Greetings Fellow Honors Students,

It has been an honor serving as your Student Council President this year. We’ve hosted a number of exciting events, made significant progress on some ongoing improvements to the program, and created some new initiatives to enhance the Honors Program even further. The work we’ve accomplished this year makes the program better than ever.

I’m most excited about our new Honors Living and Learning Community. This is an opportunity to bring Honors students together in close fellowship, growing together and serving the greater APU community. I hope many of you take advantage of this new offering and help us grow this community. Even if you do not join the Living and Learning Community I hope you continue to take advantage of the wide range of social, academic, and cultural events the Honors Program offers.

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to take part in the student leadership of the Honors Program. In the two years I served on the Student Honors Council I have been impressed with the large amount of input student council members have on the path our program takes. Our program benefits from student participation, and I hope you consider applying for one of our council openings. I can state from experience that serving on the Student Honors Council is a very rewarding experience.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve you this year. As I look towards the end of my time at APU, some of my fondest memories and greatest learning stem from my involvement in the program. I hope you are able to feel the same.

Your Student Honors Council President for 2008-2009,

Tyler Stover
Now Serving You...

In the Office

Vicky Bowden, RN, DNSc    Director
Alan Oda, Ph.D                    Assistant Director
Rachel Hastings                    Program Coordinator
Heather Murphy                   Student Worker

On the Student Council

Tyler Stover                               President
Molly Estes                                Vice-President
Anne Berry                               Jr/Sr Representative
Kendall Paulson                      Fr/So Representative

Your representatives in both the office and the student council hope that you will contact them regarding any and all concerns in the honors program.

Calling all Honors Students!

We need your help at the upcoming trustees finalist weekend (March 11-14) and all-access weekend (March 26-28)!

On the 12th of March we will be hosting a Dessert Reception for the Trustees finalists from 2 – 4. We would love to have you, current honors students, come to meet the trustees finalists and answer their questions about the program.

Two weeks later, on the 27th of March, we will be out on Cougar walk from 3 - 4 for the All-Access Weekend. We would love to have you there as well to answer the questions of prospective students!

If you would like to participate please contact Rachel Hastings at APUHonors@apu.edu.

Honors Spring Graduates

Daniel Baker
Stephanie Brink
Kyle Brooks
Stacey Bry
Molly Estes
Samuel Greenlee
Jennifer Greiner
David Hancock
Catherine Hansen
Janel Harden
Laura Keast
Kelsey Maass
Tamara Moellenberg
Jenna Moll
Mallory Ortberg
Patrick Pennekamp
Whitney Smales
Luke Spink
Tyler Stover
Adam Szarzynski
Hannah Thomas
Kimberley Uyehara
Deborah Woo

Congratulations!

Honors student council elections are coming up!

If you are interested, please contact Tyler Stover at tstover@apu.edu.
More information will be coming soon.
Don’t forget to apply!
Thank you

To all who attended our spring play event and post-discussion on the masterfully performed Dancing at Lughnasa!

Our next honors-sponsored theatre event is a pre-performance lecture on No Subtitles Needed – An Opera in English, on Saturday April 18th. The pre-performance lecture will begin at 6pm in the Wilden Lecture Hall, with the Opera itself following at 7:30 in the Wilden Atrium.

Dates to Remember

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What’s in a name?

A name is a noun—a label for a person, place, thing or product. The “Honors Program” has no name. We are simply identified as “The Honors Program”. The Honors Council would like to name our program—that is, assign a unique identifier to our program.

You can help!

We are having a “naming contest” and the winner will receive $25 in Cougar Bucks.

Submissions will be judged by the Honors Council. Submissions are needed by March 16th. Please provide the following information: Your name, email address, suggested name, meaning of the name (translation if in another language), and rationale for this name.
I wish I had some incredibly cerebral reason for why I applied for a Fulbright grant. Something like, “I have been fascinated for years about the subject of Chinese identity development through the Cantonese language blog phenomenon...”

No, my thought process when applying for this grant was fairly simple:

- I studied the Chinese language for a year at APU and wanted to put it to use somehow.
- I like to travel.
- I was an honors student that liked honors-like things like Fulbright grants.
- I had no great ideas for research, spoke English fluently, and liked working with college students.

I wish I could say it was as easy to actually get the grant as it was to figure out why I wanted to get an English Teaching Assistantship in Hong Kong/Macau. The application process was grueling, and the waiting process was the most nail-biting procedure, because it meant answering that question, “What are you doing after graduation?” with “In 4 months I might be in Macau teaching English to Chinese college students or I might be unemployed during a terrible financial crisis.” Thank God, in time I was able to confidently answer with Option #1: Fulbright.

To anyone that is going back and forth about whether or not to apply for Fulbright, let me help you: You don’t know exactly what you want to do with your life beyond college. You didn’t get a gap year like the other kids you met overseas while you studied abroad. So you deserve to spend a year figuring out what it means to put your Christian worldview to practice, meeting the most amazing people, exploring God’s green Earth, making mistakes and learning the most incredible lessons from the most unlikely sources. And you can probably pick up some information about Cantonese blogs along the way too, if that’s what floats your boat. ✠

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**Western Regional Honors Conference**

Students who presented at WRHC, March 4-6 2009 in Spokane, WA

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Special Thanks to Dr. Marcia Berry for attending WRHC as the Honors Sponsor!
Congratulations
to our students and faculty who participated in Common Day of Learning 2009!

Faculty
Joseph Bentz, Ph.D.
Marcia Berry, Ph.D.
Vicky Bowden, DNSc, RN
John Culp, Ph.D.
Alexander Koops, Ph.D.
Victoria Kirkland, Ph.D., RN
Carole Lambert, Ph.D.
Alan Oda, Ph.D.
Dennis Okholm, Ph.D.

Students
Meredith Anderson
Daniel Robert Baker
Kyle Brooks
Stacey Bry
Jennifer Greiner
Catherine Hansen
Janel Harden
Laura Keast
Caleb Linton
Jonathan Lord
Brittany Machado
Tamara Moellenberg
Monica Nutley
Mallory Ortberg
Whitney Smales
Luke Spink
Elizabeth Stoker
Tyler Stover
Hannah Thomas

The Honors Paper Competition winners presenting at CDL 2009

Tamara Moellenberg
“Rushdie and the Real: Migrancy and the Hyper-real in The Satanic Verses”

Tyler Stover
“Incomes and Compensation In the American Labor Market”

Luke Spink
“Non-Profit or Non-Conscience: The Tragic Divide of American Enterprise”
Molly Estes (senior)

What is your major?
I am a biology major, chemistry minor. And I’m a part of the pre-med program that the department of biology and chemistry offers.

Are you going on to medical school after graduation?
Yes, I’m going to med school. I’ve been accepted to Loma Linda University and I’m waiting to hear back from UCLA, but at least I’m going somewhere for medical school! I am thinking about studying to be an emergency medicine doctor but that’s still up in the air.

What has been your favorite class so far?
My favorite honors class was Catherine Smith’s Life and Teachings of Jesus. We had some great discussions, and really got to think differently about who Jesus was as a historical person and not necessarily as the God we worship. So it was a very different outlook on it, but I really enjoyed it. She really made us think.

Looking back now on the honors program, how has it affected you, both positively and negatively?
I think it’s definitely [had] a very positive effect on my experience here at APU. I’ve been able to experience things that I would not have been able to experience [otherwise], like the Hollywood Bowl trips, and the different operas and play discussions. It’s also really challenged me in my academics, definitely. When you know you’ve got a big group of people who are all trying to be as smart as they can possibly be – it drives you to be as smart as you can possibly be. And it was nice to be automatically connected with a lot of people who think the same way I do.

You were on the honors council this past year, correct?
Yes, last year and this year I served as Vice President. And it’s really been a great experience. You feel like your voice is heard, and it is heard. As a student it’s really awesome to be able to give your opinion about the program and about changes that can be made in the program, and not only have that opinion listened to, but taken with quite a bit of weight. I would recommend it to any student who has ideas about what should be changed, or what could be better or built on.

Do you have any advice for new students here at APU?
It sounds so cliché, but take the time to smell the roses. Especially for honors students, it’s so easy to get caught up in the academic side of schooling. I think it’s very important to realize that there will always be another test to study for, and another paper to write, but you need to take time for yourself when it’s available to you. It’s all about balance.

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Margarita Ramirez (freshman)

What is your major?
Political Science, with a minor in biblical studies

What has been your favorite class so far?
Exodus/Deuteronomy with Dr. Yarchin. He has been the most amazing professor. That class touched the academic side of me and the spiritual side of me, to where there were times when I had to hold back the tears in that class. He [even] tear up one day and that, to me, was the highest dedication I’ve ever seen of a professor -- when he is so convicted of what he is teaching that it convicts him, and he can no longer speak.

How are you feeling about the honors program at this point?
I love it. Coming from honors and the honors and AP community in high school, I thought it was just going to be more work. But I did expect the community aspect of it. And sure enough, it’s so different [from non-honors classes]. It’s just a different level of discussion, a different level of understanding, and the teachers can do so much less in a non-honors class. So the honors program to me is one of the best things about APU. It’s definitely made a difference in what I’ve learned and what I’ve experienced and the people I’ve met.

What, so far, is your favorite thing about APU?
Everything! I love the people. I know part of it is because of the honors program – all my friends are from the honors community and we get to have discussions about things that other people wouldn’t talk about.

How are you involved on campus here at APU?
Oh, I use most of the public restrooms here on campus. (Laugh) Well, I [am in a] D-group. And that’s been awesome. In the first few weeks that we’ve been back at school, it’s gotten even better second semester. And then [I’m involved in] ASB, which takes up most of my time. [ASB] has been amazing because I love this university, and to be able to see the background of it and how it works behind the scenes -- it makes me proud to be a part of the Azusa Pacific community.

Do you have a favorite quote that you would like to share?
One of my favorites is from philosopher Jodie Foster, and she said “Normal is not something you aspire for, it’s something you get away from.” And I also like a lot of Reagan quotes about taxes.
Greetings from across the pond!
an Oxford perspective by Annie Berry

Things that I have learned about the United Kingdom are as follows:

1. Kebab carts are the loveliest things in the world. If you want any hot food past six in the evening, these are the places to stop. Just remember that French fries are called “chips” and that mayonnaise is likely to accompany your order, whatever it is.

2. Traffic may be coming from the right or the left. One is never sure and your safest bet is to just look both ways before even thinking about moving.

3. The sidewalk is a perpetual game of chicken. A true Brit may or may not move to accommodate your presence on the sidewalk, so you are going to have to take your chances and see who wins the race.

4. If you do not like walking, Oxford is not for you.

5. While you may think that the sidewalk is a place entirely reserved for pedestrians, you are in fact wrong. Buses will often drive beyond the pavement and if you are not careful, they will take your nose with them.

Other than that, once you learn your way around, Oxford is truly the experience of a lifetime. The town is one of absolute beauty. Literally everywhere you turn there is an ancient church or some building that was constructed in the thirteenth century. What’s more is that the people who comprise this town are really one of a kind. While walking through city centre in my first week, I found myself gathering tidbits of conversations passed. On my first day, the topics ranged from the massacres in Gaza, to the discrepancies of communication in modern art. Everywhere you turn, be it a coffee shop, a groceries store, or even the chemist (pharmacists as they are called back in the states), there are endless opportunities for academic discussion and debate. The beauty, the people, and the academic aura provides an atmosphere that is both overwhelming, and intriguing.

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Greetings from across the pond! (continued)

Now, the library is a bit of a pain. The Bodleian, otherwise known as where you will spend most of your time in this lovely metropolis, holds every book you could ever imagine yourself wanting. Due to some strategic work done by the founders of the library, the Bod, as it is most commonly referred to, receives one copy of every book, manuscript, journal, or newspaper that is printed in the United Kingdom. According to our guide on the first day, the Bod receives around 1200-2000 books per week! Needless to say, finding the six you need may take a while. However, there are a few restrictions upon this Mecca. For example, no one is allowed to check out books from the Bod. You may sit in one of the free reading rooms for the entirety of opening hours and scour the book all you choose. Still, attempt to remove that book from its reserved spot in the bookcase, and be ready to enjoy prison. Books are by far the most important things to oxfordians, so much so that before we were handed our Bod cards, we had to swear not to damage, hurt, or bring a kindling into the library for fear of serious penalty. Literally, we had to swear with one hand in the air and sign a contract to that effect. Now the real beauty of this experience is the tutorial system. I have to admit that I was extremely nervous when I went to my first meeting for modern political thought. Dr. Martin Holmes, professor of philosophy, economics, and politics, and I were scheduled to talk about Marxism for my first tutorial and whether or not he provided a successful model of economics. In true oxford fashion, his study (don’t say office) is covered ceiling to floor in two-inch thick books all of which he’s assured me he’s read. On our second meeting I looked around to discover that I hadn’t even read a shelf’s worth! Ahh! In his study there are no windows, no nick-nacks, and only one door. Everything is a dark color and the only non-academic thing in the room is a teapot with two cups in front of it. Thankfully enough the chair and the couch are quite comfortable. A smart man, I am enjoying his criticism and find the tutorial system refreshing. The structure of the program really allows for a free flowing discussion and promotes a sense of equality between the professor and the pupil. I am thoroughly enjoying a different style of learning and find myself more engaged with the topic than ever before. That might also have something to do with the fact that there is no one else to hide behind! Your class constitutes two people, you and your professor. There is nowhere to hide and the best you can do is be prepared. Unfortunately, there isn’t time to be over prepared.

Socially Oxford is a very exciting place to be. One of my favorite activities in Oxford is to attend the weekly formal debates held by the Oxford Student Union. Known for their advanced debating skills and cruel wit, the debates are both educational as well as entertaining. Topics have ranged from Islam’s incompatibility with western society to this weeks motion that promiscuity is a virtue. Speakers from all over the world participate in the activity and it’s a great opportunity to hear from the experts you are reading about. However, if a violent display of argumentation isn’t your cup of tea there are numerous pubs with open mike nights and unsigned bands to keep you occupied! There are countless church small groups to get involved in and the Christian Union is filled with the sweetest people you could ask for.

All in all, I’ve discovered that the rumors are in fact true; Oxford is an amazing opportunity, which threatens to change you from the moment you arrive. As Mark Twain reminds me, “Travel is fatal to hatred, bigotry and prejudice” and the Oxford journey is no different. Studying abroad is by far one of the best experiences I could have asked for. I can feel myself being stretched academically, socially, and enjoying (almost) every moment.

Enjoy your sunshine. Today threatens a high of 32°.

Blessings from across the pond, Annie Berry
Interview with an author, historian, and APU librarian: Mr. Ken Otto

Tell us a little bit about your new book that just came out.
[My book is] a pictorial history regarding Azusa Pacific University and the title is called Azusa Pacific University. It's published by Arcadia Publishing, and they do pictorial histories – that is their strength. One of the big series that they have is called Images of America, and that series emphasizes towns. The town of Azusa has one out, and [so does] the town of Glendora. Actually, the fellow who did the one for the town of Glendora works at Azusa Pacific University as well, Dave Landers. And it's part of the reason [why] I got involved in the whole project, because I already knew several people who had dealt with this publisher. But in addition to the Images of America series, they also have one called Campus Histories, which my book is in. And that's how I got started.

Where did you find all of the resources for this book?
My job is Special Collections Librarian and University Archivist for Azusa Pacific University. So it's my job to maintain a history of the institution. I have in my area all of the publications that have been issued out from the University for 100 plus years – including the photos. The photos have come from all kinds of different [departments] across campus, and the more important historical photographs have been housed in the library under my jurisdiction for many years.

Is this your first book that you’ve published?
It is. Well, [it is] the first one that is published by a regular publisher.

What would you say was the most fun part about writing your book?
Well this project to organize the University’s materials has been going on for a very long time. You have to understand the University is 109 at this point, and to try and organize materials for 109 years that are in chaos takes a long time. It took me about ten years to get it all to a point where it was indexed and useable. So I guess the most fun part was [that] the book is really just the product of this 10 years worth of work of trying to organize photographs. It was fun to use all the materials that I spent years organizing so that they’re useable. It made it really easy, but getting there was very hard.

Are those materials available to students?
Yes, in Darling 303, in the Ahmanson Center. That room houses the materials for the University’s history – all the things I was talking about, the photographs, yearbooks, handbooks, board minutes, and president reports. Now the Special Collections is in another room across the hall and that houses the Special Collections side of my job. It has a lot of California history, big ticket items, rare books, that type of thing.

What first started your love of books?
I was hired at Fresno State’s library to help with the computer end of automating library functions back in the 70’s. I was into computers, and libraries and computers have now merged a lot. I grew to love libraries from that experience at Fresno State.

Is your book sold at the bookstore here on campus?
Yes. The last I checked, they still had copies. But this publisher, Arcadia Publishing, they market heavily at both Borders and Barnes and Noble. So it is at those [stores] as well. It just came out in July, so I’m expecting the newness will wear off, but it was well-received when it was first issued at least.

Do you have any advice for students who are looking to get books published of their own?
Well, from my experience, I did all the hard work first. All those 10 years of [organizing], I did all that work ahead. And it made the project itself really easy and fun. So if you do the hard work first, it pays off. And I think you end up with a better product, too, when you do it that way. That’s just from my experience.
Faculty Accomplishments

Congratulations to our Honors Faculty on their recent accomplishments!

Congratulations to Dr. Vicky Bowden, School of Nursing, on having a textbook co-authored by Dr. Cindy Greenberg, California State University – Fullerton, translated into Portuguese and published.

This is the Portuguese edition of their 2008 text, Pediatric Nursing Procedures, published by Lippincott Williams Wilkens.

Congratulations to Dr. John Culp, Department of Philosophy and Theology, on editing and contributing to a special focus section of a journal.


A Columbia University doctoral degree was earned by Dr. Gary James Daichendt, Department of Art.


Congratulations to Dr. Robert Duke, Department of Biblical Studies, on the publication of a chapter in an edited book.


Congratulations to Dr. Mark Eaton, Director of the Center for Research in Ethics and Values, Department of English, on the publication of a chapter in an edited book.

Congratulations to Dr. Emily Griesinger, Department of English, on the publication of an article in a journal.


Congratulations to Dr. Carole J. Lambert, Director, Office of Research, Department of English, on the publication of her book which includes chapters by herself and ten of her APU colleagues and has a cover with artwork by another APU colleague.


Special thanks to Honors program student worker Heather Murphy for serving as Editor of this edition of the newsletter.