

Honors Institute



Foothill College

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Spring Quarter 2009 Update

The 2008-2009 academic year is almost over! We hope that you will enjoy a restful summer break.

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Fall Honors Courses

Fall 2009

BIOL 34H
COMM 1AH
ECON 34H
ENGL 1AH
ENGL 1BH
HIST 4CH
MUS 8H
PHOT 8H
POLI 2H
PSYC 34H

Subject to change. Check our web site for updates and additions.

<http://www.foothill.edu/hon>

Honors Classes Fill Quickly!
Register early for best selection.
Classes that do not fill quickly will be cancelled. No wait listing for honors classes in 2009!

IMPORTANT TRANSFER INFORMATION

Visit the Honors Institute or Transfer Center for info. regarding honors transfer agreements with:

- UCLA
- MILLS
- CSU East Bay
- SJSU (Engineering)
- UC Irvine
- UC Riverside
- Cal Poly, Pomona
- Loyola Marymount

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

Deadline to apply for priority reg. (fall)

June 11

Deadline: Honors Scholar application

June 11

Deadline for new students to apply for honors/priority reg.

July 17

Priority Registration

July 23

Honors Office Closed

Month of July

For more info:

<http://www.foothill.edu/news/newsfmt.php?sr=3>

BAY AREA HONORS CONSORTIUM & STANFORD UNIVERSITY 2ST BAY HONORS COMMUNITY COLLEGE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 17, 2009

Stanford University

The following Foothill students presented research at the Bay Honors Community College Research Symposium:

- **John Kutay:** "Web-Based Microfinance: A Solution to the US Economic Crisis"
- **Vicky de Monterey Richoux:** "Taking The Trade: Herbal Abortifacients in the Nineteenth Century and Today"
- **Tarek Saleh:** "The Crude Caravanserai: Saudi-US Petrocommerce and its Effects on Popular Culture"
- **Dan Neumann:** "Playing Games in a Flat World: Globalization 3.0 and the Video Game Industry"
- **Gita Dehnad and Michael Fong:** "The American Lack of Response to the Islamic Genocide in Bosnia"
- **Yan Wang:** "Breaking Away From the Brown Envelope: ePortfolio and Its Role in the Learning Process"
- **Nancy Cook:** "Securing Cyberspace: Safeguards for Online Business Growth"
- **Dana Mirsalis:** "A Quiet Revolution: How Librarians are Fighting the Robot Invasion"
- **Natalia Li:** "The Uzbek Conundrum: Poverty, Torture and Opera"

Congratulations!

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Honors Symposium 2010

Mark your calendars for next year's symposium! Approach your fall honors research projects with a mind toward using your work for the research symposium.

- **May 1 @ UC Berkeley**
- **Submit your proposal in January 2010**
- **Attend an HI workshop on proposal writing**



Hope to be a
UCLA Bruin?

UCLA TAP Certification Important Updates

A popular feature of the Foothill Honors Institute is Foothill's participation in the **UCLA Transfer Alliance Program (TAP)**. Historically, students in the program have had a 95% chance of being accepted to UCLA (compared to 45% of the general transfer population). This year, the student admission rate was significantly lower--with approximately 80% of the TAP students admitted. Following are some suggestions for presenting a more competitive application:

- Complete all major prerequisite courses with high grades.
- Complete English and math courses ASAP.
- Consider an alternate, less impacted major. UCLA has 130 majors, but *66% of all applications received are for 12 of its majors!* Talk to your counselor about major options.
- **IMPORTANT:** Supplement your academic success with meaningful major and career-related extracurricular activities such as internships, jobs, or memberships in productive organizations.
- Remember that university expectations are higher for students who are not employed.
- Enroll in reasonable course loads. It is better to complete 16 units in one quarter with a 3.8 GPA than to complete 22 units with a 3.3 GPA. Think about quality not quantity.

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To be eligible for the UCLA TAP program, students must satisfy the following Honors Scholar requirements:

NEW!

- **Complete of a minimum of 22.5 units of honors courses (minimum 7 courses) with a minimum 3.3 GPA.**
- **Complete at least one-half of all honors courses (11.5 units) by the end of the fall term preceding transfer.**
- **Note that for highly competitive majors (e.g. Business/Econ, Comm, Psychology) the UCLA GPA cut-off is generally around 3.5 minimum.**

Honors students who apply to UC by Nov. 30 and who are hoping to transfer to UCLA for Fall 2010: follow the procedures below to ensure a smooth TAP certification process. UCLA TAP students are required to submit a form certifying completion of TAP requirements to the Honors Institute, which will then forward the forms to UCLA.

Steps to UCLA TAP Certification

1. Attend a UCLA TAP workshop in the fall quarter.
2. Attend a UCLA TAP Certification Workshop during winter quarter 2010.
3. Submit UCLA TAP Certifications to the Honors Institute in Feb. 2010.
4. For more information, visit the UCLA TAP website at:
<http://www.college.ucla.edu/up/tap/>

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- ♣ **Virtue**
- ♣ **Excellence**
- ♣ **Goodness**

“being the best you can be”

This term applies to that for which the entire Foothill College honors community strives.

Foothill Honors Institute Prepares Former Drop-out for Ivy League



Former Foothill College honors student Amy Moskowitz, now at Columbia University, fondly recalls her time at Foothill College.

When Amy Moskowitz graduated from high school, she reluctantly enrolled in college. After a halfhearted freshman year, not surprisingly, she dropped out. For the next year, Moskowitz cruised around San Francisco on her black Yamaha motorcycle and worked at a gas station, which doubled as a local motorcycle hangout.

In 2004, after a year on the back of a bike, Moskowitz realized she was ready to commit to higher education and landed at Foothill College. While at Foothill, Moskowitz began her exploration of anthropology. Moskowitz joined the Foothill Anthropology Club and was named club president.

By the end of her first year, Moskowitz had straight A's. She decided to apply to the Honors Institute and was accepted. Moskowitz also became a Pass the Torch team leader where she tutored fellow students in English and writing.

Moszkowitz's success led her to set a goal - to gain admittance to Columbia University. Through the support of the Honors Institute, Moskowitz stayed focus on her aspirations, and she was accepted to the Columbia University School of General Studies.

In August 2006, Moskowitz joined 1,200 other non-traditional students at School of General Studies (GS) who are fully integrated into the Columbia University undergraduate curriculum. Like most GS

students, she had forged her own path to arrive at the Ivy League university.

Today, Moskowitz remains focused on what is possible. An anthropology major, she received a U.S. State Department Scholarship to study Hindi in Jaipur, India, where she conducted ethnographic fieldwork on Israeli backpackers. She will present her findings at the American Anthropological Association conference in Washington D.C. where she will be the lone undergraduate presenter among a sea of graduate students and college professors.

Moskowitz reflected on her Foothill College experience positively: **“I will always be grateful to the people at Foothill who helped me get to where I am today. My Foothill experience acted as a great launching pad for my academic career and to realize that anything is possible.”**

This article was written for the FH Honors Newsletter by Anna O'Sullivan, Communications Officer in the Columbia University School of General Studies.



FH Honors Professor Andy Fraknoi Receives *Hayward Award for excellence in Education!*

Congratulations to Foothill Honors Professor, **Andy Fraknoi**, who was recently awarded the **HAYWARD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION!**

Fraknoi, who also won the Professor of the Year award in 2008 and the National 2005 Innovation of the Year award, escaped from Hungary when he was eight years old. Inspired by a toy spaceman he received from the Red Cross while staying in a Refugee camp, Fraknoi has always loved space. Several years ago, he established the renowned Foothill College/ Silicon Valley Astronomy lecture Series to attract more people to astronomy. *By the way, Asteroid 4859 was named Asteroid Fraknoi by the International Astronomical Union to honor his work in astronomy education!*

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Need Transfer Planning Assistance?

For detailed information regarding transfer, be sure to see a counselor at least once each quarter. Visit the **Foothill College Transfer Center**.
<http://www.foothill.edu/transfer/index.shtml>

\$\$\$ SJSU Engineering Scholarship \$\$\$

Did you know that US News and World ranked SJSU #16 in the USA for engineering? SJSU is offering a \$22,000 scholarship for transfer students majoring in engineering. For more information:
<http://www.engr.sjsu.edu/students/scholarships/silicon-valley>

Honors Institute: Academic Integrity is Critical

Reminder: the HI application requires that all honors students sign the following statement:

“As a student at Foothill College, you join a community of scholars who are committed to excellence in the learning process. We assume that all students will pursue their studies with integrity and honesty; moreover, all Honors students should know that incidents of academic dishonesty are not tolerated. Evidence of academic dishonesty will result in dismissal from the program. I have read and understand the application. I certify agreement with this principle....”

The Honors Institute maintains a **Zero Tolerance Policy** toward academic dishonesty. Participation in the HI is considered a privilege. Faculty and staff associated with the program generally volunteer additional time to support our outstanding students. In return, we expect students to conduct themselves with utmost integrity. For information on the Foothill College Academic Dishonesty policy, access:

<http://www.foothill.edu/services/affairs/affairs.html>

Don't jeopardize your transfer admission, scholarship opportunities, or personal integrity!

There are literally hundreds of excellent resources available regarding how to avoid plagiarism and how to make proper citations. Seek assistance from the Library or Honors Institute if you have any questions.

Quote of the Month

Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.

Aristotle (384 BC-322 BC)



Take Care of Yourself!
Free Health and Psychological Services Available

Stress can affect our body and well-being in many ways, manifesting itself in illness and behavioral changes.

The Health and Psychological Services Center is located in the new Campus Center. Most services are covered by your student fees and include: flu shots, birth control, pregnancy testing, counseling, nutritional services, and immunizations.

Clinic Location

Campus Center, Room 2126

Phone: (650) 949-7243

Clinic Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:30AM–1 p.m.; 2–4PM

Psychological Services Location

Campus Center, Room 2120

Room 6201 Phone: (650) 949-7241

Try an Honors Course Program

The Honors Institute will continue with the popular “Try an Honors Course” program for 2009-2010. If you know students who might be interested in trying an honors course, please refer them to Teresa De La Cruz in room 5426 for registration clearance.

Honors Counselors

Our specialized counselors are here for you!

♣ Ms. Fatima Jinnah

♣ Ms. Cathy Denver

♣ Ms. Debra Lew

Call 650.949.7423 for an appointment.

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MARYLOU HESLET

Much Loved Honors Counselor Retires

MaryLou Heslet, a fixture in the Foothill Honors Institute for nearly twenty years, will retire in June. MaryLou, who was also responsible for developing Foothill's Transfer Center, served as an honors counselor for most of her tenure at the college. She also served as Honors Director for one year. MaryLou was instrumental in developing the Community College Research Symposium, which was held at Stanford University in 2002 and 2009. MaryLou will be sorely missed by the honors program. Keep your eyes open for MaryLou, who will work part-time in the Transfer Center next year. Thank you for your years of service in promoting student excellence, MaryLou!

Honors Instructor Spotlight

Dr. Konnilyn Feig

A long-time educator, historian Konnilyn Feig has taught honors courses for more than a decade.



She is a specialist on Central Asia and the Caucasus, Eastern Europe and Nazi Germany, and has been honored by international organizations in several countries for her international efforts for Holocaust victims, Soviet prisoners in the Gulags, cancer and other projects in Eastern European countries.

A prolific writer, her major book on the concentration camps is: [Hitler's Death Camp: The Sanity of Madness](#). She received the President's outstanding faculty medal/award in 2001.

In an Holocaust Remembrance Forum, Dr. Feig noted: "I think we must not allow a sense of the ordinary to develop about human misery and

destruction, nor must we permit any dignity to our new knowledge that anything and everything is possible. We must as Emily Dickinson said, hold deep within ourselves a sense of scandal so overwhelming that it affects every significant aspect of our lives. We must keep our soul terribly surprised." (4/16/1996)

We encourage you to enroll in one of the several honors history courses that Dr. Feig teaches. Prior to making her mark at Foothill College, Dr. Feig served as Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Maine and as Senior VP at San Francisco State University. She holds a B.S. in Business, a B.A. and M.A. in History, a Ph.D. in History/ International Relations, and a postdoctoral MBA in International Business.

We'd like to hear from you! Share your own story or some personal reflections on life and college and we may feature it in our next HI newsletter!

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