The University Honors Program offers events designed to provide University Honors students opportunities outside the classroom for community-building, inquiry, and personal growth. Focused on community and learning, these events encourage student and faculty engagement.

**University Honors Program**

**FALL 2019 Event Schedule**

Thank You!
The University Honors Program thanks all professors and staff that put time into making this program blossom.

All times and locations are subject to change. Please refer to the Honors News & Events page at [www.uwec.ly/honors](http://www.uwec.ly/honors) for updates. Most Meals with Honors events are limited to 25 students. To RSVP, please use the link in email announcements, found on the University Honors Events page, or email honors@uwec.edu

*Indicates no attendance cap – RSVP appreciated; but, not required for attendance.
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SEPTEMBER

“The Good Nazi” – A Film
*Wednesday, September 18th | 5:30 p.m. | Centennial Hall Rm 1917*

**DR. HARRY JOL, GEOGRAPHY & ANTHROPOLOGY**
Watch "The Good Nazi", a film not yet released in the US that tells the story of Major Karl Plagge, a Nazi officer who, during the Holocaust, was commandant of a forced labor camp called "HKP" in Vilnius, Lithuania. In reality, he was sheltering hundreds of Jewish families. By the end, many were saved in hiding places dug into the ground and carved into the walls. Many more were executed by the SS and buried in a mass grave. Today, the former "HKP" is unchanged. A group of scientists arrive to locate the hiding places of those that were saved and identify the mass grave of those who were murdered. A child survivor of the camp and an American physician, whose mother was saved by Major Plagge, join them. The film tracks their three stories and, ultimately, brings to light the unknown tale of a Schindler-type German who listened to his conscience, instead of his superiors. A discussion of the film will follow the film.

Learning about the Hmong Assimilation into Fresno, CA Region
*Thursday, September 26th | 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. | HHH Rm 178*

**DR. KA VANG, MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM**
The Hmong population in California is one of the largest in the U.S. What is the draw to California? How are the Hmong being assimilated into the mainstream society? How are the Hmong retaining their cultural practices? Come learn more about an immersion opportunity that you can participate in and travel to California during winterim.

Honors [AND] Leaders
*Monday, September 30th | 5:30 p.m. | Centennial Hall Rm 1917*

**HONORS STAFF & LEADERS**
Wonder how you can get more involved in the Honors Program? We have many opportunities for you to build your college experience, resume and friend group! Join us to hear from staff, faculty & students on their experiences in the Honors and how you can experience them too! We will discuss numerous leadership opportunities – some for Honors credits! (There will be free food too!)
OCTOBER

Translating Your Value in Interviews and Salary Negotiation
Wednesday, October 2nd | 12:00 p.m. | Centennial Hall Rm 1917

MICHELLE SHRADER, ADVISING, RETENTION & CAREER CENTER
In this workshop, participants will gain confidence in their interviewing and negotiation style, learn how to identify and articulate their personal value, research current market trends to create a salary benchmark and budget, and develop a toolbox of persuasive responses to use in any salary negotiation.

Spring 2020 Honors Course Preview*
Monday, October 7th | 5:30 – 7 p.m. | Centennial Hall Rm 1614

HONORS PROGRAM STAFF + FACULTY
This course preview allows students to learn about the Honors courses offered next semester right from the professors themselves. Students are encouraged to ask any questions and to enjoy the free pizza, lemonade and cookies available at the event!

Patterns in the Fibonacci Sequence Modulo 10 with a Dash of Astrological Charm
Thursday, October 10th | 5 – 6:00 p.m. | Centennial Hall Rm 1917

DR. ABA, MATEMATICS
The Fibonacci sequence is ubiquitous in mathematics. Most are familiar with the sequence terms 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, etc., and familiar too with how the sequence is constructed. Some may even know the many connections between this sequence and objects in nature. In this talk, we look at the sequence through the lens of modular arithmetic. In particular, we consider the sequence modulo 10. This amounts to taking the full sequence and considering only the units digits. Hence the former sequence above becomes 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 3, 1, 4, 5, 9, etc. It is well known that this modulo 10 sequence is periodic and of length 60. Equally spaced out on a circle, the 60 sequence terms exhibit extraordinary and fascinating patterns. This talk will focus on some of the more intriguing of these patterns. And what is the astrological connection? Well, that’s why you must come to the talk.😊

Service Learning for Honors Students
Tuesday, October 15th | 12:30 p.m. | Centennial Hall Rm 1704

BENITA WAGNER, ADVISING, RETENTION & CAREER SERVICES
Are there projects in the community for Honors students? Absolutely! Your knowledge and skills are needed to better the community. You can select from project created by community partners.
within the Chippewa Valley or you can customize/create your own. The Service-Learning Coordinator will share with you how to make that happen in whatever community you find yourself in.

Reproductive Rights v Reproductive Justice
Friday, October 25th | 12 – 1:00 p.m | Centennial Hall Rm 1917

DR. HANNAH LUEDTKE, WOMEN’S, GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES
Join Dr. Luedtke and partake in a conversation about the difference between Reproductive Rights and Reproductive Justice, who the movements were created to serve, and how they influence current policy.

Harry Potter Night
Friday, October 25th | 7:00 p.m. | Bridgman Hall

HONORS STUDENT STEERING COMMITTEE
Join us for a night of muggles and magic during HSSC’s annual Harry Potter Night! Enjoy themed snacks and desserts while playing trivia, hunting for horcruxes, watching the Chamber of Secrets, and so much more. All are welcome to attend. Dressing in house colors is encouraged but not required!

Sandstones and Supercontinent Cycles: How Studying Geology Can Take You from Eau Claire, to Switzerland, Idaho, Australia, and Back Home Again.
Monday, October 28th | 6:00 p.m. | Centennial Hall Rm 1917

DANIEL T. BRENNAN, GEOLOGY
Plate tectonics is often considered the unifying theory of geology. It is the theory that the outer layer of the Earth, the lithosphere, consists of separate pieces, or plates, that move in respect to one another. This movement is driven by density differences of these plates and convection deep within the Earth’s interior. To a first order, this process is responsible for many of the most aesthetic parts of this planet, including sandstone bluffs of the Driftless region, glaciated peaks of the Swiss Alps, mountain top meadows of central Idaho and even the desolate Australian outback.

Recently, it has been identified that there is an episodic nature to plate tectonics, which constitutes the supercontinent cycle. This ~600 million-year cyclical assembly and breakup of large continental masses is recognized as having profoundly influenced the Earth’s geologic, climatic, and biological evolution. I have been fortunate enough to study different aspects of this supercontinent cycle, while as an undergraduate student at UW-Eau Claire, Masters student at Idaho State University and now a PhD student at Curtin University in Perth, Australia. I will share some of my adventures and together we will learn to think on “geologic time-scales” to explore how this often-underappreciated process influenced our dynamic planet.
Study Abroad with Honors
Wednesday, October 30th | 12:00 p.m. | Centennial Hall Rm 1917

STORM JACKO, STUDY ABROAD ADVISOR
Come join us for lunch while learning about the abundance of opportunities waiting for you abroad. Learn how you can earn Honors credits while studying abroad as well!

NOVEMBER

Religious Practice, Healing and Wholeness
Tuesday, November 5th | 12:30 p.m. | Centennial Hall Rm 1704

DR. JARROD HYAM, PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIONS
How does health relate to wholeness - and what does it mean to be "whole"? What conceptions of health and healing vary across different cultural medical models? This presentation will draw on medical anthropological theories relating to Western biomedical theories of health and medicine. I will also integrate first-hand ethnographic fieldwork experience in India and Nepal to discuss the possibilities that arise when viewing health and healing outside of Western biomedical contexts.

A Case Study of the Usage and Impacts of a Wisconsin Farmers’ Market Incentive Program for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Participants
Wednesday, November 13th | 6 – 7:00 p.m. | Centennial Hall Rm 2704

DR. ERIC JAMELSKE, ECONOMICS
Although fruit and vegetable (FV) consumption lowers risks for many chronic diseases, we tend under-consume FV. Research suggests that households on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) purchase more unhealthy foods compared to non-SNAP households. Thus, increasing purchases of healthy foods, especially FV, among SNAP households has become an important focus among practitioners, policymakers and researchers. A program has been implemented that doubles SNAP benefits when households shop at farmer’s markets. Come hear about the study that researches this policy’s relevance as it helps us understand the impacts of a program designed to improve access to healthy foods for low income families.

How Ice and Fire books Became Game of Thrones TV:
George R.R. Martin and Media
Wednesday, November 20th | 5 – 6:00 p.m. | Centennial Hall Rm 1917

JANICE M. BOGSTAD, MCDINTYRE LIBRARY
Long before Game of Thrones was a hit TV Series, it was a famous series of books by the highly successful author, George R.R. Martin. He continues to write in the series, but he was also a
screenwriter for many years for the popular series Beauty and the Beast and author of many novels of fantasy and science fiction in several different subgenres. This presentation will take a 'critical biography' approach to his work in both written fiction and media series writing and address comparisons between fictional and media stories.

DECEMBER

University Honors Graduation Ceremony & Reception*
Friday, December 20th | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Woodland Theater

UNIVERSITY HONORS GRADUATES, FACULTY & STAFF
This ceremony is a salute to the approximately 25 new University Honors graduates with families, friends, colleagues, and supporters. Each student will be recognized, photos will be taken, and cake will be served!