

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings from the University Honors Program! One of ISU's coldest and snowiest winters in recent years *seems* to be finally relinquishing its hold. Regardless, and as you have no doubt observed, the spring semester is moving past at a torrid pace. March is a busy month – our Honors students are now learning of acceptances into graduate, medical and law school, and interviewing for jobs and internships. Our next class of President's and University Honors Scholars has been selected, and are eagerly awaited. Our current first-year students are now veteran college students and preparing to be the leaders of summer and the coming year as counselors, orientation leaders, RAs and peer advisors. And now we draw near to the time that we see our seniors off and wish them well –they will be missed, as our leaders, classmates, and friends.

The Honors Program has hosted a number of exciting workshops, events and visiting speakers this semester, including University Speaker and film critic, Richard Roeper, award-winning writers Aaron Morales (ISU's own) and Alissa Nutting, and sponsorship of *9500 Liberty* filmmakers Annabel Park and Eric Byler. In addition, Honors has proudly offered a professional development seminar on poverty and education (led by professors Linda Maule and Tonya Balch), supported financially and logistically by the Networks Financial Institute. Participants in this seminar have engaged local and regional school administrators, teachers and students, and will host middle school students from the Navajo reservation schools in Pinon, Arizona, and their teacher, Kristin Monts (2008 Honors program graduate and English-teaching major). Honors students have been engaged in the campus and community in philanthropic efforts, including a 1920s-themed fund-raiser to support *multiple myeloma* research, as well as service in behalf of the American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity and the Lighthouse Mission.

As always, we are extremely grateful for your interest, support and collaboration. The Honors Program serves and represents the entire University, and it is your varied and generous contributions that enable our students to succeed.

Greg Bierly
Director, University Honors Program



GH301: *Legend and Belief* class at the Condit House

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CONGRATULATIONS, DECEMBER 2010 HONORS GRADUATES!



The University Honors Program would like to congratulate the December 2010 Honors Graduates!

- Regina Atkins
- Bethany Baker
- Sara Beckman
- Madalyn Blackburn
- William Bond
- Andrew Borden
- Katie Fitzgerald
- Gary Pridemore
- Sarah Tillman
- Heidi Yoder



AFTER IMAGES HONORS JOURNAL



The University Honors Program is once again seeking submissions for *After Images*, the Honors Journal for Creative Works.

Undergraduate students at ISU are invited to submit creative writing, poetry, and two-dimensional art for inclusion in the journal.

Submissions should be submitted to the Honors Office on the Rhoads Hall Mezzanine by Friday, March 18.

Left: Tiger's Eye by Lindy Reeves, cover image for the Spring 2010 volume of After Images.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

- Poetry: 3 poems maximum
- Fiction: 1,000 words
- Creative non-fiction: 1,000 words
- Playwriting: 1 act
- Visual Arts: 3 jpegs (slides) of visual artwork

Interested students should contact the Honors Office with questions or for more information.

JOIN THE HONORS RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

The University Honors Student Association (UHSA) is once again forming an Honors team to participate in the American Cancer Society's 2011 Relay for Life fundraiser. Relay for Life is an annual event that occurs all across the country to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to the disease, and raise money for cancer research. Team members take turns walking or running around a track, and try to keep at least one person on the track at all times. In addition to walking, the team will have a fundraiser from their table to try to raise additional money at the event.



Relay for Life for Vigo County Colleges will take place in the Indiana State University North Gym from 4:00pm on Saturday, April 9 until 8:00am on Sunday, April 10. Teams from Indiana State University, Saint Mary-Of-The Woods, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and Ivy Tech Community College are all invited to participate. The Honors team goal is to raise \$1500, and team members are encouraged to set their own individual fundraising goals of \$150 or more. If you have any questions, please contact team captains Elizabeth Seymour (eseymour@indstate.edu) or Nancy DeGott (ndegott@indstate.edu).

To sign up for the Honors team, or to donate money, please visit the team page at: <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/ISUSycamoresHonors>

HONORS STUDENT LEADERS

COUNCIL OF HONORS STUDENTS

The Council of Honors Students has been busy over the past few months organizing extra-curricular programming opportunities for Honors students. In October they hosted what has become an annual Halloween Party with record turnout and a costume contest. In December they had another social gathering right before final exams, giving Honors students a chance to relax. This Spring, they have been present at the Honors Speaker Series events and also coordinated a Valentine program to make cards for residents at a local nursing home. This group additionally hosts open forums several times each semester, offering all Honors students the opportunity to have a voice and participate in the planning of programs.

As part of the Council of Honors Students, the Freshmen Council has taken the lead on much of the advertising for this year's programming, as well as the planning of several events. In January, they planned the Honors "Sunshine Smash," offering Honors students a mental break from the harsh winter weather – just in time for Terre Haute to be covered with a thick layer of ice. On Thursday, March 24 at 7:00pm, they will be hosting "Cabaret en Grande," a 1920s-themed fundraiser for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. The event will feature live music, a charity poker tournament, and will be a opportunity for Honors students to socialize and have fun while contributing to a great cause. It will cost \$3 to attend the program, with all proceeds being donated to the foundation, and Honors students are encouraged to dress in theme.

PRESIDENT'S SCHOLAR'S ASSOCIATION

The President's Scholars Association continues to serve as a networking and philanthropic outlet for recipients of ISU's President's Scholarship. The President's Scholars have again focused their efforts this year on giving back to the local community in a number of ways. In December they decorated ISU's Dede Plaza in blue and white to encourage school spirit. They have also served lunch at the local Lighthouse Mission and helped make Valentine cards to donate to a local nursing home. This Spring, they have several more service projects planned. In mid-March a group of President's Scholars will be assisting with a Habitat for Humanity home, and in April they will be joining their peers on the Honors Relay for Life team.

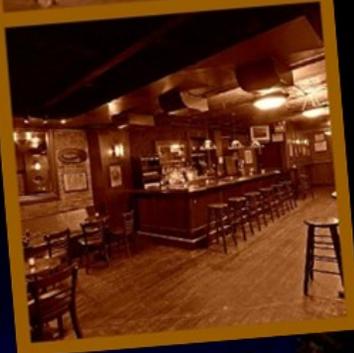
HONORS STUDENTS ABROAD

This semester, Honors students are sending study abroad updates from Costa Rica, Australia, Sweden, Argentina, and Italy!

View their photos and read about their experiences on the Honors website:
<http://www.indstate.edu/honors/spotlight/studyabroad/students.htm>



Luke in Australia in front of the Sydney Opera House.



Cabaret en Grande

1920s
Cabaret & Poker
Night

An Honors Fundraiser for
Multiple Myeloma

Thursday, March 24 at 7-9 PM
Rhoads Honors Lounge
Tickets: **\$3** at the door

Check out our Facebook page
for more details!

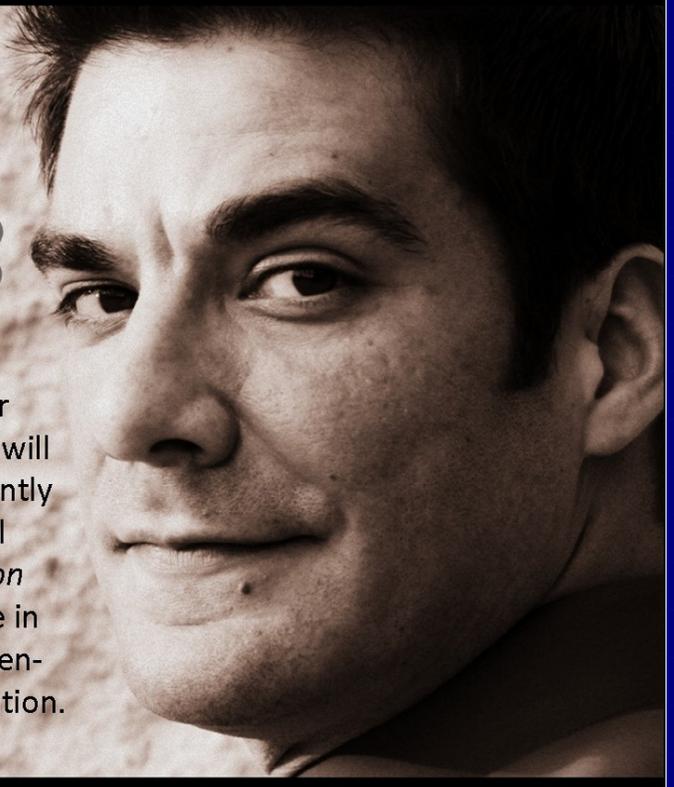
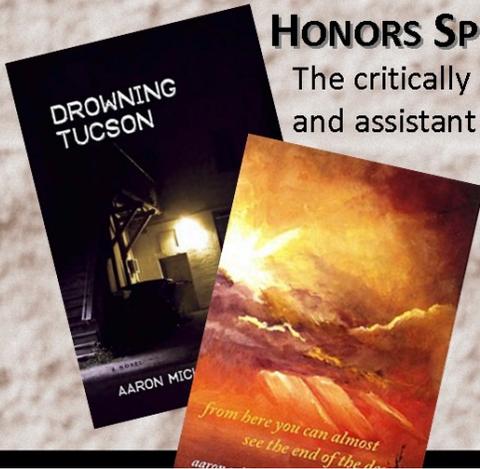


HONORS SPEAKER SERIES

Aaron Morales

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The critically acclaimed author and assistant professor at ISU will discuss his recently published novel *Drowning Tucson* and much more in an engaging open-forum conversation.



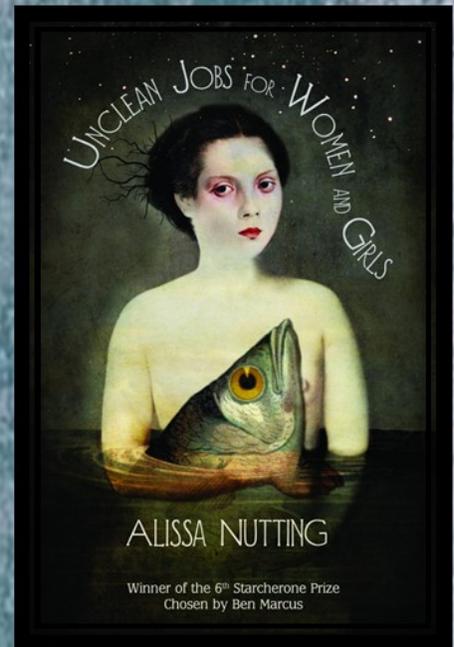
In addition to encouraging attendance at ISU's University Speaker Series, during the 2009-2010 academic year, the University Honors Program began a Speaker Series, primarily featuring guests from the Terre Haute and ISU communities. This has provided Honors students additional opportunities to network and learn from established professionals in a variety of fields. Past guests include ISU's President and First Lady; Matthew Brennan, poet and ISU English and Honors faculty; Merlin Holland, editor and grandson of playwright Oscar Wilde; and Craig McKee, local attorney and federal magistrate judge. This semester, the Speaker Series resumed on Tuesday, February 22 with a visit from Aaron Morales, published author and ISU English and Honors Faculty. Morales spoke in the Rhoads Honors Lounge about his writing process, read an excerpt from his recent award-winning book, "Drowning Tucson," and answered questions.

Following Morales, on Tuesday, March 1, Honors co-sponsored a visit from filmmakers Annabel Park and Erik Byler and a viewing of their documentary "9500 Liberty," which captured the controversy and debate surrounding anti-immigration legislation in Prince William County, Virginia. Park and Byler shared their experiences and encouraged students to participate in political conversations and be advocates for change.

Completing the Speaker Series for this year will be Alissa Nutting, author of "Unclean Jobs for Women and Girls." Nutting will be visiting from Las Vegas, Nevada, on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00pm in the Rhoads Honors Lounge and will discuss her book and her writing process. These events are designed to be engaging and discussion-oriented, and Honors students are encouraged to attend and ask questions.

HONORS SPEAKER SERIES

Alissa Nutting



March 31, 2011

7-9 PM

Rhoads Honors
Lounge

The Indiana State Honors Department is proud to host this award-winning author in a conversation focusing on her book *Unclean Jobs for Women and Girls* and much more!

POVERTY AND EDUCATION SEMINAR

Throughout the fall and spring semesters, a large group of honors students – from freshmen to senior classes, representing a wide range of majors – have been collaborating on local and cross-cultural research projects with faculty members Dr. Greg Bierly, Dr. Linda Maule, and Dr. Tonya Balch in the areas of poverty and education. The initial phase of the experience was centered around several seminars led by Bierly, Maule, and Balch. Focused on topics such as diversity, values, demographics, intercultural development, the nature of poverty, and the relationships of these factors to education, the seminars were based on a variety of readings and offered a chance for exchange of ideas with fellow participants. In recent months, the meetings have centered around planning for the next phases. In March we will arrange visits with local middle schools and the Charter School of the Dunes in Gary, Indiana, with an aim to interact with the students, teachers, and administrators to apply our ideas to community and school settings. Finally, in April we will host and coordinate activities for the inaugural visit to ISU from the students from a middle school in Pinon, Arizona. Following these events, we hope to hold a colloquium to share our findings and experiences with the ISU community.

An opportunity of this nature, one that is both data-based and interactive, represents one of the main factors that drew me to ISU's Honors Program. Through the broad expertise offered by guiding faculty members in this experience, and the plurality of interests and perspectives explored among student participants, I've encountered exciting knowledge and, most importantly, a format for collaboration and real-world application of this knowledge with individuals who each offer unique approaches and points of view. The topics we've explored in the seminars – achievement disparity, education policy, and cultural competence, among others – have introduced us to academic and objective perspectives on highly relevant socioeconomic issues. Entering the experiential segment, I anticipate that our correspondence with schoolchildren and their communities will create a platform for valuable insights that the seminar participants are eager to share.

-Morgan Mayle, Pre-Law/Political Science major



LEFT: In May 2010, a group of President's Scholars traveled to the Navajo Nation in Arizona and met some of the students at the middle school in Pinon. The poverty and education seminar will continue working with students from the same school district by inviting them to visit Indiana State University this spring.

"So far, the poverty and education seminar has made an impact on how I think about my future employment. As a Speech-Language Pathology major who may eventually work in a school system, I believe that I, along with many of my peers in the education department, tend to romanticize the education system. We have a picture in our heads of a perfect classroom with clean, well-behaved children who have wonderful parents who are always available and willing to help their child. In reality, however, many children grow up in an environment of poverty and do not have parents who are supportive of their education. We, as future educators need to be aware of this so we may provide the best services possible to these children and their families." –Shannon Winklepleck, Speech-Language Pathology major

FALL 2011 GENERAL HONORS (GH) CLASSES

For more information about each of the following classes, please visit the University Honors Program website: <http://www.indstate.edu/honors/classes.htm>



GH101C - History and Impact of Aviation

MWF 2:00-2:50
Dr. Troy Allen



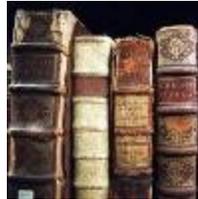
GH201K - Introduction to the Great Works

MW 3:00-4:15
Dr. Arthur Feinsod



GH101D - Cold War Culture

TR 2:00-3:15
Dr. Darlene Hantzis



GH201L - Introduction to the Great Works

MWF 1:00-1:50
Dr. Donald Shorter



GH101E - Ethics and the Twilight Zone

TR 9:30-10:45
Dr. Kevin Bolinger



GH301 - Acoustics of Music

MWF 10:00-10:50
Dr. Uwe Hansen



GH101K - Dante's Inferno

MWF 12:00-12:50
Prof. Marilyn Bisch



GH301E - Dreaming Large: Sustainable Development in the 21st Century

R 3:00-6:00
Prof. Eric Anderson



GH101M - Classical Cultures of Greece and Rome

MWF 1:00-1:50
Prof. Marilyn Bisch



GH301K - From Immigration to Assimilation: Contemporary Latino Literature

TR 2:00-3:15
Dr. Aaron Morales



GH101N - Love from the Bourgeois to the Modern

TR 9:30-10:45
Dr. Ann Rider



GH401 - Honors Independent Study

Day/Time TBA
Dr. Greg Bierly



GH101S - Poverty, Hunger, and Homelessness

TR 11:00-12:15
Dr. Linda Maule



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SUMMER 2011 GENERAL HONORS (GH) CLASSES

Thinking about staying in Terre Haute and taking classes this summer? Consider enrolling in one of the following General Honors (GH) courses:



GH301K - Classical Mythology
Summer I – MTWR 9:45-11:45
Prof. Marilyn Bisch



GH301L - The Celtic World
Summer II – MTWR 9:45-11:45
Dr. Nan McEntire



GH401 - Honors Independent Study
Summer I or Summer II
Day/Time TBA
Dr. Greg Bierly

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