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EXPLORING NIAGARA FALLS: NRHC CONFERENCE 2014

LYNDON SEITZ



Honors students at the NRHC Conference in Niagara Falls, NY.

In April, eighteen WSU Honors Program students along with Director Glen Brewster and Assistant Director Vanessa Diana traveled to Niagara Falls, NY, by train to present their work at the Northeast Regional Honors Council (NRHC) conference among their peers from all around the region.

On Friday, before presentations began, the students got to explore the cities of Niagara Falls - - NY and Ontario - - through the City as Text program. The Falls in the off-season are beautiful to some and haunting to others. Besides the majestic falls themselves, groups also visited the Niagara Power Project Vista, Devil's Hole in the Niagara Gorge, the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, Old Fort Niagara, the last stop before Canada on the Underground Railroad in Lewiston, NY, and the viewing structures surrounding the Falls. Some also

crossed the border to visit the Canadian Falls.

Several students chose the creative City as Text workshop "Exploring Niagara Falls State Park through Art," including Andrew "Woody" Woodger, who reports, "I had every opportunity to immerse myself in the creative and intellectual discussions of the conference, broadening my knowledge and, more importantly, my thinking on many issues." (See creative works p. 13.)

Students heard talks by the director of the Niagara Falls Community Development, who discussed neighborhood housing and economic development strategies for the City of Niagara Falls and by the founding member of Niagara Heritage Partnership, a group of concerned citizens who advocate the preservation and restoration of the region's natural environment and encourage development through

ecotourism.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Honors students delivered poster and paper presentations, in which they talked about their research to faculty and students. Westfield State had one of the largest groups of students attending, and they felt great about presenting their work, as Jen Daltorio explains, "going to the conference reaffirmed for me that my interest in advertising history and its social impact IS important, and it's something others are invested in as well." Jessica Coons similarly recounts, "I knew I cared about my work, but it wasn't until another student asked for my research that I realized that other people care about it too, and that it's something I should be proud of."

Lauren Joyce encourages future students to attend: "The NRHC conference was a great place to practice presenting my Senior Honors Project. Everyone is very sup-

portive and genuinely interested in what you have to share, so there is no need to be nervous!" Chelsea Baker agrees, "Presenting a project is both empowering and exciting and I had a great time doing it!" The crowds are always welcoming and ask excellent questions of the participants. The conference is especially welcoming to first timers, as Kelly Steele attests, "As a first time conference goer, I went into this expecting to not want to go to many other students' presentations, but after reading the titles and descriptions the hardest part was picking which ones to go to. There were so many incredible minds present, and I was honored to be a part of it."

Next year's conference in Gettysburg, PA, promises to be just as enlightening and exciting.

Lyndon is a senior English major from Webster, MA.



View of Niagara Falls from the New York side. More photos on pp. 11-12.

HONORS STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

WESTFIELD STATE RAISES OVER \$39,000 IN ITS FIRST RELAY FOR LIFE

BETH TEAGUE

In April, Westfield State University raised \$39,467.44 at its first ever Relay For Life at the Woodward Center, where participants walked the indoor track overnight to raise money to support the American Cancer Society. Relay For Life has become an international effort to end cancer. Hundreds of communities, colleges, and military bases host Relay For Life events each year, raising almost \$5 billion dollars to date for cancer research, education, advocacy, and patient services. Westfield State has made a significant contribution to this effort.

WSU students, faculty, alumni, community members, family members, and friends registered teams to raise money and participate in Relay For Life. For fourteen hours, participants did their best to stay awake, never sleeping because cancer never sleeps. Hourly raffles, games, numerous performances, and constant music helped keep us going.

Throughout the night, we celebrated our survivors, remembered those we have lost



Co-founders of the Relay For Life club, Honors students Brenna Closius and Beth Teague.

to cancer during our Luminaria Ceremony, and made a commitment to continue to fight back against cancer.

When fellow Honors student Brenna Closius and I began efforts to start a Relay For Life on campus, we were given a fundraising goal of \$20,000 and 200 participants for our first year. Co-president Closius says, "We knew we could fundraise more than that, and our numbers show that we were right!" A total of 375

participants registered for Relay For Life of Westfield State University, and we raised nearly double our goal.

Treasurer and Honors student Olivia Dumas is excited for next year's event: "We beat our goal by such a large margin, and numbers are only going to go up from here. This was an amazing start."

Relay For Life is a life-changing event that draws communities together under one common goal: to put an end to cancer. Westfield State has certainly set a high bar for

future Relay For Life events to meet, and the Relay For Life club expects to make the event even better year after year. Keep an eye out for our registration kickoff event this October to join us in the fight against cancer.

If you are interested in learning more about Relay For Life and the mission of the American Cancer Society, visit relayforlife.org. Donations for the Relay For Life of Westfield State University are still being collected online until August. To make a donation, visit relayforlife.org/wsuma.

Beth is a junior English and Psychology dual major from Tyngsborough, MA.



Relay For Life participants prepare to walk through the night.

SHAC OFFICERS for Fall 2014-Spring 2015

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STUDENT HONORS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Student Honors Advisory Council (SHAC) acts as a liaison between Honors students and administration. SHAC allows Honors students to be heard in an open and constructive way. In addition to addressing student concerns, the council plans fun events throughout the year.

Have ideas for programming or want to find out more about SHAC?

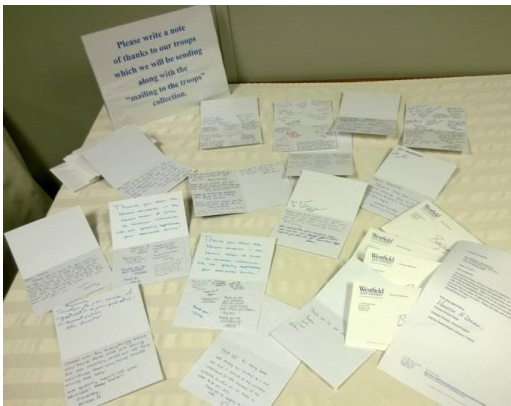
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HONORS STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

STUDENT HONORS ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHAC) SUPPORTS THE TROOPS AND HONORS EMILEE DAWN GAGNON WITH HULA HOOPS



SHAC collected five boxes of care package donations and organized a card signing to be mailed to a member of WSU's Class of 2014 who was unable to walk in this year's Commencement because he is currently deployed at Guantanamo Bay.



SHAC organized a Hula Hoop Building Workshop and Spring Weekend Hula Hoopathon to support the Emilee Dawn Gagnon Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Commonwealth Honors Scholar Emilee Gagnon, Class of 2013.



HONORS STUDENTS OUT AND ABOUT

NORTHEASTERN WRITING CENTER ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

CHELSEA ORIFICE

Reading and Writing Center peer tutors and Honors students Emily Ellis, Paul Falcone, Lisa Leary, Beth Teague, and Chelsea Orifice traveled along with Professor Beverly Army-Williams and Professor Catherine Savini to Bryant University for this year's Northeastern Writing Center Association Conference, or NEWCA.

While there, the tutors met Michele Cox, author of an English Language Learner tutoring article they had read in class. This excitement carried over with the keynote speaker, Dr. Varshawn Young, who reflected on NEWCA's theme of "*How Writing Centers are Sites of Change*" and elaborated on his article, which the tutors had also read in class, concerning



Professor Beverly Army-Williams, Professor Catherine Savini, Paul Falcone, Chelsea Orifice, Beth Teague, Lisa-Marie Leary, Emily Ellis.

black speakers and writers of English. After the invigorating keynote speech, the tutors attended various panels and workshops ranging from topics about writing centers in high schools to drawing as a means of communication.

The students presented civic

engagement projects that they worked on during their training for the Reading and Writing Center in the Fall 2013 semester, explaining that the class went through plenty of failures in the process of getting our projects off the ground. However, with the

participatory planning approach to teaching tutoring, the students put together great proposals for a Veteran's Lounge on campus to pay homage to our many WSU Veterans, especially Veteran commuters, and an International Student Mentoring Program to encourage friendships and support campus diversity.

After the conference, the students went out to dinner as a group of Peer Tutors and as friends. The conference left the group eager to tutor and ready to use what they learned professionally. All were excited to continue learning because NEWCA was only a small taste of what the writing center world has to offer.

Chelsea is a sophomore English major from Enfield, CT.



Students in Professor Sue Dutch's Honors seminar on Heroism visited the 9/11 Tribute Center in NYC and met a survivor of 9/11 who was in the second tower when it was hit and told the class her story and about the acts of heroism she witnessed that day. The class also had dinner with CNN's Hero of the Year known as the "Angel of Queens," a bus driver who has been feeding the homeless for eight years using his own money, preparing and serving the meals every night. He received the Medal of Honor for his work from President Obama.

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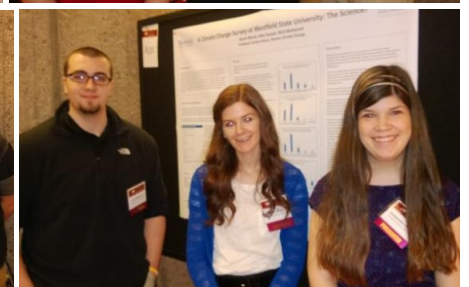
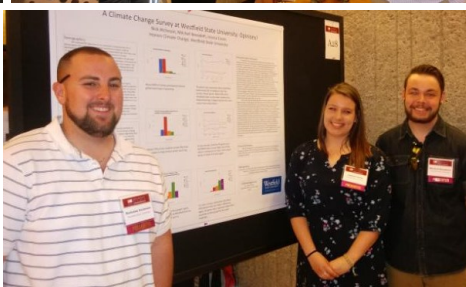
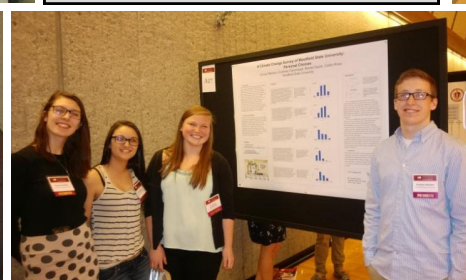
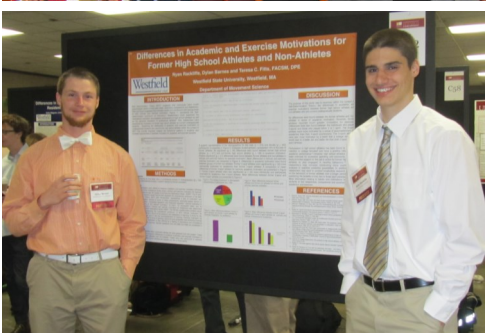
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20TH ANNUAL MASSACHUSETTS STATEWIDE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE



Over 100 WSU students from a wide range of majors presented their work at the conference on the campus of UMass-Amherst. Among the participants were students in Professor Sue Dutch's Honors Altruism, Resilience, and Heroism seminar (top left), who presented their research on Malala Yousafzi, girls' education activist, and students in Professor Carsten Braun's Honors Climate Change seminar (below center and right) who presented their analysis of a campus survey on climate change.



CELEBRATING HONORS ATHLETES

Many Honors students maintain their impressive GPAs while competing in varsity, club, and intramural athletics. Congratulations to our Scholar-Athletes who competed in 2013-2014.

Nick Atcheson
(Criminal Justice 2014) Rugby Club Team

Sara Batchelder
(Psychology/Communication 2015) Competitive Dance Team (Junior Captain)



Caitlyn Brennan
pictured above (English/Secondary Education 2017) Varsity Track and Field

Holly Brouillette
pictured below (Communications 2017) Varsity Field Hockey, Club Women's Ice Hockey



Paige Circosta
(Nursing 2017) Varsity Softball



David Clark
pictured above (Biology/Theatre 2015) Intramural Basketball, Rugby Club

Stephanie Cobb
(Elementary Education 2016) Intramural Soccer and Volleyball

Steven Connolly
pictured below (Business Management/Finance 2015) Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track and Field (Captain)



Jessica Coons
(Special Education/Liberal Studies 2015) Intramural indoor and outdoor Volleyball

Carolyn Cote
(Business Management 2015) Varsity Volleyball

Cameron Fairbanks
(Regional Planning/Environmental Science Dec. 2013) Varsity Cross Country (Captain), Intramural Basketball, Softball, and Soccer

Jennifer Holley
pictured below (Movement Science 2015) Varsity Cross Country (Captain) and indoor and outdoor Track



Connor Jackson
(Psychology 2016) Intramural Quidditch

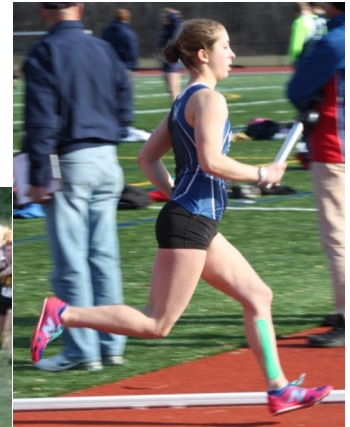
Shawn Luce
pictured below (Chemistry 2016) Cross Country, Track



Amanda Magri
(Athletic Training 2016) Varsity Soccer

Emily Malone
(Elementary Education 2015) Varsity Soccer

Ashley McLaughlin
(Elementary Education/Liberal Studies 2017) Varsity Soccer



Lori Merlo
pictured above (Athletic Training 2017) Varsity Cross Country and Track

Caitlin Ryan
(Movement Science / Sports Medicine 2014) Cross Country, Winter Track, Spring Track (Captain)

Ashley Spindel
pictured below (Elementary Education/Liberal Studies 2015) Varsity Field Hockey and Varsity Lacrosse



Anne Stack
(Elementary/Special Education 2017) Varsity Soccer

Alexa Whitney (History/Secondary Education 2017) Varsity Field Hockey

IN THE HONORS CENTER



From Chinese dinners and pizza parties to poetry readings with poet-in-residence Kate Rushin, meetings with SHAC to meetings with President Preston, discussions about international affairs with visiting international scholar Gali Tealakh, to discussion about international travel led by Honors students, the Honors Center is buzzing.



HONORS STUDENTS GO GLOBAL

STUDY ABROAD: CHINA

BECKY GLENNIE



Becky at a temple in Guangzhou.

In Chinese I can now tell you my name, what day it is, how I am feeling, and a couple of other key answers to life's daily questions. The one answer that eludes me comes paired with the question that I

am asked the most: "Why did you choose China?" I could list many reasons, the adventure, the programs offered by United International College (we just call it UIC), the chance to try something new, but while all of these factored into my decision, the reality is not every choice made in life has a definite reason. Yet here I am at the end of a semester at UIC located on the edge of Zhuhai, a big coastal city, near Hong Kong.

Going halfway across the globe comes with pros and cons. I miss my family, both my actual family and my Westfield family. Sometimes

there are communication breakdowns with the language barrier, and occasionally it can be a little weird to be the "foreigner." As it is I've gotten to meet many incredible people from all over the globe. I've tried things I didn't know existed before this trip. I can speak a bit of Chinese and use chopsticks. I can use the school printer, and I've figured out Chinese washing machines. I can't say for certain what motivated me to trek across the planet. I can't promise your experience will be as fantastic as mine if you decide to partake in a similar adventure. With that in mind,

life is a mix of chances; I know that if I hadn't taken a risk this semester, I still would have had a great time at Westfield. Yet coming here is something that I will remember for the rest of my life. I have memories and experiences that have been so unique and exciting that I would highly recommend that everyone consider travelling somewhere, anywhere, even without a logical reason.

Becky is a sophomore Environmental Science and Regional Planning dual major from Groton, MA.

STUDY ABROAD: CYPRUS

ARIANA ROCHE

During the spring 2014 semester I have been studying abroad in Nicosia, Cyprus, and traveling with Global Semesters to Greece, Italy, and Spain. Cyprus is a small island located south of Turkey and southeast of Greece. This has been the most eye-opening and fun semester I have experienced. Being immersed in the Cypriot culture is a truly different experience. Cyprus ranges from beautiful mountains to the most gorgeous beaches I have ever seen. A country in the crossroads of different continents, Cyprus is very diverse. The roots of the country are Greek; however, there is much more to it than that! After a hostile takeover in 1974 by Turkey, almost 40% of the island is occupied.



Ariana near Kyrenia Castle in Kyrenia, Cyprus.

This divide creates a very diverse population as well.

I have had the opportunity to travel to Rome, Florence, Pisa, Venice, Barcelona, Athens, and all around Cyprus, as well as Egypt, Crete, and Ireland independently. There are not enough words to describe how traveling changes you. I am a junior Psychology major,

and I may not fully see the changes until I am back in Massachusetts, but I have learned so much about adapting to new languages, currencies, transportation systems, and being on my own for four months without anyone I knew. I couldn't be happier with my choice to study abroad, and Cyprus was the perfect choice for me. Between the beaches, food, friendly people, and beautiful sights, Cyprus could not have been a better fit. I even got to cliff jump into the Mediterranean! I have made so many amazing friends from all over the United States and other countries who I would not have met otherwise, and I wouldn't trade it for the world.

I learned so much in my classes and just as much out of them, all while getting a great tan in February! What could be better? If you are even considered studying abroad, my advice to you is to do it. It may be scary, but take the risk. I promise you will not regret it.

Ariana is a junior Psychology major from Medford, MA.

Have you always wanted to study abroad or in another state? The International Programs Office can answer your questions about Study Abroad and National Exchange Programs.

For more information, visit their office in Parenzo lobby.

UPPER-LEVEL HONORS SEMINAR

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

JENNIFER SHAKSHOBER AND ANTHONY RASCATI

Students in Professor Hillary Sackett's interdisciplinary Honors seminar, Indigenous Knowledge, Environmental Management and Sustainability, travelled with Professor Sackett to Washington D.C., in April to attend a symposium at the National Museum of the American Indian entitled "Patterns of Health and Well-being: An Intercultural Symposium," a fitting complement to the Honors seminar, which focused on analyzing contemporary issues facing Native Americans in the United



Students enjoy native cuisine at the Mitsitam Café inside the museum.



Students in Professor Hillary Sackett's seminar visit the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

States and Indigenous people around the world. The students gained further insights into the issues we'd been studying.

Symposium presenters - a legion of Haudenosaunee - Mohawk, Cherokee, Navajo, and Inupiaq representatives - explored connections between native tradition and health, liberating tribes from their dependence on unwholesome, federal distribution

programs, promoting cultural sovereignty, and forging links between environmental health and ecofeminism.

Students were given a personalized tour of the museum and participated in a unique food experience at the Mitsitam Café, the restaurant inside the museum specializing in native cuisines. Students sampled numerous indigenous specialties, such as grilled bison loin with a corn and

blueberry compote, braised rabbit in a red wine cherry reduction, Cherokee bean bread, and gorditas served with a dollop of pumpkin pudding. Students also attended a small panel discussion at the Embassy of the Tribal Nations which allowed students to interact personally with the staff of the embassy and discuss modern issues for Native Americans with experts in the field.

Dr. Sackett's Indigenous Environmental Management students are grateful for such a culturally-enriching experience, bonding over new foods and novel perspectives on "Indigeneity."

Jen is a senior English and Economics dual major from West Townsend, MA.

Anthony is a junior Criminal Justice and Economics dual major from Barkhamsted, CT.

ALUMNI NEWS

Kate Anderstrom ('12) is pursuing a Master's Degree in Women's Studies at Southern Connecticut State University.

Brad Avery ('14) is working at the Coolidge Corner Theater in Brookline (MA).

Mike Brill ('12) completed a fellowship at the Center for Arabic Study Abroad program at the Qasid Arabic Institute in Amman, Jordan, and is pursuing an M.A. in Arab Studies at Georgetown University.

Megan Brochu ('13) is attending Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for a Master of Physician Assistant Studies.

Amanda Carron ('14) is pursuing a Masters in Outdoor and Environmental Education at

SUNY Cortland.

Meaghan Chalmers ('14) is pursuing a Masters of Art in Teaching at Smith College.

Amy Elcock ('14) is pursuing a Masters in Education at Westfield State University.

Carl Favata ('14) is pursuing a Masters in Biological Sciences and working as a Graduate Assistant at Eastern Illinois University.

Cori Glennie ('12) is teaching mathematics at Revere (MA) High School and pursuing a Ph.D. in Mathematics Education at Tufts University.

Lindsay Katkowski ('14) is volunteering for AmeriCorps at Camphill Village in Copake, NY.

Steve Kligerman ('14) is pursuing a Masters in Higher Education with a concentration

in Student Affairs at Merrimack College.

Crystal Lanucha ('13) is the night-time circulation supervisor at the Chicopee (MA) Library.

Michael Mailloux ('14) is pursuing a Master of Arts in Mathematics and working as a Teaching Assistant at Bowling Green State University.

Jessica McKinnon ('14) is attending Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for a Master of Physician Assistant Studies.


Molly Miller ('14) is joining the Street Team of WKLB Greater Boston Media.

Nate Pranaitis ('14) is pursuing a J.D. at University of Connecticut School of Law.

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HONORS STUDENTS WHO SHINE




Smiling Honors students, pictured with President Elizabeth Preston, are among the forty-eight Honors students who were recognized as either Commonwealth or University Honors Scholars at this year's Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony. Many of these students also received Departmental Academic Excellence Awards.



HONORS STUDENTS WHO SHINE



Honors students (pictured above) represented their major departments at the Westfield State University 175th Anniversary Gala, where donors and community leaders gathered to celebrate academic excellence at the university. The event raised over \$100,000 for scholarships and grants.



University Honors Scholar Brittany Moniz was honored by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education as a recipient of one of the “29 Who Shine” awards. Brittany



received her award from Secretary of Education Matthew Malone at the ceremony at the State House in Boston. She interned at CNN and Save the Children in Washington. Brittany served as her class president, student representative on the Commencement, Honorary Degree, and Enrollment Management committees, and as a student ambassador. Brittany is also a two-time recipient of the WSU President’s Award for Excellence in Leadership.



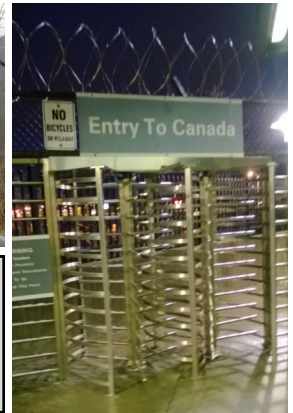
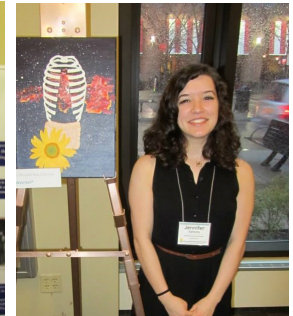
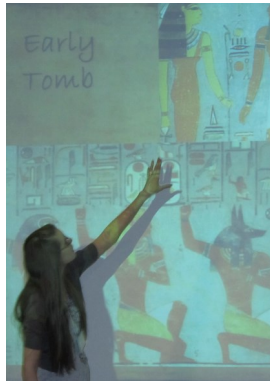
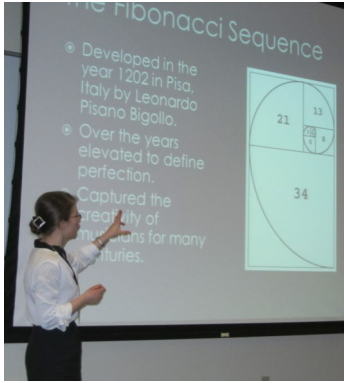
Sierra Bias (left) and Lauren Nastari (right) show off their awards as winners of the WSU English Department’s Essay Contest for English Composition I and II.

Commonwealth Honors Scholar Isaac Matson won first place in the 2014 Northeastern Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (NEACJS) undergraduate student paper competition for a version of his Senior Honors Project. Isaac will be presenting his work at their annual conference at Roger Williams University in summer 2014. The win comes with full conference funding, a cash award, and a one-year membership to NEACJS.



Honors students Nicole Godard, Jim Madigan, Jeanette Fleck, Katie Thomann, Lyndon Seitz, and Brad Avery were among the 17 WSU English majors to participate in the 2014 International Convention of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society, in Savannah, Georgia, in March, where they attended leadership workshops, regional meetings (led by Student Representative Lyndon Seitz), a scholarship and awards ceremony, and student presentations of creative or critical work.

2014 NRHC CONFERENCE - NIAGARA FALLS, NY



Honors students present their scholarship and explore Niagara Falls, NY.
**Interested in joining us for the 2015
Northeast Regional Council Conference in Gettysburg, PA?
Contact the Honors Program team for details.**



2014 NRHC CONFERENCE - NIAGARA FALLS, NY

SEAGULLS by Jeannette Fleck

Seagull lands under a bridge, is swept downstream, flies back to its spot, bobs underwater,
is swept downstream, flies back to its spot, is swept downstream by The water doesn't
notice the seagull, doesn't notice anything, just keeps tumbling on over the Falls as two
nations watch.

Seagull decides to find somewhere else, and flies away

Goose steps along, pecks the ground, steps along, spots a tourist, casually steps toward
her.

Tourist moves along, goose does, too.

Seagulls gather in an icy pool along the Falls.

The ice is broken, a light green pool gathered. How did the water get in?

Seagulls sit, rest, bob, bathe, converse, converge, at least forty, maybe more.

Seagulls go unnoticed by tourists.

Falls go unnoticed by seagulls.

Squirrels scavenge, stop, freeze, twitch their tails, and go back to squirrely pursuits.

Dogs walk their owners through the park, smell, see, taste, experience, pull on their leads.

Tourists notice nothing.

Seagulls fly above the mist, high above the gorge, above the world, high above and apart
from the scene below.



MIST by Jeannette Fleck

Seven inches.

Distance between a child's face and a computer screen

Seven inches.

Length (approximately, on the diagonal) of a postcard from the gift shop

Seven inches.

I think you get the point.

I can't leave fast enough.

Come and see casinos – only your life's savings!

Come and buy things to prove you came!

Come and see me...

See *me*?

Thanks, but no. I'm not for sale,

And I don't want your pity.

Climb as high and as close as you want

This sideshow is closed.

Sincerely,

Horseshoe Falls

P.S. – Go bother the American Falls.

But I hear they have their own cover this time of year.

Jeannette Fleck and Andrew "Woody" Woodger participated in a creative workshop during the "City as Text" portion of NRHC Conference in Niagara Falls, where they produced these poems and photos. Silhouette photos by Woody.

SILHOUETTES by Andrew Woodger

I live exist in the mist

Those logs look so petrified swimming in the
water

Pounds are measured in square inches
Because gravity holds no weight

The gulls sound of Jazz

Why are dead trees more interesting

I saw an essence

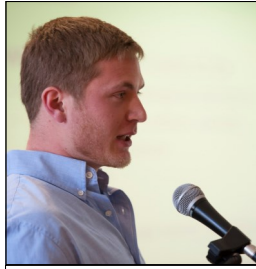
I refused to become

Because without me, the essence would turn
blind

SPRING 2014 SENIOR HONORS PROJECT PRESENTATIONS



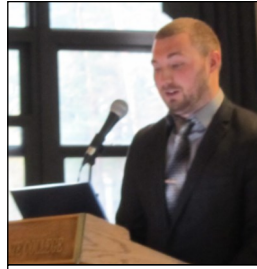
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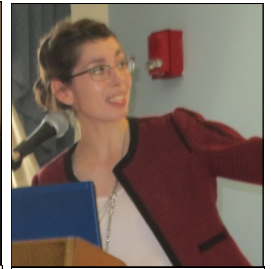
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FELICIA HOPKINS



LAUREN JOYCE



LINDSAY KATKOWSKI



ISAAC MATSON



NATHANIEL PRANAITIS



JENNIFER SHAKSHOBER



COMMONWEALTH HONORS SCHOLARS

The designation of Commonwealth Honors Scholars is awarded to students who complete a minimum of four Honors courses (at least one upper-level Honors seminar) with a B or higher, maintain an overall GPA of 3.30 or higher, and complete a six-credit, individually designed Senior Honors Project (SHP). Listed below are recipients, their major(s), their SHP titles, and their Project Advisors.

Bradford Avery: English, *One's Too Many and a Hundred's Not Enough: Alcoholism in American Film from 1931 to Today*, Dr. Madeleine Cahill.

David Card: English and Economics, *The Adventures of Sir George and Dabb*, Dr. Michael Filas.

Meaghan Chalmers: Elementary Education and Liberal Studies, *Education Theory in Practice: Learning to Make My Own Decisions*, Dr. Megan Kennedy.

Lauren Denio: Elementary

Education and Liberal Studies, *Critical Skills for Post-Secondary Success*, Dr. David Raker.

Amy Elcock: Elementary Education and Liberal Studies, *Using Children's Literature to Teach Mathematics*, Dr. Maureen Bardwell.

Carl Favata: Biology, *Evaluation of a Modified Habitat Suitability Index Model for Eastern Brook Trout: Implications for Efficient Habitat Assessment*, Dr. David Christensen.

Kaila Flanagan: Elementary Education and Liberal Studies, *Tiered Intervention Models: A Study of One District's Implementation of a Universal Screening Program in an Elementary School*, Dr. Terri Griffin.

Lauren Folan: Theatre and Psychology, *Sexual Conflict in Relationships*, Dr. Joseph Camilleri.

Cassandra Forsman: Histo-

ry, *Akhenaten and his Religious Policies in the New Kingdom*, Dr. John Dempsey & Dr. Mark Abate.

Thomas Hebert: Psychology, *From Indigenous American Identities to a Critique of Western Research Methodology: An Academic Journey*, Dr. Janet Gebelt.

Felicia Hopkins: Communication, *Social Media and Privacy*, Dr. Thomas Gardner.

Lauren Joyce: Psychology, *Anxiously Seeking or Avoiding: Insecure Attachment and Mental Health Help Seeking*, Dr. Robert Hayes.

Lindsay Katkowski: Psychology, *Psychopathy and Memory for Altruists*, Dr. Joseph Camilleri.

Michael Mailloux: Mathematics, *Investigation of Square Spirals*, Dr. Anna Rokicki.

Isaac Matson: Criminal Jus-

tice, *Public Safety at Westfield State University: An Analysis of Official vs. Student Perception*, Dr. Joseph Gustafson.

Nathaniel Pranaitis: Criminal Justice, *The American Gun Control Debate*, Dr. Audrelee Dallam-Murphy.

Catherine Roberts: Elementary Education and Liberal Studies, *Hometown History and Children's Literature: Creating Enjoyable, Engaging, and Educational Historical Fiction for Children*. Dr. Kathleen Itterly.

Lyndon Seitz: English, *Rebirth Inc.*, Dr. Michael Filas.

Jennifer Shakshober: English and Economics, *Our Johann: A Family Historiography*, Dr. George Layng.

Kathryn Thomann: English, *"What Are You Prepared To Do?" Teaching Classic Literature through Accessible Writing Practices*, Dr. Beth Rothermel.

UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLARS

The designation of University Honors Scholar is awarded to students who complete a minimum of six Honors courses (at least one upper-level Honors seminar) with a B or higher and maintain an overall GPA of 3.30 or higher. Listed below are recipients and their major(s).

Cory Anaya: Psychology.

Nicholas Atcheson: Criminal Justice.

Stacy Benham: Mathematics.

Megan Brochu: Biology.

Amanda Carron: Movement Science.

Tina Clark: Elementary Education and Liberal Studies.

Kelsey Crane: Elementary Education and Liberal Studies.

Emily Currier: Business Management.

Cameron Fairbanks: Environmental Science and Regional Planning.

Thomas Fazio: Business Management and Economics.

Jenna Ford: Psychology.

Amanda Haber: Elementary Education and Mathematics.

Steven Kligerman: Liberal Studies.

Melanie Lacroix: Business Management and Economics.

Samantha Levitre: History.

Jessica McKinnon: Biology.

Timothy McLaughlin: Economics and Psychology.

Joseph Meehan: Communication.

Molly Miller: Communication.

Brittany Moniz: Communication and Political Science.

Mariah Nolan: Communication.

Chelsey O'Connor: Psychology.

Rebecca Peloquin: Criminal Justice and Psychology.

Erica Pronovost: History.

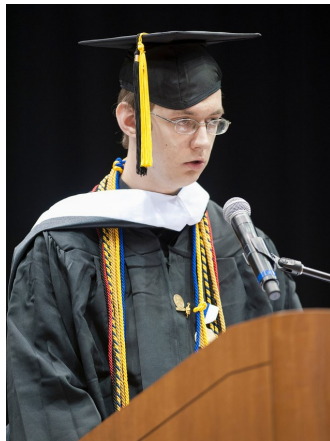
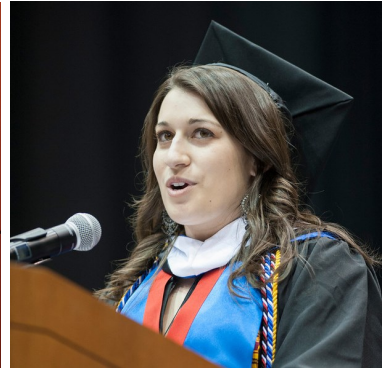
Caleb Robitaille: Liberal Studies.

Caitlin Ryan: Movement Science.

Jillian Sullivan: Mathematics.

Eric Tuvell: Nursing.

CONGRATULATIONS, 2014 HONORS GRADUATES!



Congratulations to Class of 2014 Honors Scholars, including Valedictorian and University Honors Scholar Samantha Levitre and Salutatorian and Commonwealth Honors Scholar Jennifer Shakshober (immediately above left)! Commonwealth Honors Scholar Lyndon Seitz (immediately above center) reads his award-winning poem "Blue Umbrella in Westfield, at Midnight" to celebrate WSU's 175th anniversary.

