



CU Honors Program Newsletter

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Spring Honors Colloquia

4:30-5:30,
State Room

- January 14
- February 4
- March 3
- April 7

From the Director's Desk

Welcome to the first issue of the Concord University Honors Program Newsletter. The primary purpose of the newsletter is to inform honors students, faculty and staff about opportunities, activities and requirements related to the Honors Program at CU. The secondary purpose is to create a stronger sense of group identity among CU honors students. The newsletter will be published monthly during the Fall and Spring semesters. My goal is for the newsletter to eventually be student organized, writ-

ten and produced. Anyone and everyone can help us move toward that goal. Are there aspects of the



Honors Program that need to be communicated more clearly? **Suggest** content for the newsletter. Did you

learn something in an honors class that inspired you? **Write** a story about it for the newsletter. Do you enjoy publication **design**? Please pitch in as my skills are quite basic! I will be in the Honors Lounge on Friday afternoons working on the newsletter—please stop by. We have some exciting things in store this semester and I look forward to sharing them with you. I hope you all had a restful break and wish you a productive and engaging new year!

--Dr. Luff

Excellence Through Knowledge: **The Opening Honors Colloquium for Spring 2016**

The Honors Colloquia Series will kick off during the first week of classes on **Thursday January 14th at 4:30** in the State Room. This opening colloquium, "Excellence Through

Knowledge" will focus on information, organization and planning for the Honors Program. Dr. Luff will present and explain recent changes to the Enrichment Point System as well as

other new initiatives such as the newsletter and "Last Fridays in the Honors Lounge." All honors students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Poverty & Inequality Symposium



The Honors Program is partnering with the Social Science Division this semester to sponsor a symposium on poverty and inequality. Critical Reflections on Poverty and Inequality in America will take place on March 9th from 1-5pm in University Point. The event, organized by Assistant Professor of Sociology,

Dr Lawrence Eppard, will include scholarly presentations by faculty from around the region, a student poster session, and addresses by poverty scholar Mark Robert Rank and inequality scholar Richard Wilkinson. Honors students can fulfill an Academic Enrichment Event requirement by attending

the event. If your research fits with the symposium theme, you are encouraged to participate in the student poster session. This would also fulfill the research presentation requirement for seniors. Contact Dr. Luff or Dr. Eppard for more information about the symposium.

Instead of counting points, honors students will be required to attend three events per semester.

Enrichment Points No More

The Honors Committee approved HSAC's proposal for changing the Enrichment Point System. Beginning Spring 2016, instead of counting points, honors students will be required to attend three events per semester: One **academic**, one **cul-**

tural, and one **social or service** event. New forms for recording your attendance will be sent to your CU email. We plan to offer more Honors sponsored and co-sponsored events so that students involved in the program have greater

opportunities to interact with each other. The changes will be explained fully at the opening Honors Colloquium on January 14th. If you have suggestions for Honors sponsored or co-sponsored events and activities, please share.

Enrichment Activities Abound!

Here are some suggestions for enrichment activities this semester. Academic: Honors Colloquia, Poverty & Inequality Symposium, Career Fair, Undergraduate Research Day. Cultural:

Tactile Art Show, International Banquet, Film Society films, Coal Lecture Series on the Beckley campus. Social or Service: Last Fridays in the Honors Lounge, Earth Day activities, end of the

year cookout, SAC activities. Keep an eye out for more activities and event throughout the semester and feel free to suggest your favorites!

