House was dedicated in September, on the campus of Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pa. Here (from left), Dr. and Mrs. Bach participate in the dedication ceremony with Saint Francis University Honors House student and resident Kathryn Knorr, junior Forensic/Chemistry major, from Vienna, O. Honors program director is Donna Menis.

To submit photos for "Honors in Action," send as jpgs to nchc@unlserve.unl.edu. Enclose information for the captions: people's names, what the activity is, name of school, name of honors director or dean. You must get written permission to publish from anyone in the photos before you send the photos to us.

Travel Information to Conference Hotel

From the Airport:

Driving Directions: Take I-95 North to 676 West. Take Broad St. Exit. Turn left onto Vine. Make a right onto 12th St. Hotel is at 12th and Filbert.

Airport Shuttle Service: \$10.00 6:00am - 7:00pm In baggage claim area pick-up shuttle service phone and follow directions for connection to the hotel.

Subway Service: Look for the Regional Rail signs in the airport. The fare is \$5.50. Take the R1 train to the Market East station. When you exit the train, go through the double doors and up the escalator onto 12th Street. Turn Right and walk a block to the hotel.

Estimated Taxi Fare: \$27.00 (one way).

From the Amtrak Station at 30th and Market Street: Take a taxi (a 7-minute ride).

And now, a word from our sponsors. . .

NCHC is grateful to the organizations who have made donations in support of the 41st annual conference. They'll be in attendance to tell you about what they have to offer. But here's a sneak peak at who they are.

The Scholar Ship (sponsoring in part the First Plenary session) has announced its sponsorship of Robert Dunham's plenary address at the upcoming NCHC Annual Conference in Philadelphia. Mr. Dunham, assistant federal defender, Defender Association of Philadelphia, was an honors student himself and will be speaking on how his experiences have had a dramatic impact on the work he does today. The Scholar Ship is a semester-long academic program aboard a dedicated passenger ship that traverses the globe as an oceangoing campus. Students and staff from around the world together form a transnational learning community designed to develop their intercultural competencies and leadership skills.

The Washington Center (sponsoring in part the Welcome Reception) is the largest, full-time, year-round provider of academic internships and short-term academic seminars for college students in the nation's capital. Working with over 4,000 potential placements each year, The Washington Center provides exceptional depth and breadth of internship opportunities along with a solid academic program. Financial assistance is available to eligible honors program and honor society students. Website: <http://www.twc.edu>.

The Fund for American Studies (sponsoring in part Friday's continental breakfast) sponsors academic internship programs in partnership with Georgetown University each summer and semester. Students earn up to 12 transferable credits from Georgetown, live in furnished on-campus apartments and receive internship placement. Specific scholarship funding is available to students nominated by NCHC members.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (sponsoring in part the poster sessions) was founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education. It offers undergraduate and graduate award programs as well as Literacy Initiative, National Scholar and Artist competitions.

Renowned poet to lead master class during 2006 conference

Student poets who have registered to participate in NCHC's Master Class in Poetry will have the opportunity to work with a true master of the field. Master Class Committee Chair Donzell Lee has arranged for Nathalie Anderson to lead the group.

Anderson was born in Columbia, S.C.; was educated in Atlanta, at Agnes Scott College, Georgia State University, and Emory University; and now teaches courses in Modern and Contemporary Poetry and workshops in the writing of poetry at Swarthmore College, where she is a professor in the Department of English Literature and directs the Program in Creative Writing. Her first book, *Following Fred Astaire*, won the 1998 Washington Prize from The Word Works, and her second, *Crawlers*, won the 2005 McGovern Prize from Ashland Poetry Press. Her most recent collection, *Quiver*, is currently under consideration by publishers. Anderson's poems have been singled out for prizes and special recognition from the Joseph Campbell Society, *The Cumberland Poetry Review*, *Inkwell Magazine*, *The Madison Review*, *New Millennium Writings*, *Nimrod*, *North American Review*, and *The Southern Anthology*, and have also appeared in APR's *Philly Edition*, *Cimmaron Review*, *Cross Connect*, *Denver Quarterly*, *DoubleTake*, *Louisville Review*, *Natural Bridge*, *Paris Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, *The Recorder*, *Runes*, *Southern Poetry Review*, and *Spazio Humano*; and in the Ulster Museum's collection of visual art and poetry titled *A Conversation Piece*. She has authored libretti for two operas, *The Black Swan* and *Sukey in the Dark*, and is currently at work on a third, an operatic version of Arthur Conan Doyle's "A Scandal in Bohemia." Anderson was a fellow at Yaddo in 1986, and in 1993 she was awarded a Pew Fellowship in the Arts. She serves currently as poet in residence at the Rosenbach Museum and Library in Philadelphia.

NCHC to present position paper in Philadelphia to kick off week 'Declaration of Interdependence' states case

All NCHC members who will be in Philadelphia on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 15, are invited to attend the presentation of the Declaration of Interdependence.

NCHC President Jon A. Schlenker will read the position paper at a special event beginning at 1 p.m.

at the Independence Visitors Center at 6th and Market Streets.

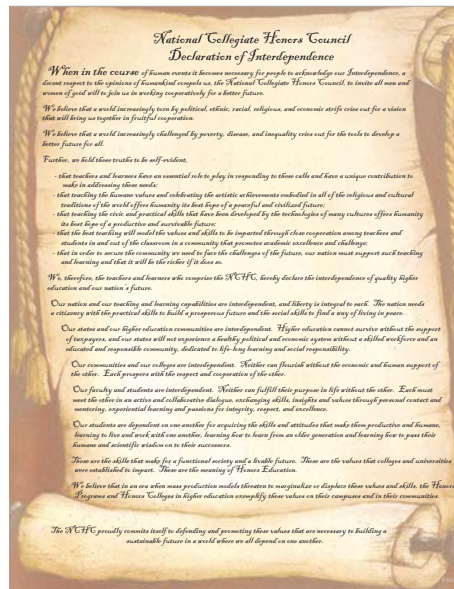
A representative of the City of Philadelphia also will be on hand to make a presentation of his own: Schlenker will receive a small replica of the Liberty Bell and 2006 Conference Chair Kate Bruce will receive a proclamation welcoming the NCHC



41st annual national conference to the city.

The Declaration of Interdependence is a position paper outlining NCHC's stand on the importance of higher education, in general, and honors education, in particular, to the future of the United States. Following the reading of the declaration, attendees will participate in a question and answer session with Schlenker, Bruce, and past-presidents of NCHC.

The whole event will be videotaped for showing during the Philadelphia Experience on Friday night during the conference. The Philadelphia Experience will take place at the National Constitution Center.



On the Campaign Trail

These honors deans, directors and students will comprise the slate of candidates for the 2006 NCHC Board of Directors. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor during the annual business meeting in Philadelphia.

For Vice President



Lydia Lyons



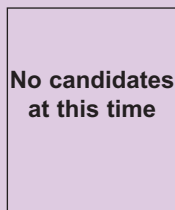
Bonnie Irwin



Ricki Shine

For Secretary

Student (1-year term)



No candidates at this time

Student (2-year term)

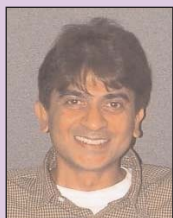


Will Lee



Shane Miller

Professional Members (3 year term)



Suketu Bhavsar



Lisa Coleman



Peter Deekle



Annmarie Guzy



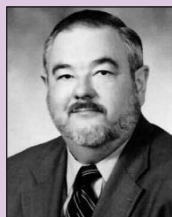
Greg Lanier



George Mariz



Rosalie Otero



Rolland Pack



Ruth Randall



James Ruebel

Read their statements on the NCHC web site!

Member Update

New/Renewing members since October 20, 2006

Institution	Last Name	First Name	E-mail	Membership
Benedict College	Robinson	Warren	williamsj@benedict.edu	
Rogers State University	Ford	James	jford@rsu.edu	
St. Cloud State University	Amala	Rebecca	amre0501@stcloudstate.edu	
St. Cloud State University	Burnosky	Andrea	buan0402@stcloudstate.edu	

The Job Board -- *Positions available across the country*

Honors College Director, Grand Valley State University

Grand Valley State University's Honors College seeks a successful, innovative, collaborative, energetic leader and administrator experienced in honors education and committed to the principles of liberal education. The Director will have the opportunity to lead a creative, committed faculty to realize the potential of this unique intellectual community.

Grand Valley's Honors College serves 900 academically talented students and engages fifty faculty members from a wide variety of disciplines; we currently offer eighty courses a year. Our strengths include a unique interdisciplinary curriculum, linked course sequences, and team-teaching offering our students individualized attention in an engaged scholarly community. The Director collaborates with faculty to extend academic excellence and enthusiasm for learning throughout the curriculum and into the integrated "living/learning" environment. A new Honors living/ learning community, now in the planning stages, will house student suites, faculty and staff offices, high-tech classrooms, and community areas to facilitate increased interaction and strengthen Honors academic and co-curricular learning.

The successful candidate will have an earned doctorate, a record of teaching and scholarship appropriate for faculty appointment at the full or associate professor level, administrative experience at the level of unit head/program director or above, a history of effective leadership and collegial decision-making, and experience with program development and assessment. He or she will have experience with a university Honors program, knowledge of key issues in Honors education nationally, a commitment to liberal education and interdisciplinary studies, and experience with programs that support diversity and inclusive excellence.

In addition, the Director must have the proven ability to communicate well with students and parents, engage students in challenging curricular and co-curricular educational experiences, and forge strong connections with academic, student affairs, and administrative departments across campus.

The Director reports to the Dean of the College of Interdisciplinary Studies and will hold tenure in an academic department. Salary for this twelve month administrative appointment is competitive, and commensurate with academic and professional background and experience. Screening of applications will begin November 15th and continue until the position is filled.

Grand Valley State University is a public, four-year comprehensive university located in west Michigan. The University attracts more than 22,000 students with high quality programs and state-of-the-art facilities. Our admissions profile places us third among public universities in Michigan. Grand Rapids is a metropolitan area with a population of over one million located near superb summer and winter recreational venues. To apply online, go to <http://www.gvsujobs.org>. If you need assistance or have questions, call Human Resources at 616-331-2215.

Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Director of the Honors and Scholars Program, Georgia College and State



University

Position description: The director of the Honors & Scholars Program acts as senior administrator of the program and works collaboratively with faculty of the university to market, promote, develop, and assess the program. The director is responsible for the program's curriculum and for meeting the needs of its students through academic course work and activities. He or she serves as the primary liaison between the Honors & Scholars Program and other university and external entities and reports to the associate vice president for academic affairs. The director works with the faculty and shares responsibility for fostering excellence in students, developing innovative methods of instruction, and promoting scholarly activity.

Qualifications: A terminal degree and a sustained record of excellence in teaching are required. Prior experience in teaching honors courses at the university level is strongly desired. The successful applicant must also have a solid record of research or creative activity, teaching excellence and a commitment to university and community service.

We are particularly interested in a director who has the experience, skills and vision to take advantage of the existing strengths of the Honors & Scholars Programs and create a nationally distinctive program. The director should have extensive experience working with honors students and be willing to collaborate with department chairs, deans and the faculty to (a) integrate the Scholars & Honors Program, (b) encourage broader participation of students and faculty from diverse backgrounds, (c) develop and cultivate students for national fellowships and scholarships and as post-baccalaureate scholars and (d) expand the honors & scholars experience to include Extended Residential Learning Communities and a four-year, value-added education.

During the 2006-2007 academic year, the University is offering 28 honors classes and options. More than 250 students are members of the Honors Program and Eta Sigma Alpha, the student honor society.

Rank and salary: This 12-month appointment holds faculty rank at the level of Associate Professor or Professor with eligibility for tenure in an academic department. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience.

Application deadline: Review of applications will begin January 15, 2007, and will continue until position is filled.

Starting date: July 1, 2007

Application procedure: Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of philosophy for honors and university scholars programs, and at least three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Roy L. Moore, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Georgia College & State University, CBX 025, Milledgeville, GA 31061-0490

Honors College/Graduate Fellowship Advisor (Higher Education Assistant), CUNY

FLSA: Non-exempt

CUNY Personnel Vacancy Notice No.: MP12555

Closing Date: 11/27/06

Inaugurated in the Fall of 2001, the CUNY Honors College (CHC) is dedicated to providing outstanding educational opportunities for academically gifted students from the five boroughs of New York City and beyond. The Honors College program includes generous financial support for students who are designated "University Scholars" upon admission. In addition, the Honors College offers its students unique interdisciplinary seminars focusing on New York City, access to instructional technology, dedicated mentors and advisors, internships, study abroad experiences and a Cultural Passport that provides entrée to the vast cultural resources of New York City. The Honors College operates in consortium on seven CUNY campuses: Baruch College, City College, Hunter College, Lehman College, Queens College, and the College of Staten Island. Currently, the Honors College has approximately 1,200 University Scholars enrolled on all seven campuses.

The primary responsibility of the Honors College/Graduate Fellowship Advisor is to mentor and advise upper-division University Scholars as they make plans to continue their education beyond graduation or to seek employment. The Honors College/Graduate Fellowship Advisor will be a member of the Honors Advising staff, assisting in the general encouragement of University Scholars to develop the intellectual curiosity, civic engagement, and meritorious conduct expected of honors students. The Advisor will focus on the transition from the last year in the Honors College to the next year of study or employment.

The Honors College/Graduate Fellowship Advisor is based in the central office of the CUNY Honors College and reports to the Director of Student Affairs.

The duties of the Honors College/Graduate Fellowship Advisor include, but are not limited to, the following:

Work with campus Career Development Centers (and in conjunction with the Honors College's Director of Student Affairs) and with campus Fellowship and Awards Programs to enhance opportunities for University Scholars

Provide one-on-one advising for a subset of the junior and senior classes who plan to submit national fellowship applications, review drafts of applications, encourage revision, and work with faculty to provide letters of recommendation, and provide mock interviews

Keep detailed records of the post-graduation plans of all seniors, including scores on graduate exams and acceptances into graduate programs and work with the Honors College's Director of Institutional Research to integrate this information into the Honors College's student data system

Work with the students' major advisors to enhance opportunities for transition to graduate and professional schools and to employment

Facilitate the creation and management of mentoring or "buddy" systems for current University Scholars by using prior-year fellowship award winners

Consult with faculty within the University to assist students in taking courses

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or independent study outside their home campus, as appropriate

Plan and implement events that will include but are not limited to the following: Major Day, Professional Development Day, Graduate and Professional Program Presentations, Personal Writing Workshops, Speech Workshops, Grant Writing Workshops, and Resume Writing Workshops

Assist with alumni relations as needed

Qualifications: BA/BS degree and four years related experience required or MA/MS degree and two years related experience (master or doctorate preferred). A minimum of four years of related experience teaching writ-

ing and advising undergraduates in an institution of higher education is also required. Detailed knowledge of nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships such as the Rhodes, the Truman, the Churchill, the Marshall, and the Fulbright and broad experience with the application process for top-level graduate and professional schools also required. Candidates should have a proven record of accomplishment in the area of scholarship and fellowship advising. Ability to handle relationship with donors and funders is required, as well. Demonstrated maturity, superb interpersonal skills, and strong organizational and communication skills are

required. Those with degrees in the areas of student development, counseling psychology, or other academic disciplines relevant to the mentoring and advisement of gifted undergraduates will be preferred

Salary: \$45,533 - \$60,763

Send cover letter and resume and contact information for 3 professional references by the above closing date to: Honors College/ Graduate Fellowship Search, CUNY Honors College, The Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue Room 3316, New York, NY 10016

Additional information available at www.gc.cuny.edu.

Proceeds go to literacy organization

Silent auction returns to delight and support



2005 conference attendees enter bids in the silent auction.

in scenic Utah.

Other items will be surprises when the auction begins.

Proceeds this year will benefit Philadelphia Reads, an organization formed to enhance the literacy experience of Philadelphia's students in kindergarten through third grade, and to ensure they will be able to read well and independently.

It provides mentors, resources, and advocacy for in-school, after school and summer programs. It is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition.

This year's Shop Across America silent auction will take place Thursday, Nov. 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. during the Welcome Reception. Bring your donations -- and your checkbook! Plan to have a great time bidding and buying.

Atop this year's silent auction leaderboard are donations from NCHC itself.

A highlight of the 2005 national conference was the silent auction to benefit hurricane relief efforts.

Organized by students at Columbia College and managed by NCHC's Student Concerns Committee, the event added a dimension of excitement to the opening reception and raised more than \$2,500.

Students at University of North Carolina Wilmington have joined Columbia College students to coordinate the second annual Shop Across America silent auction for this year's conference in Philadelphia.

You are requested to donate one or more items that are representative

of your region.

This year's bidders will be able to compete for an institutional membership to NCHC in 2007 and a registration to the 42nd annual NCHC national conference in Denver in October of next year.

"People took things out of their own suitcases (e.g., a spaghetti monster t-shirt and other assorted apparel) in order to contribute," said Kathleen King, co-chair of the Student Concerns Committee. "Ideas for this year could include gift certificates from chain restaurants and stores, or books, especially signed by authors who might be present at the auction," she added.

Westminster College, for the second year, has donated a ski package

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"Change for Change"

An additional fund-raising effort at the conference will be a penny war among schools. Drop your spare change into the "Change for Change" jar at the NCHC information table Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. The school contributing the largest amount will be recognized Saturday at the Open Forum and at the NCHC annual meeting.

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