

The Honors Herald

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Awards & Recognitions

Vice Chancellor's Honor Recipients

Christopher Beaudoin

Amy Johnson

Sherman & Irene Dreiseszun Scholarship

Chelsea Bihlmeyer (Morocco)

Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship

Ida Ayelew (Morocco)

Phi Kappa Phi Student Initiates

Terrance Hughes

Preston Hickert

Bradley Hook

Kathleen McKernan

Autumn Neal

Harris Mirkin & Kathleen Finnegan Scholarship

Chelsea Bihlmeyer

DAAD Study Scholarship

Christopher Beaudoin (Germany)

Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship

Amy Johnson

UMKC Trustees' Scholars

Fall 2014

Abigail Brown

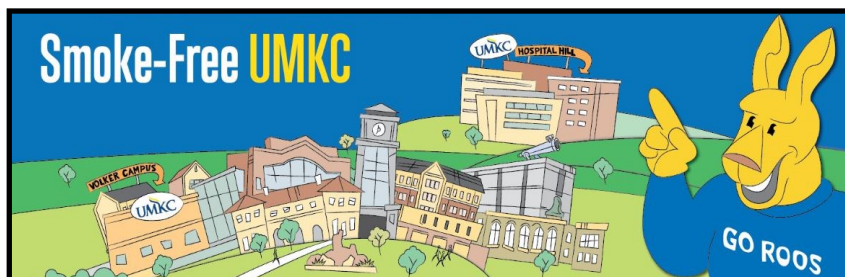
Andrea Herron

Adam Holthus

Bridget McSorley

UMKC Travel Award

Chelsea Bihlmeyer



A Tobacco-Free UMKC

The University of Missouri-Kansas City will become a smoke- and tobacco-free campus starting August 1, 2014 thanks to the work of recent UMKC alum and Honors Scholar Amy Johnson! Both the Volker and Hospital Hill campuses will be enforcing the new tobacco-free policy. Previously, smoking was allowed in designated areas until Amy co-authored a twelve-page policy paper in early 2013. Last November her proposal was sent to the University of Missouri Board of Curators, the UMKC Faculty Senate, and the Student Government Association at UMKC and was approved for the August implementation.

As specified in Amy's proposal, designated areas for smoking will no longer be available to students, staff, or faculty members. The tobacco-free policy applies to everyone on UMKC properties, including student housing areas. And the policy is not only limited to cigarette smoking but to the use of all smoking products, such as cigars, pipes, hookahs, and e-cigarettes.

An important part of Amy's plans is that UMKC will provide students and faculty who are smokers with free nicotine replacement therapy, one-on-one smoking-cessation coaching sessions, and a personalized quit plan.

UMKC is committed to making our campuses a healthy place to work, live, and learn for all Roos. And Amy Johnson is helping to make this goal even more of a reality!

Honors Program Students

Fall 2014

College of Arts & Sciences	61
Conservatory of Music & Dance	12
School of Biological Sciences	51
School of Computing & Engineering	11
School of Education	8
School of Nursing & Health Sciences	14
School of Pharmacy	12
Undecided	7

Average Incoming
Freshman ACT Score
for New Honors
Program Students
30

WELCOMING OUR NEW HONORS FACULTY FELLOW

My name is Laurie Ellinghausen and I am an Associate Professor of English here at UMKC. I arrived in 2003 after completing my Ph.D. at the University of California, Santa Barbara. My research and teaching focus is the literature of Renaissance England, including Shakespeare, Milton, and other dramatists and poets of the Tudor and Stuart period. I have a particular interest in questions of class, labor, occupation, and gender. My first book is titled *Labor and Writing in Early Modern England, 1567-1667* and I am currently at work on two more: *Approaches to Teaching Shakespeare's History Plays* and *Extravagant Strangers: Representations of the Renegade on the Early Modern English Stage*. My non-academic interests include yoga, Pilates, and running. I teach yoga at a local studio, Radiant Yoga, and was pleased to do a presentation on yoga practice for the Honors Program recently.

I believe very strongly in honors education because I myself am a beneficiary of it, I graduated from the Honors College at the University of Houston in 1994. My honors experience made all the difference in terms of nurturing my intellectual interests and setting me on the path to graduate school. As an Honors Faculty Fellow, I would like to do the same for our students.

Laurie Ellinghausen, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of English



Acknowledging Former Honors Faculty Fellow Dr. Frances Connelly

The faculty and students of the Honors Program would like to thank Dr. Connelly for her four years of service with the Honors Program. Dr. Connelly served as an Honors Faculty Fellow and advisor for the undergraduate research journal, *Lucerna*. We wish you all the best on your upcoming research and endeavors!

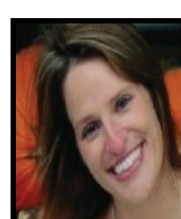
Honors Program Faculty

Dr. Gayle Levy, Associate Professor of French and Honors Program Director

Dr. John Herron, Associate Professor of History and Honors Program Associate Director

Dr. Melisa Rempfer, Associate Professor of Psychology and Honors Faculty Fellow

Dr. Laurie Ellinghausen, Associate Professor of English and Honors Faculty Fellow



HONORS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS!

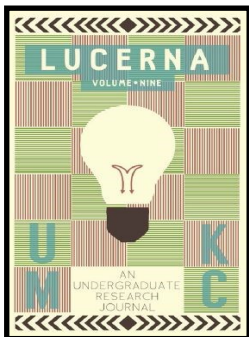
The First Annual Honors Program Banquet

The Honors Student Advisory Council (HSAC) organized the first annual Honors Program Banquet during the spring semester of 2014. The four officers of the council — Alexandria Cockrell, Alaina Shine, Bradley Hook, and Hunter Faris — were integral to the huge success of the banquet. Lexy Cockrell explained that “Organizing a new event that has never been held before is both intimidating and exciting. Members of the Honors Student Advisory Council worked together to develop an event that was both within our budget and capabilities, but also set a high standard for future banquets. The event was created because members of HSAC felt it was important to come together as a program to reflect on the previous year and to celebrate our graduating seniors.”



Over 70 honors students and several faculty members attended the event, at which Provost Gail Hackett was the invited speaker. The evening focused on various Honors Program achievements of the 2013-14 academic year. These included honoring the thirteen graduating seniors and highlighting the 800+ hours of community service contributed by the Honors Program members. Presenting these accomplishments underscored the impact that honors students have within the program, on campus, and throughout the Kansas City community. The Honors Banquet provides the opportunity for honors students to gather and reflect upon these achievements, and will hopefully inspire them to continue doing their best. We are all looking forward to next year's event.

Lucerna: The Undergraduate Research Publication



Lucerna is a research journal, edited and produced by Honors Program students, which publishes original, scholarly essays by students at UMKC. This journal seeks to give undergraduates from all disciplines the opportunity to have their research published and circulated. The fabulously creative students who make up the UMKC design agency Egghead and their fearless faculty advisor, Dr. Paul Tosh, do the beautiful cover design and layout. And thanks to the

availability of the publication in electronic form on the UMKC Honors Program website, people from all over the world can read the articles: <http://cas.umkc.edu/honors/lucerna.asp>.

We would like to congratulate the authors who will be published in the 9th issue of *Lucerna* in January 2015!

1. *German Americans in Missouri: The American Civil War* – Kelly Hanhauer
2. *The Unknown and Unknowable Shakespeare* – Skyler King
3. *All is Fair in Love and War: Women and Work in Early America* – Natalie Walker
4. *Media Framing of Congressional Republicans During the Government Shutdown in 2013* – Emily Pedersen
5. *La Zone grise: Le choix d' un harki* – Christopher Valdivieso
6. *Barriers to Cardiac Rehabilitation Participation: Predicting Enrollment in an Urban, Safety-Net Hospital* – Samantha Harris
7. *Overall Health and Wellbeing of Female Veterans Compared to Their Male Counterparts* – Sarah Alnazer
8. *Beat to Death: The Beat Generation's Impact on Neal Cassady* – Sydney Ingram
9. *Now and Then: The French Cultural Influence in Swedish Theatre, and the Path of Theatre in Sweden Until Modern Times* – Marianne McKenzie
10. *Empowering Our Future* – Jordan Miles

A big thank you to Noria McCarther, editor-in-chief, and the *Lucerna* editorial board for reading, choosing, and editing these submissions. And we want to welcome next year's editor-in-chief: LeAnna Cates will take the helm in August 2014. For submission guidelines and additional information please visit the page about *Lucerna* on the Honors Program website.



Honors Program/Kauffman School Partnership

In 2011 the Ewing Marion Kauffman School and the UMKC Honors Program established a partnership to allow students from both schools the opportunity to engage in intellectual and creative collaboration. Students from the UMKC Honors Program now hold several positions at the Kauffman School ranging from teaching assistants to tutors and assisting with social activities. The Kauffman School's mission statement is “The Kauffman School seeks to be recognized as a premiere public school in the state of Missouri, and serve as a model for the public school sector.” The school currently serves fifth through eighth grade students.

Honors Program students who worked at the Kauffman School have said that their experience was “enlightening, inspiring, and fulfilling.”

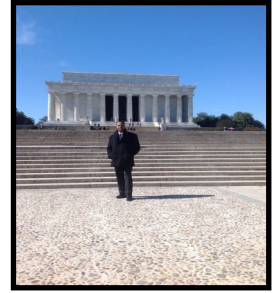
Elizabeth Porto, an honors student, shared her experience working at the Kauffman School in the spring; “The highlight of my time at Kauffman came at the end of the year when I was fortunate enough to join some of the staff and 6th and 7th graders on an overnight excursion to the Omaha Zoo. The trip made for quite the experience, and the best part of all was seeing the joy on the students' faces as they enjoyed a reward they had all worked for so hard throughout the year.”

Recent Graduates and Alumni

Damion Alexander

B.A. Communications & Spanish, Summa Cum Laude, '12

Damion presently attends UMKC's Bloch School of Business and is pursuing a Masters in Public Administration. He is a case manager at Connections to Success, a nonprofit organization in Kansas City. "The Honors Program helped me become a leader, a good listener, and made me learn how to think strategically. It also gave me the courage to not be afraid to be stretched beyond my level of comfort. Don't be afraid to be challenged and take advantage of networking opportunities."



Paris Clark

B.A. Psychology & Spanish, Magna Cum Laude, '14

Paris is a recent alum of the Honors Program and graduated as an Honors Scholar upon completion of her senior honors thesis, "The Effects of Trauma on Emotion Regulation and Skin Conductance." In the summer of 2013 Paris studied in Granada, Spain. A large portion of her study abroad was funded by the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Study Abroad Scholarship. Paris is also a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society. Paris credits her activities and time in the Honors Program as inspiring her to raise the bar academically. "I spent the summer of 2014 working as a Summer Scholar at Children's Mercy Hospital conducting diabetes research. In the fall I will be working with preschool children in a classroom setting. I plan to pursue a doctorate degree in Clinical or Counseling Psychology."



Madison Whitley Roberts

B.A. Political Science, Summa Cum Laude, '13

Madison graduated as an Honors Scholar and then began her J.D. at the University of Chicago School of Law. "Being surrounded by intelligent people encouraged me to rise above a heightened median. I never wanted to be the smartest person in the room, and being in the Honors Program gave me the opportunity to meet and learn from some incredible people. The senior thesis project, "The Irony of Electing an Impartial Judiciary," was great preparation for law school. It was an opportunity to strengthen my organizational skills and my ability to focus on the 'long-game'."



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