

PENNONI HONORS COLLEGE **NEWSLETTER**

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Honors Entrée Surprise Dinner!

On Wednesday, 8/1/12, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Honors Program will host another delectable Honors Entrée event. This time, however, the location's a surprise!

The event is available to Honors Program students only. Sign up in the Honors Office (5016 MacAlister) with a \$20 cash deposit. Please note that seating is very limited. For additional information, [e-mail the Honors Program.](#)

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"Media, Campaigns, and Elections" Honors Travel-Integrated Course

The Pennoni Honors College—with the Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry (CII)—announces an exciting opportunity for students to take part in an immersive travel-integrated course to Washington,



DC.

- **COURSE TOPIC:** The purpose of the course is to examine—firsthand—the relationship between the media and political campaigns. The Presidential campaign season is kicking into high gear, and offers fertile ground to understand how the media covers campaigns, and—conversely—how campaign strategies grapple with media coverage.
- **ITINERARY:** The tentative itinerary of events includes site visits and meetings with officials at the CNN DC Bureau, Politico, Senator Toomey’s office, Congressman Brady’s office, NPR, Rock the Vote, as well as a tour of the U.S. Capitol building and a visit to the Newseum (among other activities).
- **COURSE SCHEDULE:** *The course will count as 1.0 credit for Fall Term 2012, and the trip will occur from Sunday, 9/16/12 through Thursday, 9/20/12.* There also will be two pre-trip orientation meetings, which will be scheduled after students have been selected for the course. Participating students will be expected to work collaboratively on a final project to catalogue their experience, and demonstrate the learning outcomes for the course.
- **COSTS:** *In addition to any standard tuition costs you may have, each selected student will be expected to pay \$300 for the travel component of this course.* This includes lodging (breakfast included), round-trip travel via Amtrak, unlimited Metro fare, entrance to the Newseum, and other programming costs. Students will be responsible for lunches and dinners, as well as any incidentals.
- **HOW TO APPLY:** If you would like to apply, submit a 250-300-word essay stating why you are interested in this trip, and how it connects to your major. Along with your application essay, you will be required to submit a \$50 deposit (the deposit will be refunded only if you are not selected for the trip). *Submit your essay (include your name and contact information) and deposit to the Honors Office front desk no later than Monday, 7/30/12.*



If you have questions, [email Kevin Egan, CII Program Manager](#) for additional information.

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Upcoming Fellowships Workshops

*** "Understanding the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)" Workshop ***

On Thursday, 8/2/12, 3 to 4 p.m. in 109 Disque (32nd and Chestnut Sts.), learn more about teaching English abroad.

As a Fulbright ETA, participants typically work alongside a teacher in an English classroom; planning various activities to improve students’ language abilities and knowledge of the United States. The Fulbright ETA is available in approximately 70 countries.



If you’re unable to attend this info session, [check out a new Fulbright Basics video online](#). You also may [visit Fulbright online](#).

*** "Get Started on Your Personal Statement" Workshop ***

On Thursday, 8/2/12, 5:30 to 7 p.m. in 109 Disque Hall (32nd and Chestnut Sts.), come to this participatory workshop for ideas on how to get started on your personal statement.

Light dinner will be provided. Personal statements are an integral part of fellowships applications—yet they can be difficult to write, especially when you’re faced with the infamous “white page”!

The Fellowships Office will offer this workshop again during the month of August. [Visit Fellowships online](#) for additional dates and general information.

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Tips from Fellowships: *Revise, Revise, Revise*



1. *Start Early*
2. *Manage Your Time*
3. *Do Your Research*
4. *Talk to People*
5. *Use the Opportunity to Figure Out What You Really Want*
6. **Revise, Revise, Revise**
7. *Do It*

Fellowships essays are an unusual genre. They typically require that you weave together your personal history, your commitments and experiences, your motivations, and your planned future all as one coherent story. Oh—and to top it off—the essay’s supposed to be a compelling read, usually in no more than one or two pages.

As you might imagine, this takes a few shots to get it right. Feedback and revision are your friends in this process. In her book, *Bird by Bird*, writer Annie Lamott eloquently discusses what she calls “Shitty First Drafts.” First drafts are terrible, as she notes. We all write lousy ones on a regular basis—so get over trying to be the exception; expecting *your* first draft to come out just right. It won’t—and that’s why we call them first drafts.

In fact, most students who worked with the Drexel Fellowships Office in 2011-2012 told us that they wrote at least five distinct drafts of their application essays. To do this effectively, it’s important to find readers who can give you thoughtful feedback; then give yourself time to revise. Plan to do a few rounds of this, and don’t be afraid to completely start fresh if it seems like your approach isn’t conveying what you want to convey. You always can return to it later. Stick it out until your essay feels accurate and honest (true in both fact and spirit). Revise, revise, revise!

Remember that the [Drexel Fellowships Office](#) is here to help you put together a strong application to nationally-competitive awards. Fellowships has a number of resources in its Conference Room (109 Disque) to help you tackle some of this life/career assessment, and is hosting relevant workshops during Summer Term 2012 (see the workshops blurb above).

For additional questions and suggestions—or to set up an appointment—[contact the Fellowships Office](#).

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PHC Work/Study Opportunities

Come be a part of the best Work/Study opportunity at Drexel University! **The Pennoni Honors College (PHC) currently seeks interested students for several available Work/Study positions in the Dean’s Suite.**

- *Must be mature, self-motivated, dependable, detail-oriented, communicative, and amicable.*
- *Must be approved for Work/Study funds through the Office of Financial Aid.*
- *Sophomore, Pre-Junior, and Junior students preferred.*
- *Students available peak lunchtime hours preferred.*

Interested candidates may visit the Honors Office in person, or [email Brian Kantorek, Administrative Coordinator](#), with a letter/message of interest and most current resume or summary of work experience.

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Special Writing Course for Honors Option

Take note of a highlighted Drexel University Writing course available for Honors Option course credit during Fall Term 2012:



Writing in Museums

WRIT 304 (001)

CRN: N/A

Wednesdays, 2 to 5 p.m.

3.0 Credits

Instructor: Harriet Levin Millan (Associate Teaching Professor / Co-Director, Certificate Program in Writing and Publishing)

Find inspiration in the vast collections of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University! Participating students will spend six different class periods at the Academy, exploring areas such as mammalogy (mammals), entomology (insects), malacology (mollusks), vertebrate paleontology (fossils), dioramas, and the Live Animal Unit. Creative writing assignments will be based on these visits, and can be written in the genre of each student's choosing: poetry; fiction; or creative non-fiction. With over 17 million specimens, the Academy is sure to inspire! *For more information, [email Harriet Levin Millan](#).*

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Fellowships and Scholarship Information

Interested in fellowship opportunities? As you may know, fellowships are nationally and internationally prestigious scholarship programs that help you get the education and experience you need to pursue your professional goals. These awards can support undergraduate or graduate study and research or work experiences here or abroad. **The Drexel Fellowships Office helps students to navigate the application process for these opportunities through early-stage education and advice, as well as essay-writing support and feedback.**



For additional information on upcoming deadlines, events, help with an application, and general advising, [visit the Fellowships Office online](#) or [send an e-mail](#).

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Honors Lost and Found

The Lost and Found at the Pennoni Honors College (PHC) Main Office Front Desk occasionally acquires items left behind in the Honors Office, Lounge, and Seminar Room.

If ever in doubt about something you've misplaced, make sure to first check at the PHC Main Office Front Desk (5016 MacAlister).

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Pennoni Honors College Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The Pennoni Honors College would like to hear about upcoming events in your department or organization. **Please note that all articles to be considered for publication in the standard Tuesday edition of the *Pennoni Honors College Newsletter* must be submitted to honorscollege@drexel.edu no later than 5 p.m. on Friday of the previous week.** Submissions received after this point will be held for a future edition.

Please include all details relevant to your announcement (e.g., event location, date/time, contact person or office, available website information, etc.), and limit submission summaries to a maximum of five sentences. E-mail attachments such as flyers, graphics, or posters will be included with the *Pennoni Honors College Newsletter*, wherever possible.

It is the responsibility of the submitter to ensure the accuracy of the submission. Please keep in mind that missing information will result in distribution delays. *For additional information, contact honorscollege@drexel.edu.*

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This latest edition of the *Pennoni Honors College Newsletter*—along with an archives of past editions of the *Newsletter*—[is now available online](#). Catch up with the *Newsletter* online from any place and at any time!

Please note that each week's edition of the *Pennoni Honors College Newsletter* also will be delivered via e-mail to Honors ListServ subscribers.

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