

2008 San Antonio Conference

Dear Colleagues,
Your 2008 Conference Planning Committee is pleased to introduce the conference keynote speaker, John Phillip Santos.



Originally from San Antonio, Mr. Santos is a filmmaker, producer, journalist, and writer whose work examines the intersecting issues of media, culture, and identity. He is the recent producer of *From the Airwaves to the Internet*, a short history of broadcast news, a former executive producer and director of

new program development for Thirteen/WNET and was also a producer of over forty documentaries on culture, religion politics and spirituality for CBS News.

Mr. Santos is a Rhodes Scholar and holds degrees in English Literature and Language from Oxford University and Philosophy and Literature from the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Santos' family memoir, *Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation* published by Viking/Penguin in August 1999 was nominated for the National Book Award. His project as Berlin Prize Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin is his next book, *The Farthest Home is in an Empire of Fire*.

More information on the 2008 conference schedule is available at <http://www.nchchonors.org>. We encourage you to register and look forward to seeing you in San Antonio,

Lydia Lyons
2008 Conference Chair

2008 Conference Auction - Call for Items

For the fourth year running, NCHC Honors students will host a charity auction to benefit a local organization in the NCHCconference host city as their way of giving back. This year's beneficiary will be the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, which helps low-income children in San Antonio participate in the performing arts.

But we need your help! Because this year's auction will be split into two parts--a live auction on Thursday early evening and a hoodie raffle at the student party later--we need Honors programs to commit to donating items for both parts of the auction on October 23, 2008.

Would you please meet with your staff and interested students, and then let me know:

1. If you will be able to donate a hoodie or sweatshirt from your institution for the raffle ("Yes" or "No")
2. If you will be able to donate an item for

the live auction ("Yes"/"No"/"Maybe")

Please be as creative as possible in thinking about auction items.

For example, an institution in Florida might work with Disney World to put together a package or an experienced NCHC site visitor might volunteer his/her service gratis. If you are friends with a well-known author, you might donate one of his/her signed books. Schools around the DC area (site of the 2009 convention) might offer gift certificates to local restaurants. Directors with condos in vacation spots might offer up a week's stay in their residence.

For more information about the auction, visit the auction website at: www.westminstercollege.edu/honors/auction.

Please feel free to contact Richard Badenhause at rbadenhausen@westminstercollege.edu or (801) 832-2460 with any questions.

2008 Portz Scholars Competition

The deadline to submit a student paper for the 2008 Portz Scholars Competition is Friday, June 1, 2008.

All NCHC institutional members are invited to nominate one paper per institution written by an undergraduate honors student for the 2008 Portz Scholars competition. The three scholars selected will be featured at a plenary session at the 2008 NCHC Conference in San Antonio in October. In addition, each Portz scholar will receive a \$250 award.

There is no length limitation on paper submissions. Honors Directors & Deans must submit 12 copies of the nominated paper. Additional information can be found on the NCHC website: http://www.nchchonors.org/Portz/Portz_Scholars_Call.htm.

The Portz Scholars Program began in 1990 to enable NCHC to acknowledge John and Edyth Portz's many contributions to honors education. We continue to honor their memory by selecting the top three research/creative papers by undergraduate honors students who have been nominated by their institutions for their outstanding work.

(Note: The NCHC Portz Fund Committee will pay the Scholar's conference registration fees. The nominating institution agrees to make a good faith effort to defray travel expenses.)

2008 NCHC Handbook

The 2008 NCHC Handbooks were published and shipped last week. If you did not receive a Handbook or would like to purchase a second copy, please contact the NCHC main office at nhc@unlserve.unl.edu.

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Important Dates

June 1	Portz Scholars Competition Deadline	June 19	NCHC Committee Chair Retreat
June 12-15	Publications Board Meeting, Minneapolis	June 20-21	NCHC Summer Board Meeting, Lincoln
June 14-17	Honors Semesters Committee Meeting, Minneapolis	June 30	Newsletter Contest Deadline



By Hallie Savage, NCHC President
hsavage@clarion.edu

The end of the academic year is a good time for reflection. Since our Denver conference, NCHC's growth has been strategic and strong. Some of our accomplishments to date have been:

- * Completed a Board Self Assessment
- * Hired a new Executive Director
- * Expanded the national office staff
- * Awarded a new grant, funded by the National Park Service to support Partners in the Park
- * Offered three Honors Semester Institutes
- * Offered an Assessment & Evaluation Institute
- * Published new volumes of JNCHC, HIP and monographs

These accomplishments are the culmination of an energetic, dedicated, and committed membership. Prior to the June Board of Directors meeting, our committee chairs will meet to more effectively coordinate our committee agendas. All of this creativity and dedication will result in an increase in the quality of resources available for advancing Honors education.

The NCHC office staff of Cindy, Carolee, Trish, and Judy have demonstrated their dedication to moving NCHC to a more professional organization by applying their talent and skills in making sure that the activities are managed in an efficient, professional and timely manner. As Cindy Hill moves into the position of Executive Director and continues her expertise in hiring exceptional staff, I am certain that NCHC will become an even better organization.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you all in San Antonio.

NCHC Wins National Park Service Centennial Initiative Grant

The National Collegiate Honors Council is proud to be one of only a hundred organizations whose projects have been accepted by the National Park Service for the 2008 Centennial Challenge. Our "Partners in the Parks" initiative was recognized on April 24, 2008 at a ceremony held on the Capitol steps in Washington D.C.

Joan Digby, who conceived of this program to engage NCHC students in week-long seminars in the national parks, and Matt Nickerson, who is overseeing the program and chairing the committee on Partners went to Washington DC to represent NCHC. Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne, and National Parks Director, Mary Bomar, along with many members of Congress, spoke about the urgency of protecting the parks and cultivating new generations of visitors.

The NCHC project was one of only five projects featuring higher education partners and the only one with a nation-wide scope featuring parks across the country. The grant, which represents an NPS investment of \$63,750 in the NCHC program, will be administered by Matt Nickerson through Southern Utah University.

Joan and Matt had the opportunity to meet Secretary Kempthorne and Na-



Joan Digby & Matt Nickerson in Washington DC

ional Parks Director Bomar as well as Superintendent Frank Dean, who will be overseeing the 2008 Centennial Challenge projects; several other NPS people expressed interest in attending an NCHC "Partners" program over the next year.

If you have students interested in attending one of the several Partners programs coming up this summer, please consult

the website www.partnersintheparks.org for availability. To learn more about the National Park Service Centennial check out www.nps.gov/2016

If you are interested in hosting an NCHC Partners in the Parks program at a national park near your institution, please get in touch with Matt Nickerson at nickerson@suu.edu

2008 NCHC Student Service

April 11, 2008 marked one of NCHC's Annual Student Service Days. For the past three years, honors students across the country have generously dedicated one or two days each year as NCHC Student Service Day. Service activities have ranged from campus cleanup, visits to high schools to discuss higher education and honors education, mentoring for elementary school children, hosting inner city children on campus, sponsoring a Halloween party for youth in transition, and many, many more. We are pleased to feature the honors students of Penn State Brandywine Honors and the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Penn State Brandywine

The first-year honors scholars were in charge of leading the National Collegiate Honors Council's Student Service Day. Under the leadership of Service Day Chair Catharine Wahl, it did not take very long for the group to select two great organizations to highlight their work for the visually impaired. On April 15, 2008, an information session was held on campus with presenters from Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic and The Seeing Eye.

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic produces educational materials for students with disabilities such as visual impairment or dyslexia. The digitally-recorded textbooks make education accessible to a broader population.

The Seeing Eye, the oldest existing dog guide school in the world, trains and matches dogs with visually-impaired clients. The dogs provide a sense of independence and self-confidence for those that are blind.

These organizations have a special connection to the honors freshmen. The mother of Matthew Thornton, Service Day Vice Chair, volunteers with Record-

ing for the Blind & Dyslexic. Scholar Donald Hennig and his family have been raising seeing eye dogs for over ten years.

It seemed natural to highlight two valuable organizations that have never been to campus and to share with the broader community the need to support these groups that provide valuable assistance to those with identified needs.



Seeing Eye Presentation

University of North Carolina Wilmington

The University of North Carolina Wilmington Seahawks landed at the Good Shepherd Soup Kitchen in downtown Wilmington to help distribute food on April 12, 2008.

The Seahawks dedicated their community service to those lost and affected by the recent college shootings.



UNCW Seahawks serve at local soup kitchen

To submit service project reports or photos for "Honors in Action," send as jpgs to souliere@unlserve.unl.edu. Enclose information for the captions. You must get written permission to publish from anyone in the photos.

We'd love to feature your program!

A Tale of Two Cities

Come enhance your personal experience of Minneapolis & St. Paul while you develop valuable tools to take back to your Honors program. "A Tale of Two Cities" Faculty Institute will provide NCHC members a rare opportunity to experience the Twin Cities from a City as Text™ point of view.

With guidance from veteran facilitators Jim Grove, Mount Mercy College, Ada Long, University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Joy Ochs, Mount Mercy College, participants will explore how the reserved, antique character of St. Paul contrasts, merges and co-exists with the noisier, more eclectic Minneapolis.

Each day will find institute attendees using observations gathered from the broad text of the Twin Cities to draw conclusions and foster discussion in group seminars. The Institute will end with a workshop designed to assist you in using City as Text™ in your own discipline.

This Institute is almost filled. Please



Weisman Art Museum by Architect Frank Gehry

contact Bernice Braid at braid@liu.edu to register.

The cost is \$400 and includes a \$50 NONREFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE. The fee covers institute materials, transportation from St. Paul to Minneapolis, opening reception, and

one group dinner.

The fee does not cover transportation to and from the airport, lodging, most meals, or personal expenses.

For more information, please visit the NCHC website at <http://www.nchc-honors.org>.

New & Renewing NCHC Members

Ashland University
Chaffey College
Kevin Collins
Framingham State College
Howard University
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Northwestern College

Northwest Arkansas Community College
Oklahoma City Community College
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego Community College District-Mesa College
Southern Adventist University
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Volunteer State Community College

Featured Committee: Professional Development

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) is a relatively new addition to NCHC. The committee has been charged with determining the professional needs of the organization's membership and providing strategies and activities to meet those needs. In addition, with the roll out of the new NCHC website, the committee has been charged with developing a set of resources that will be available on the PDC web page offering quick references and ideas.

Since the inception of the committee, our focus has been to identify the professional needs of the membership and develop support for them. As is often the case in the NCHC, members from

disparate institutions and in different positions have very different needs. It sometimes seems not unlike Goldilocks and the Three Bears, with every member of the bear family having its own unique chair, porridge and bed. We decided to start from the beginning of the story and focus this coming year on new honors administrators, trying to answer the questions: what tools does a new honors director require to survive their first year, and when is the best time to start providing those tools? The PDC will be developing a two-day summer camp offering an "Honors style" experience, designed to equip new Honors administrators with the tools they need

to survive their first year or two in Honors. This summer camp will help participants develop strategies needed to manage annual budgets, curricula, student services, as well as address staffing and administrative issues unique to their individual programs.

We are looking for individuals to join the Professional Development Committee who are interested in developing this summer camp and other mentoring opportunities for the NCHC membership. For more information please contact the either Charlie Slavin [slavin@honors.umaine.edu] or Laurie Fiegel [lfiegel@iastate.edu] for more information.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL HONORS NEWSLETTER CONTEST: A CALL FOR ENTRIES

Sponsored by: The National Collegiate Honors Council Publications Board

Once again it is time to enter your Honors Program's newsletter in the fourteenth annual NCHC Publications Board Newsletter Contest.

To enter, send 4 copies of each of two issues (a total of 8 newsletters) and 4 copies of a cover letter containing the following information:

Category: A.) Student Published or B.) Faculty/Administrator and/or Student Published

1. Number of honors students in your program.
2. Number of copies per issue.
3. Number of issues published per year.
4. The cost of printing one issue.
5. The total cost of production and mailing a single issue.
6. Estimated time to edit and lay out one issue.
7. The target audience (honors students only, honors faculty, all faculty, alum, etc.).
8. The purpose of the newsletter.
9. The name and title of the Program Director.
10. The name(s) of the Editor(s).

Winners will be announced at the NCHC annual conference in San Antonio. We are also planning a special session at the conference on "How to Create a Winning Newsletter" that will utilize the expertise of the winners and judges of this year's contest.

Send your newsletter entries and cover letter by June 30, 2008 to:

Linda Frost

Associate Director of the University Honors Program

HOH

1530 3rd Avenue South

Birmingham, AL 35294-4450

Email any questions to Linda Frost at lfrost@uab.edu.

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The City University of New York

Location/Department: Office of the Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Position: Director, Baruch College Honors Program (Higher Education Officer)

Position Detail: Managerial and Professional

FLSA Status: Exempt

Compensation: \$80,020 - \$102,235/commensurate with experience & qualifications

Web Site: <http://www.baruch.cuny.edu>

Notice Number: MP14920

Closing Date: Open until filled with resume reviews beginning 4/11/2008

POSITION DESCRIPTION & DUTIES

The Baruch College Honors Program (BCHP) consists of approximately 600 undergraduates, excellent students who are entering college for the first time and those who by virtue of their outstanding academic record are admitted to the Program as continuing students. The BCHP comprises University Scholars (students in the university-wide Macaulay Honors College), Baruch Scholars (the college's local honors program), and Provost Scholars (admitted as continuing students).

Reporting to the Associate Provost, the Director of the Baruch College Honors Program provides overall intellectual leadership for the program and is responsible for fulfilling the mission of the BCHP: to provide an academically enriched and challenging education to bright, high achieving students, and to encourage those students to make meaningful contributions to the campus and larger community. The Director administers all curricular, administrative, and financial aspects of the Honors Program, and serves as campus Director of the Macaulay Honors College. S/he works with the University Central Office and the other CUNY colleges to assure that the academic and programmatic objectives of the MHC are fulfilled. The Director is responsible for planning and implementing Honors Program policies, recruiting of honors faculty (with the assistance of academic deans), and scheduling of honors classes. The Director works with the appropriate academic committees to develop curriculum. The Director over-

sees Scholar registration and assures that Scholars are fully conversant with college, BCHP, and MHC academic policies.

Serving as the primary liaison to the many campus offices that serve the student Scholars, the Director also serves as an advocate for the Program and the students it serves. As liaison for the Committee on Undergraduate Honors, the Director also represents the program to the College and University communities, alumni, and prospective students and their parents. The Director manages the Associate Director, two Macaulay Honors Advisors, four MHC Instructional Technology Fellows, and one College Assistant; and performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A Bachelor's degree and eight (8) years of relevant work experience are required. A Doctorate degree plus experience with honors education, academic advisement/student counseling, academic program development and assessment, academic administration, and budgeting are strongly preferred. The ideal candidate will have a commitment to urban higher education in a multicultural environment and should demonstrate familiarity with the workings of student services (including the offices of the Registrar, financial aid, admissions, career development, and study abroad). S/he should display a strong interest in academic advisement and in helping undergraduates to plan careers, as well as in recruiting honors faculty and developing honors curriculum. The successful candidate will work effectively with diverse groups and all levels of faculty, staff, and students plus build collaborative relationships with numerous College offices and external constituents and organizations. A strong customer service orientation and attention to details are essential, along with excellent verbal, written, and interpersonal communication, presentation, and networking skills. The successful candidate will be an enthusiastic self-starter with the ability to take initiative, use sound judgment to make decisions, and resolve problems diplomatically and discretely, and possess strong organizational skills, with the ability to set priorities, manage multiple demands, and meet deadlines. Leadership experience managing and training staff is strongly preferred.

TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter, resume, and the contact information of three (3) professional references to:

Search Committee: Director, Baruch College Honors Program

Office of the Provost
Attn: Juan Pagan
Baruch College, City University of New York
One Bernard Baruch Way

Box D-0710
New York, NY 10010

E-mail: Provost_Office@baruch.cuny.edu (Preferred) (Please include the title of the position in the subject line of the e-mail)

University of West Florida

Location/Department: University Honors Program, Pensacola Campus

Position: Assistant Director

Compensation: \$34,000 - \$40,000

Web Site: <https://jobs.uwf.edu>

Notice Number: 114280

Closing Date: Open until filled

POSITION DESCRIPTION & DUTIES

This position is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the UWF Honors Program in coordination with the Director. This includes supervision of students, student advising, student recruitment and retention, and communication with other university departments.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Master's degree in an appropriate area of specialization and two years of appropriate experience; or a bachelor's degree in an appropriate area of specialization and four years of appropriate experience.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Proven experience working with students in a collegiate setting, preferably in an Honors Program or College. Excellent communication skills are a must.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Applications are accepted online at <https://jobs.uwf.edu>. Be prepared to attach the following documents in electronic format: resume, cover letter, and list of three professional references. Send two (2) sealed letters of recommendation to:

Search Committee Chair (114280)
University Honors Program,
University of West Florida
11000 University Parkway
Pensacola, FL 32514.

A police background screening is required for all positions.

Iowa State University

Location/Department: Honors

Position: Program Coordinator II

Compensation: \$40,906/commensurate with experience

Web Site: <http://www.iastatejobs.com>

Notice Number: 080414

Closing Date: June 16, 2008

POSITION DESCRIPTION & DUTIES

This position assists the Administrative Director of the University Honors Program in carrying out the responsibilities of the University honors Program. Primarily responsible for managing programs that promote

undergraduate research opportunities and enhance Iowa State University students' competitiveness for major national and international scholarships and fellowships.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Masters degree and one year of experience mentoring or advising students.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Experience with Honors or other high-ability students

Experience with undergraduate or graduate research, thesis, and/or peer reviewed publication.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Application must be submitted online. Please be prepared to attach or enter the following:

- 1) Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Letter of Application/Cover Letter
- 3) Contact information for three references

If you have questions regarding this application process, please email employment@iastate.edu or call 515-294-2936.

University of Illinois at Springfield

Location/Department: Capital Scholars Honors Program

Position: Assistant Director

Compensation: \$40,000 - \$50,000

Web Site: <http://www.uis.edu/caphonors/>

Closing Date: Open until filled with resume reviews

POSITION DESCRIPTION & DUTIES:

Permanent, full-time position assisting students, faculty, and the Director of the residential Honors Program.

Responsibilities include

- Planning, development and delivery of the Capital Scholars Honors Program, including ongoing development and maintaining a high quality interdisciplinary curriculum, selection and coordination of faculty teaching in CSHP courses and evaluation of curricular offerings

- Developing and implementing faculty development initiatives

- Developing and implementing the CSHP assessment program: support faculty in developing course assessment measures, collect and review assessment results, and coordinate efforts in curricular revision as indicated by results of the assessment program

- Developing and initiating fund-raising activities: e.g., identify grant opportunities and draft grant proposals; work with the Development Office to identify and cultivate potential donors to CSHP scholarships

- Developing and maintaining retention, assessment and alumni spreadsheets and databases

- Serving on relevant committees or task forces, such as the Assessment Task Force, the CSHP Steering Committee, Admissions Committee, and Housing Committee

- Assisting in the resolution of student concerns and grievances

- In coordination with the Director, participate in summer and fall Orientation sessions

- Teach two Honors courses a year

- Other duties, as determined in consultation with the Director

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Master's degree; strong interpersonal skills; experience in a higher educational setting, particularly with traditional-age college students; very strong writing, editing, and word-processing skills; ability to work independently with minimal supervision; familiarity with spreadsheets and databases and ability to use or quickly learn additional software.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Doctoral degree, or Master's degree plus significant experience in one or more of the following: academic course and/or program assessment; grant-writing; college-level recruitment, advising, or student affairs experience; professional interaction with the public; and administration of an academic or support unit in an institution of higher education.

Position will involve some evening and weekend work.

Salary range is \$40,000-\$50,000; includes Academic Professional employee benefits package.

Review of applications will begin immediately, and will continue until the position is filled. This is a nine month appointment with an anticipated start date is August 15, 2008.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Submit a letter of application explaining your interest in the position, qualifications, resume, and names and contact information of a least three current references. Send materials to: Janice Cousin, Capital Scholars Honors Program, MS LRH 101, University of Illinois at Springfield; One University Plaza; Springfield, IL 62703. Materials may be submitted electronically to jhur11@uis.edu.

UIS is an affirmative action/equal employment opportunity employer; persons with disabilities, women, and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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