

The Honors Chronicle

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This issue of The Honors Chronicle is dedicated to the victims of the November 13, 2015 attacks on Paris.

Calendar of Events

November 10: HSO Activity Committee Meeting
4:00 p.m., CUB Great Hall

November 16: Application deadline for the Honors Study Abroad Scholarship for students who plan to study abroad in Spring 2016. Submit applications to Cindy Poe at cmpoe@ship.edu.

November 20: Submission deadline for the 2016 Regional Honors Conference. More information about the conference is posted at <http://nrhchonors.org/>. Please contact Dr. Klein at kmklei@ship.edu if you plan to submit a proposal.

December 3: HSO Meeting
6:30 p.m., Presidents Hall MPR

December 3: Annual Holiday Cookie Decorating Party. Following December HSO meeting, Presidents Hall MPR. Hosted by the HSO Activities Committee

December 12: Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

For more events, check out the Honors Program fall semester schedule with the QR code below!



Nobel Pursuits: The PASSHE Summer Honors Program

Kaitlyn Frey, Honors Junior

Traveling to Norway through the 2015 PASSHE Summer Honors Program was the experience of a lifetime.

Our first week was spent at West Chester University where we took two courses and began to prepare for our journey abroad. These classes involved examining the work of past Nobel Peace Prize Laureates and looking at environmental stewardship challenges of the 21st century. This provided us with the background that we needed in order to select our candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize and use Norway as a model for

fighting global warming. Although this first week was extremely rigorous, it played a crucial role in bringing all of the students from the different PASSHE universities closer together. By the end of the week, I knew that I had made friendships that would last a lifetime.

After an eight-hour plane ride, we finally arrived in Norway! Carl, a native of Oslo who studied at West Chester University, greeted us at the gate and was excited to show us his native country. We immediately left the airport and made our way to the Holmenkollen Ski Jump where we got our first view of Oslo. The next day we went to the Viking Ship Museum and learned about Norway's history and cultural roots. We then visited Lake Østenvjø where we met more Norwegians and took a hike in the rain. The following day was one of the highlights of our trip. We spent the entire morning at the Nobel Peace Institute where we nominated Abdul Sattar Edhi for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize. Afterwards, we had dinner at Carl's home with a member of the Nobel Committee and one of the



Codey Fickes and Kaitlyn Frey at Akershus Fortress in Oslo, Norway.



Students experience life aboard a replica Viking ship.

historians who works at the Nobel Peace Institute. The next day we rowed an exact handmade replica of one of the Viking ships that we saw earlier in the week, visited the Kon-Tiki museum and had dinner at the residence of the United States Ambassador to Norway. For our last day in Oslo, we visited Carl's old high school and toured the city. We then took a bus ride to Stavanger, which was my favorite part of the trip. We drove through glaciers that had snow taller than our bus and got to embrace the beautiful Norwegian scenery. On our final day, we went to the Petroleum Museum to learn more about the sustainability techniques being used by Norway, and then our amazing trip sadly came to an end.

I am forever thankful to the Shippensburg University Honors Program for this opportunity and encourage everyone to apply to next year's program in Spain. You won't regret it!

There's No Way Like Norway

Codey Fickes, Honors Junior



Goodness glaciers! This glacial formation towers above Codey Fickes (who is already rather tall).

As cliché as it sounds, studying in Norway through the PASSHE Summer Honors Program changed my life. Before going to Norway, we spent an intense week at Westchester University with 26 other Honors students preparing, studying, and informing ourselves about environmental change history, policy, and communication and the history of the Nobel Peace Prize and its Laureates. It was a lot of work and I enjoyed every second of it, especially when Dr. Hardy, one of the three professors who joined us in Norway, led us in a chorus of "Up Above My Head" after a tough week getting ready to go to Norway.

While in Norway we continued studying leadership and the Nobel Peace Prize and environmental stewardship while taking in amazing new experiences and meeting people I will never forget. We stayed at the American College of Norway in Moss, Norway, where we met with a group of passionate Norwegian students preparing to come to college in the United States. Each day was a new excursion: whether to the Nobel Peace Institute, Viking Ship Museum, or just walking around the city of Oslo taking in Norwegian history and culture.

Our culminating project took place at the Nobel Peace Institute, where after much deliberation, we nominated Abdul Satar Edhi for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize. We

narrowed down our pool of candidates and worked with several of the staff (such as the research director and the head librarian) of the Nobel Peace Institute to come up with our nominee. Later that week, we rowed a replica of the Oseberg Viking ship (after seeing it in the Viking Ship Museum) through the fjords, which are the most beautiful sights I have seen in my life. We ate some of the greatest food I have ever had. My personal favorite was Brunost—Norwegian brown cheese. As a future educator, I gained valuable leadership skills that I want to instill in my students as they become future citizens and leaders in our global world. My hope is that one day my students find something they are passionate about and make positive changes in their communities and their world.

Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest



The first place pumpkin (left) was carved by prospective students Madeline Goodhart and Sean Braet. Congrats!



REMINDER: PIZZA WITH A PROF



The first Pizza with a Prof of the spring semester is fast approaching! Come out and enjoy pizza with Dr. Lance Bailey of the Political Science Department! We look forward to seeing you there!

Keep an eye on the weekly updates for details to follow!



SPEAK OUT!

WHO ARE YOU LISTENING TO?



"Calming meditation. I do listen to piano music while I study. I also listen to Skillet."
- Colby Ott, Honors Junior



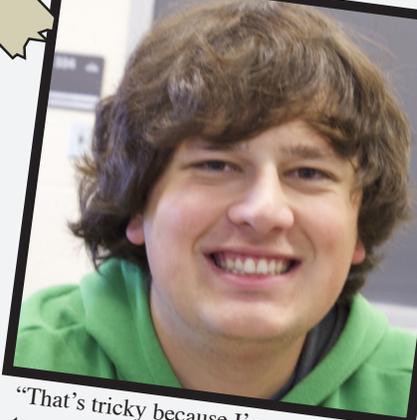
"Whatever's on the radio. Pop, country, Imagine Dragons."
- Courtney Stahlman, Honors Junior



"Recently, Josh Ritter, Bill Evans. A lot of solo piano and jazz and a little bit of classical."
- Tristan Phillips, Honors Freshman



"I listen to country music, Carrie Underwood, Luke Bryan."
- Jess Querry, Honors Sophomore



"That's tricky because I'm actually listening to musical soundtracks... because my thesis is on musical theater."
- Nic Ecker, Honors Senior

Honors Read With Dr. Kim van Alkemade

John Watts, Honors Senior



Dr. Kim van Alkemade signs Honors junior Aly Poorbaugh's copy of *Orphan #8*.

performed experiments upon and observed several children in the orphanage, forming the basis for the character, Dr. Solomon.

A particularly humorous note of the conversation between students and Dr. van Alkemade occurred when discussions of a film adaptation of the book erupted with participants suggesting actors to fill the roles of the characters. While no definitive castings were made, everyone was abuzz with the possibility of one day seeing a film version of *Orphan #8*. After the discussion of the text, Dr. van Alkemade signed copies of *Orphan #8* for Honors Read attendees and handed out some special items such as bookmarks that were made specially for the release of the book.

The Honors Program would like to thank Dr. van Alkemade for coming and sharing her insight with the Honors Read participants, and we look forward to reading your next novel! The next Honors Read will be held in December in the Honors Seminar Room (date and time TBA). The book up for discussion is *Smashed* by Koren Zailckas. We look forward to seeing you there!

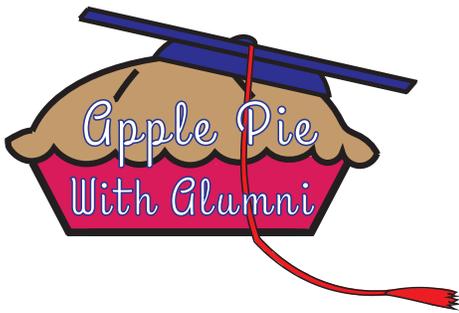
It's not every day that you get to talk about a book with the author of the book present in the room. However, Honors Read had the opportunity to do so on Tuesday, September 29th. Dr. Kim van Alkemade, a faculty member in Shippensburg University's English Department, recently published her first novel, *Orphan #8*, to critical acclaim.

Orphan #8 follows the story of Rachel Rabinowitz who grew up in a Jewish orphanage in New York City. As an adult, she works as a nurse, and finds herself treating the elderly doctor, Dr. Mildred Solomon, who had performed experiments on her and several other children in the orphanage. Rachel finds herself torn between wanting revenge on her former tormentor or being merciful.

During the Honors Read discussion, organized by Honors senior Madelyn Moyer-Keehn, Dr. van Alkemade discussed multiple facets of the publishing and writing process and the lengthy historical research she undertook to create characters like Dr. Solomon and Rachel. During her research on Jewish orphanages in New York City, Dr. van Alkemade discovered that in one particular orphanage, there was a female doctor, a rarity of the time, who had



Dr. Kim van Alkemade reads an excerpt from *Orphan #8*.



Megan Lawrence, Honors Junior

As students grow nearer and nearer to “life after graduation,” many focus on ways they can bolster their resume and gain meaningful experience. For this reason, our third “Apple Pie with Alumni” Career Development Panel focused on internships. Our alumni panelist was Meg Dameron (‘05), who presented with current students Heather Hockenberry and Elizabeth Karper. Meg is the Corporate Communication Manager at Volvo Construction Equipment in Shippensburg, while Heather and Elizabeth are both current interns there. Heather is one of Meg’s Corporate Communication Interns and

Elizabeth is a Plant Buyer Intern. The event, which was held on October 27, 2015 in the Honors Seminar Room, consisted of our three panelists, 12 student attendees, and many questions. From the perspective of both an event coordinator and student participant, I believe this was our most successful Apple Pie yet. Student attendees came with specific questions and began asking them soon after introductions were made, and Meg was phenomenal about answering them all. She fully explained each answer, while relying on Heather and Elizabeth to fill in the blanks as current interns. In addition to our panelists answering questions, upperclassmen who were in attendance also felt very comfortable to add their own advice and experience about finding internships, the interview process, and what they have done at their internships. This was a great topic for dinner because students were able to attend no matter what their major is and what career path they are working towards. Also, students who were interested about internships in general and those who wanted to know specifics about Volvo CE’s internship program alike enjoyed the discussion. Even though the panel officially ended after a 45-minute discussion, many students stayed longer to ask more questions and the conversation could have easily gone a lot longer. Both Elizabeth and I are very pleased at the outcome of this alumni panel. I am looking forward to attending our next panel!



Heather Hockenberry (left) and Elizabeth Karper (right) present with alumni panelist Meg Dameron (center)

Editor’s Corner

It seems incredible to me that it’s already November. The passage of time is such an abstract and nebulous concept to me that one moment, it seemed like it was August and I was just getting back into the swing of things, and now all of a sudden it’s November. I can’t help but wonder where the time went, as it just seemed to vanish into the ether.

All of the best horror movies play upon our experience of time, whether drawing out that critical moment of the unknown, where our protagonist reaches for the doorknob, unsure of what unspeakable terror lurks on the other side, or suddenly speeding events up, assailing the senses as rapidly as possible with sounds and images. Alternatively, the protagonist has just barely enough time to make a daring rescue or escape, narrowly dodging whatever creature pursues them. Time, in both real and imagined worlds, can be your friend and your enemy.

Now you might be asking yourself “What does time have to do with the Honors Program?”, and the answer is relatively simple. Time has been our friend, and over the thirty years worth of time that the Honors Program has existed, we have improved and grown, and we have maintained consistent progression. Every year, every month, and every day’s worth of time, our alumni, students, and faculty are making the world a better place.

- John

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