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Rhodes and Marshall Pre-Application Deadline



A picture of the Supreme Court building in Washington, DC

Honors Events

Times Talk

Brock Lounge, February 21, 2008, 7:00pm

Join the Sophomore Honors Community as they discuss "hot" topics covered in the New York Times. Feel free to bring your own articles to add to the discussion as well.

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Film Screening & Discussion

TBD, February 25, 2008, 7:00pm

Join the Sophomore Honors Community as they view a film focused on the educational achievement gap in our country. Following the film will be a brief discussion. Refreshments will be served.

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Philosophy Cafe: What is the Good Life?

South A 126, February 26, 2008, 5:30pm

Do you like to debate? Do you like to broaden your mind and discover how other people think? If so, come to the Philosophy Cafe! Here you will discover new ways of looking at the world through discussions of philosophical issues with your peers. Join Dr. Paul Bloomfield for a discussion on "What is the Good Life?" If interested, please RSVP to missy.korduner@uconn.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HONORS PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE OAKLAWN SCHOLARSHIP

Every year, the Honors Program offers a scholarship competition to **sophomores and juniors** that were not offered merit aid from the university. The Oaklawn scholarship is a renewable

grant that is **applied directly towards the student's tuition**. Award recipients are chosen on the basis of academic excellence, involvement in the Honors Program, and leadership experience. The scholarship provides up to **\$1,000 per semester**; recipients that remain in good standing in Honors will continue to receive the award every semester until graduation, provided that the recipient submits an annual report on their activities.

For more information, visit the [Oaklawn scholarship page](#) on the [Honors website](#). Applications are due on **Monday, March 31, 2008!**

ATTENTION FIRST YEAR STUDENTS!

Are you undecided on your major or career goals?

ExpLORE is a four semester personalized career development program that [helps UConn students make major and career decisions](#) while developing skills to succeed in their future professions. You will also get to know your peers and develop networking opportunities early in your college career. ExpLORE begins in the first semester of your sophomore year. However, first year students interested in getting a head start on the career decision-making process may join **Pre-ExpLORE**. Students who stay with **Pre-ExpLORE** will automatically be enrolled in ExpLORE in their sophomore year if they wish.

For more information about this program, visit [ExpLORE online](#). Applications must be submitted online by **Wednesday, February 13 at 5 p.m.** . If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact explore@uconn.edu.

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Bodies Revealed

Hartford, CT, February 27, 2008, 6:00pm

All Honors students are invited to attend the Bodies Revealed Hartford Exhibit. The trip will take place on Wednesday, February 27 from 6 to 10 p.m. To sign up, two permission forms and a fee of \$18 should be delivered to Jessica Lennington (U-4243) as soon as possible! You can pick up the permission forms from Missy in CUE 416. SPACE IS LIMITED!! If interested or want more information, email Jessica.Lennington@uconn.edu.

Dinner and a Show: Love's Labour's Lost
South Dining Hall/Nafe Katter Theatre,
February 28, 2008, 6:00pm

Spend an evening getting to know Dr. Lynne Goodstein, Director of the Honors Program. Enjoy dinner in South Campus Dining Hall and afterwards head over to the Nafe Katter Theatre for a special showing of "Love's Labour's Lost." LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE! If interested, please RSVP to missy.korduner@uconn.edu.

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Honors Council

Honors Council meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in South A 124-125. Hope to see you there!

THE DROTCH SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS IN THE SCIENCES

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers many scholarships to students. The **Paul L. Drotch Scholarship** is intended for students majoring in **biological sciences, EEB, MCB, or PNB** that have demonstrated both financial need and outstanding academic performance. The application is available [online](#) and should be returned to **Carol Blow in TLS 161 by March 7, 2008**.

To see more scholarships offered by CLAS, visit the [CLAS Student Resources page](#).

SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SCIENCES

The NOAA offers scholarships for students that will be juniors in the fall 2008. The Hollings scholarship seeks to *increase undergraduate training in oceanic and atmospheric science, increase public understanding and support for stewardship of the ocean and atmosphere and improve environmental literacy* through this award. The scholarship includes academic assistance during the academic year of the award, a 10-week summer internship, and the possibility of another year of academic assistance. Through this unique experience, students will gain hands on experience and training for a career in the environmental sciences!

HONORS COUNCIL FACULTY AWARD

[Did you have a great professor during the Spring, Summer or Fall semesters of 2007? Nominate them for the Honors Council Faculty Member of the Year Award! Fill out a form and give your professor a chance at winning this prestigious award.](#)
Obtain the nomination form [here!](#)

There aren't any Honors Council Events currently available! Please check back for Updates!

For more information, visit the [Hollings Scholarship homepage!](#) Don't wait... applications are due February 22, 2008!!

Enrichment Opportunities

STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS FROM THE ROPER CENTER

UConn undergraduates of all majors are eligible to apply for research grants for the fall and spring semesters. The awards will pay up to \$500 a semester! Students are required to submit a proposal outlining an original research project to be carried out that uses or expands upon the data files in the Roper Center, as well as submit an undergraduate research application available online at the [OUR website](#). For more information, visit the [scholarship website](#).

Thesis Workshop

South A 113, February 13, 2008, 4:00pm

The Honors thesis, one of the greatest and most rewarding challenges of the Honors Program, can seem like a daunting task. Attend this workshop to get all your questions answered regarding how to begin and complete your honors thesis.

GET INVOLVED!

Campus-Wide

JOIN THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

The **Global Leadership Commission** seeks new members! Its objective is to provide a forum to bring well-known, respected, and dynamic individuals who can offer their knowledge and expertise to the University of Connecticut. Some of the organization's past speakers have included Senator Joseph Lieberman, Dr. John Rowe, and Ms. Dona Young of the Phoenix Corporation. Applications are available on-line and in the Honors Program Office in CUE 419. For more information, contact Charlayne McStay, charlayne.mcstay@uconn.edu. [The application is available here!](#)

A DAY AT THE CAPITOL... GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT

Want to affect the laws that govern your life? Attend A Day at the Capitol on Friday, [February 22, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.](#)! This event will teach participants how to...

- **gain open, honest communication with legislators**
- **get involved in state issues**
- **and foster collaboration with students from across the state**

This is a FREE program and pre-registration required. To participate, please email Jennie Spiegel at jennie.spiegel@huskymail.uconn.edu by February 7th. Co-sponsored by the Women's Center and Community Outreach.

HUMAN RIGHTS LECTURE ON SIERRA LEONE

The UNESCO Chair & Institute of Comparative Human Rights present Eugene Harkins, the author of *Where Witch Birds Fly*, in a lecture on **the human right's crisis in Sierra Leone**. Eugene Harkins' lecture will not only highlight the devastation caused by the civil war in Sierra Leone, but will focus on the sense of hope and the democratic renewal occurring in the country since the civil war. He will also provide updates on the Charles Taylor trial presently before the Hague. This event will take place on **Tuesday, February 19, 2008 in CUE 122**.

For more information on Eugene Harkins and the UNESCO lecture series, visit the [UNESCO series homepage!](#)

The Barack Obama Presidential Challenge: Prospects for Racial Crossover Voting SU 304B, February 14, 2008, 4:00pm

Sponsored by the Institute for African American Studies, Professor Charles E. Jones from Georgia State University discusses "The Barack Obama Presidential Challenge: Prospects for Racial Crossover Voting" Thursday, February 14, 2008 Student Union, Room 304B 4:00 PM All Welcome!! Free!! For More Information call 486-3630 or go to our website: www.iaas.uconn.edu

SUBOG Comedy Series Student Union Theatre, February 14, 2008, 7:00pm

SUBOG presents comedian Dan Ahdoot

For more information, contact SUBOG.

Connecticut Poetry Circuit Reading UConn Co-Op, February 19, 2008, 7:00pm

The University of Connecticut's Creative Writing Program is pleased to announce that the student poets of the Connecticut Poetry Circuit will be reading at 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 19th, in the UConn Co-op. The winners of the 2007-2008 Student Contest include Tess Bird of the University of Connecticut, Lisa Butler of Manchester Community College, Chiara di Lello of Wesleyan University, Taylor Katz of Connecticut College, and Tyler Theofilos of Yale University.

CONNECTICUT POETRY CIRCUIT STUDENTS PRESENT A READING AT THE CO-OP

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This reading is [free](#) and open to the public. For more information, please visit the [Co-op's webpage](#) or [Creative Writing Program website](#).

COMPETE TO PARTICIPATE IN WRITING TUTORIALS WITH POET ANDREW HUDGINS

Poet Andrew Hudgins will spend three days at UConn (February 25, 26, 27) as the **Aetna Writer-in-Residence**. Ten student writers will be selected to participate in **one-on-one writing tutorials with Mr. Hudgins**. Students interested in participating should submit a typed 5-page manuscript of poems to Professor Ellen Litman, English Department, CLAS 208. Manuscripts may be several shorter poems or fewer long poems. They should be accompanied by a cover sheet with the student's name and all contact information. Manuscripts must be received by **Friday, February 15, for consideration**.

Andrew Hudgins is the author of six volumes of poetry including *Saints and Strangers*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Mr. Hudgins **will also give a public reading of his poetry** on Tuesday, February 26th at 7:30 pm in the Konover Auditorium of the Dodd Center.

This reading is free and open to the public. The UConn Co-op is the campus bookstore, located next to Gampel Pavilion on the UConn campus in Storrs.

Website: www.bookstore.uconn.edu

Human Rights Lecture on Sierra Leone CUE 122, February 19, 2008, 12:30pm

Please join the UNESCO Chair & Institute of Comparative Human Rights for a lecture on Sierra Leone

Tuesday, February 19, 2008
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.
CUE Room 122

University of Connecticut, Storrs

The conflict in Sierra Leone gained extensive publicity due to the RUF's massive violations of human rights. These hapless amputees populate and haunt present-day Freetown and the surrounding provinces. The RUF also conscripted thousands of child soldiers and sex slaves, some as young as eight-years-old. These youngsters, who are now entering their adolescence, are all suffering from a terrible post traumatic stress syndrome. The country is likely to generate further publicity due to the ongoing UN War Crimes Tribunal investigations and global efforts to combat the illicit trade in "blood diamonds." In that regard there is clear evidence of an Al Qaeda presence in Sierra Leone set up to launder dollars derived from illicit diamond sales, and the FBI has opened an office in Freetown to deal with that.

In his novel, *Where Witch Birds Fly* Eugene Harkins shines a spotlight on the glamorous world of diamonds, revealing the sordid history that surrounds the bloody and circuitous transmission of diamonds from destitute African homelands to their largely ignorant or indifferent yet elegant purchasers.

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Website: www.unescochair.uconn.edu

The Media's Assault on Body Image
Student Union third floor art gallery,
February 20, 2008, 7:00pm

Will be open until March 7.

Vagina Monologues
Von der Mehden, February 21, 2008, 12:00pm

A Day at the Capitol
February 22, 2008, 8:00am

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Andrea's Voice
Student Union Theatre, February 26, 2008,
7:00pm

A program presented by parents who lost their
daughter to bulimia, sponsored by Nutrition and
Wellness Student Health services.

Pathways to Medical and Dental
Shippee Dining Room, February 27, 2008,
4:00pm

The UCHC Health Professional Partnership
Initiative pre-medical, pre-dental social group
and MAPS lecture series presents wednesday
night enrichment sessions. "Pathways to Medical
and Dental" with Keat Sanford, Assistant Dean
for Admissions and Medical Student Affairs.

SUBOG Comedy Series

**Student Union Theatre, February 28, 2008,
7:00pm**

SUBOG presents comedian Vic Henley

For more information, contact SUBOG.

**Thursday Night at the Movies
Women's Center, February 28, 2008, 7:00pm**

**Congressional Black Caucus Foundation
Summer Internship
February 29, 2008**

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, (CBCF) Inc has worked towards creating opportunities in politics to minority students. The CDCF Congressional Summer Internship Program provides qualified undergraduates with nine intensive weeks of experiential learning in the office of a Congressional Black Caucus Member! The goals of the program are to give students a behind-the-scenes look at leadership and the legislative process.. This opportunity is available to undergraduate college students in good academic standing and with demonstrated interest in public service and public policy.

For more information and to obtain an application, visit the CBCF Summer Internship page.

About "Updates"

Updates in Honors is produced every week by students Marie Jordan and Alan Tan, supervised by Meg Bishop of the Honors Program staff.

Feel free to email Updates@uconn.edu with any questions, comments or suggestions!

Interested in advertising your event in Updates? Send your info to **Updates@uconn.edu** before 12 noon on the Tuesday it will be featured.

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