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Calendar

October

2 - Pizza with a Prof: Dr. Eucabeth Odhiambo, Teacher Education Department

3:30-4:15 p.m., Location TBA

2 - Honors Elections Debate Series: Social Issues

7:00-8:00 p.m., Old Main Chapel

8 - Advising Meeting for Spring 2009 Scheduling

3:30-4:15 p.m., Horton Hall 110

8 - Deadline for Applying for Undergraduate Research Grants

13 - HSO Meeting

8:00 p.m., CUB 217

13-14 - Honors Scheduling for Spring 2009

Submit your Honors courses to Sharon Poe at sapoe@ship.edu.

14 - Freshmen Orientation Session: Learning Styles

5:30-6:15 p.m., CUB 219

16 - Honors Read: Elantris

Led by Dr. Alice James, Dr. Cynthia Botteron, Dr. Kristina Faber, and Honors student Jim Reddington
4:00 p.m., CUB 318

22 - Uncommon Conversation with retired NFL player Rob Davis

4:00 p.m., Mark Room, Old Main

28 - Freshmen Orientation Session: Money Wise

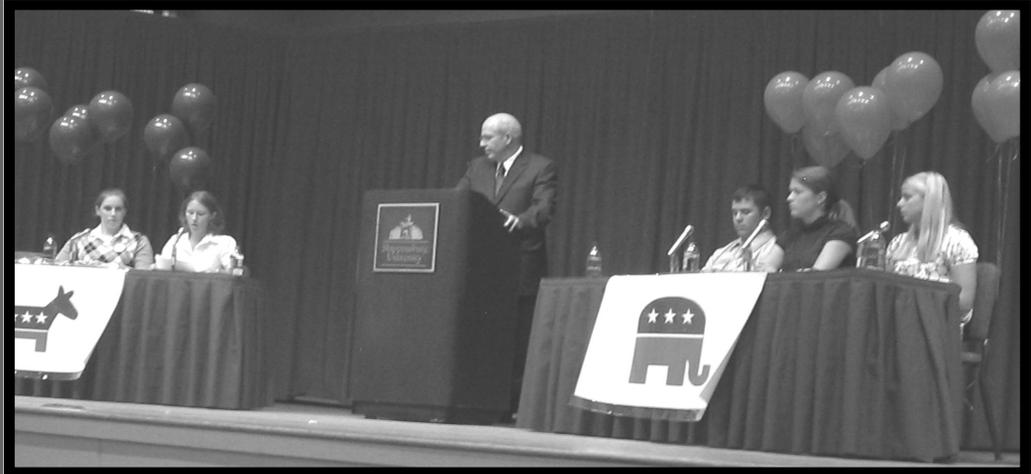
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29 - Uncommon Conversation with author Don Belton

4:00 p.m., Mark Room, Old Main



The Great Debate



Photos by Valerie Koontz

Students (left to right) Justine Wnuck, Grace Burkholder, Kevin McCrabb, Kaitlin Dillon, and Brittany Miller prepare to debate the economic policies of Barack Obama and John McCain as moderator Dr. William Oberman stands at the podium.

By Katie Frey, Honors sophomore

Old Main Chapel has witnessed commanding bipartisan discussions during recent Thursday night debates.

Students aim to present the views of Republican presidential candidate John McCain and Democratic candidate Barack Obama in order to encourage educated voting throughout the Shippensburg community. The debate topics for this year include the economy, foreign policy, the environment, and social issues.

The debates stem from the Selected Topics Honors Election Seminar taught by Professor Alison Dagnes. The course not only explains the history of political parties and the logistics of an election, but also explicates topics such as campaign finance, voting trends, and media involvement in both local and national elections.

Dr. Dagnes summarizes that the course objective is "to excite and educate a group of students who are not necessarily political science majors...I wanted to

reach across disciplinary lines because American politics affects everyone. We're talking about the theories of government and the realities of this election to watch how they work together."

Honors students have chosen to run the weekly debates with varied approaches. Whereas the economy debaters split into two groups, with each group representing either

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Kevin McCrabb and Kaitlin Dillon argue for John McCain's economic policy.

Pizza with a Prof: Dr. Eucabeth Odhiambo



between.
This month's Pizza with a Prof will feature Dr. Eucabeth Odhiambo.

Dr. Odhiambo is an associate professor in the teacher education department at Shippensburg University. She has teaching experience in Kenya, Thailand, and now in the U.S.

Her research interest is in the area of HIV/AIDS curriculum implementation and community education. She has been involved in research and outreach activities in Kenya and the U.S.

Presently, she is the director for the Collaborative Outreach Program for Underrepresented High School Students, which has been running for four years.

She keeps herself busy teaching courses related to the dynamics of teaching, multicultural education, and educational psychology.

Additionally, she is planning another trip to Kenya in the summer of 2009.

Pizza with a Prof will be held from 3:30-4:15 p.m. October 2. Please RSVP to Sharon Poe at sapoe@ship.edu.

*By Allison Morgan, Honors junior
Biography submitted by Dr. Eucabeth Odhiambo*

What do you get when you combine every college kid's favorite food with fun conversation and learning? Pizza with a Prof!

Pizza with a Prof is an excellent opportunity to meet with Shippensburg faculty members and share a great meal. At this event, students are invited to have dinner with an amazing professor to discuss career paths, majors, and everything in

ROB DAVIS

Uncommon Conversation

October 22

4:00 p.m.

Mark Room, Old Main

Get your cheeseheads ready for this exciting Uncommon Conversation! Rob Davis, a retired member of the Green Bay Packers, is speaking at Ship! As an Honors student, you can actually meet with him in a small group. Interested? Contact Sharon Poe at sapoe@ship.edu.



Speak Out!



By Angela Darosh, Honors sophomore

What do you think of Barack Obama and John McCain's choices of vice president?

"I feel a personal connection with Obama's choice of Senator Joe Biden, simply because he is from my area. I agree with some of the policies and concerns that the two men are bringing to the table as well."



Kady Taylor
Honors freshman

"I think for John McCain it was a smart move. He picked someone who is energetic and brought a lot of attention to his party—but at the same time it could backfire."



Dr. Claire Jantz
Honors professor

"I think Palin will be a primary motivating factor in the conservative Republican 'grass roots' movement."



Stephanie Troup
Honors sophomore

"They are both national socialists that will further run America into the ground."



Anthony Comegna
Honors junior

"Biden seems like a down to earth guy. I just think it's only a matter of time before he says something stupid."



Jason Hornberger
Honors senior

Undergraduate Research, Study Abroad, and Internship Opportunities

PASSHE SUMMER
HONORS PROGRAM 2008

China: To the Great Wall and Beyond

By Katie Putz, Honors junior and
Joe Livingston, Honors senior

When we were little, someone once told us that the Great Wall of China could be seen from space. Now as adults, we know that to be completely false. However, we always wanted to see the Great Wall for ourselves.

The PASSHE Summer Honors Program enabled us to do that. It allowed us to go places we'd never have thought we'd get to see. Travel really does open your eyes and your mind.

Each year the PASSHE Summer Honors Program allows two deserving students from each of the universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education an opportunity to study abroad. Last year, the program was hosted by Bloomsburg University and allowed 28 students a chance to go to China.

Shippensburg chose us to represent our fine institution on the other side of the world. The students came from a wide variety of majors, from history to marine biology. Some had never flown on a plane, let alone been out of the country.

Variety truly is the spice of life, and this trip wouldn't have been half as amazing if it weren't for the people who went and the people we met.

The three-week adventure began in eastern China in the booming city of Zibo in Shandong Province. We stayed at Shandong University of Technology and spent a few days on campus talking to Chinese students about how they viewed the world and how they lived their lives.

We had the very interesting experience of joining in an international student singing competition.



Photos Courtesy of Katie Putz and Joe Livingston



Top Right: Junior Katie Putz stands with the Mao statue in Lijiang.
Bottom Left: Joe Livingston and Katie Putz pose at the Great Wall.

We belted Journey's "Don't Stop Believing" after a Korean band rocked out to Bon Jovi's "It's My Life." We also taught our new Chinese friends how to play Ultimate Frisbee.

Our next stop was Qingdao, where we witnessed something very touching. Exactly one week to the minute after the devastating Sichuan earthquake, China froze and grieved. Cars stopped in the middle of green lights to blare their horns, and people came out of their offices to observe 3 minutes of mourning.

Qingdao's beaches are world famous and rightfully so, but what we will always remember about Qingdao is the solidarity and compassion of the Chinese people.

The trip continued on to Beijing, where we saw all the tourist spots from the Forbidden City to the Great Wall. We then hopped a flight to western China. Yunnan Province is home to nearly half of China's 56 minorities.

While staying at Yunnan Normal University, we took daytrips into rural China. In Lijiang we took pictures with a statue of Mao Zedong and in Dali we wandered around a genuine village.

The last stop was Shanghai, where we got a taste of Chinese taxi services as well as a view of some of the

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A man descends Tai Shan carrying garbage from the top.

most magnificent skyscrapers in Asia. And then our adventure was over. We flew home happy to eat a bagel or a hamburger but sad to be leaving such an interesting and exciting country.

We traveled, we played, we studied...but more importantly we grew as people and gained worldly perspectives that will benefit us the rest of our lives.

At this point we are sure you are saying to yourself, "That all sounds fantastic, but why do I care?" You care because next year's PASSHE Summer Honors

Program is being hosted by our very own Shippensburg University. Five Shippensburg professors, including Dr. Klein, will be taking a group of honors students to Belgium and France.

This is your chance to travel; this is your chance to see the world and meet people. This is your chance to represent

your school, your state, and your country. This is an opportunity you'd be sad to miss.

Keep your eyes open for the application and throw your hat in the ring. Who knows: maybe this time next year we will be reading your article recalling what a fabulous time you had. Xie-Xie! (Thank you!)

Please feel free to contact either of us if you want to hear more about our trip. Also, contact Dr. Klein with any questions about next year's adventure!

- Katie Putz (cp6870@ship.edu) and Joe Livingston (jl9921@ship.edu)

PASSHE SUMMER HONORS PROGRAM 2009

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France

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Belgium

Applications will be available in the Honors Office, Horton Hall 104, by October 20.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

Come volunteer at the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter! This is a great way to earn your service points while helping adorable animals. Orientation is scheduled for October 9. For more information, contact Megan Veazey at mv7192@ship.edu or Laura Nelson at ln1713@ship.edu.



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McCain or Obama, recent foreign policy debaters cleverly organized candidate views by geography.

For this debate, each student chose a country of focus and provided historical background as well as both parties' stances. To conclude, the students debated more heatedly for a specific candidate.

Why are these debates so important, and why should students take notice? Dr. Dagnes explains that the 2008 presidential election is unlike any other.

"This election is different because the stakes are so high...Our brothers and sisters are at war in two theaters and the military is broken. Our economy is collapsing and no one knows what to do. Our environment is suffering from untold degradation and we're

not putting the brakes on our habits. People are getting more clued in and interested in solving the problems we face. This is a very good thing!"

The Honors debate series aids students across campus by explaining complex political issues in an understandable and relevant way.

Because the amount of national support between the candidates remains marginal, the 7,000+ student population of Shippensburg University has the opportunity to greatly influence the outcome of the upcoming election. The final debate will be held Thursday, October 2 in Old Main Chapel. Questions from audience members are welcome at the end of the debate.

"This election is different because the stakes are so high!"

Faculty Spotlight

By Christina Shirk, Honors senior

Dr. Claire Jantz

Dr. Claire Jantz has recently joined the ranks of Honors faculty with her first Honors course, World Geography. She has had much experience in her field and brings this wealth of knowledge into the classroom.

Dr. Jantz's many experiences allow students to connect with her lessons. Honors sophomore Angela Darosh states, "After having Dr. Jantz in class, I can tell that she is very smart and very passionate about her subject. She makes her lessons more exciting by adding photos from her travels."

"I like how she's travelled to so many places. The first day of class she shared some of her travel experiences. They related to the course and helped me to better understand geography," says Honors junior Glenn Burney.

Students in her class are given the opportunity to engage in geography through current events research projects that allow students to experience the subject firsthand. They will then be able to assume the role of a teacher and present their findings.

Dr. Jantz's own research deals with migration and urbanization. She has done extensive research in the Chesapeake Bay region, where she focuses on the environmental impact of urbanization on issues like water quality. She was able to map areas of urban expansion and actually forecast expected areas of growth.

Following a trip to central Mexico through the geography department last year, she became interested in international research. She is planning to work with other department members to



Photo by Honors sophomore Angela Darosh

conduct research on urbanization and migration patterns in central Mexico.

Such a project requires both field work and remote research methods. From Shippensburg, Jantz would utilize resources like satellite imagery, the Mexican census, and existing data about the population of the area. She would then be able to conduct field research during the summer term.

Dr. Jantz received her bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and her master's degree and Ph.D. in geography from the University of Maryland, College Park. Having experienced the atmosphere of two large universities, she notes that one of the best aspects of Shippensburg University is the balance between research and teaching.

HONORS READ:



"Brandon Sanderson is the real thing—an exciting storyteller with a unique and powerful vision. *Elantris* is one of the finest debuts I've seen in years."
—DAVID FARLAND

In a book discussion led by Honors student Jim Reddington, along with Honors faculty Dr. Alice James, Dr. Cynthia Botteron, and Dr. Kristina Faber, students will discuss the delightfully compelling novel *Elantris*.

The finest novel of fantasy to be written in many years.
—Orson Scott Card

Elantris is one of the finest debuts I've seen in recent years.
—David Farland

October 16
4:00 p.m.

Place: CUB 318

Pick up your copy in the Honors Program Office today!

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Browse Courses

Choose a semester:

Choose a department:

- A general advising meeting for scheduling Spring 2009 courses will be held from 3:30-4:15 p.m. **Wednesday, October 8** in Horton Hall 110.
- Honors classes for Spring and Fall 2009 can be accessed online at <http://webspace.ship.edu/honors/advising>.
- Please contact Mrs. Sharon Poe, Honors secretary, at sapoe@ship.edu on **Monday, October 13** or **Tuesday, October 14** with your Honors class selections.

THE HONORABLE MENTION

Thanks to **Kara Bushman, Kristen Imboden, and Dennis Shindle**, who represented the Honors Program at the Shippensburg University Open House on Saturday, September 20.

Thanks to all the students who served as mentors for the Class of 2012: **Tony Blair, Lacey Brownawell, Grace Burkholder, Jen Coccagna, Anthony Comegna, Elana DiPietro, Kelly Dirks, Sabrina Dooley, Samantha Dougherty, Kathleen Frey, Amy Harmon, Kristen Imboden, Katie Kitner, Valerie Koontz, Emily Kremmel, Joe Livingston, Katie Marshall, Annamarie McCormick, Margaret Merlie, Allison Morgan, Katie O’Flaherty, Emily Sattler, Joey Sauthoff, Kara Slowick, Kayse Vernon, Sara Wlazelek, and Justine Wnuck.**

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