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Faculty Award

Honors Professor of the Year, 2008-2009

Professor Peter Howard

The University Honors Program is delighted to name Dr. Peter Howard Honors Professor of the Year for 2008-2009 because of his service to the Honors community. Prof. Howard is lauded for his dedication to and enthusiasm for his Honors students as well as, as well as for serving

as an active faculty participant in the Honors 101 program. Students find him engaging and supportive inside and outside his classroom, and he goes far beyond the duties of a faculty member in his effort to advise students who seek his assistance. Prof. Howard exemplifies the level of respect that the University Honors Program strives to maintain with our constituents, and for the ideal standard he sets, we salute Prof. Howard as the Honors Professor of the Year.

In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate level courses for AU's School of International Service, Prof. Howard serves as the Director of Pre-College Programs, through which he designed and implemented the Washington Community of Scholars Program, a college-credit summer course for high school students. As the Faculty Coordinator for Undergraduate Research Methods, he provides support for SIS research methods professors and actively works to improve resources and training. Prof. Howard has published notable articles in key international studies journals and has taught at the university level in South Korea and conducted post-doctoral research in Estonia on an international research and exchange fellowship.

An accomplished, enthusiastic and enlightened academic, Prof. Howard has only begun to make his mark on AU and the Honors Program.

Staff Award

Outstanding Contribution to the Honors Community

Tiffany Sanchez, Director, New Student Programs

This year, Honors salutes one of its very special friends, Tiffany Sanchez, for her invaluable support to the University Honors Program and to Honors 101, the mentor program for incoming Honors freshmen. Tiffany was instrumental in the conception of Honors 101 and has worked closely with Honors ever since to enhance this student-led program designed to integrate first year students into the Honors Program.

With expertise and extensive experience as the director of AU's Welcome Week and other new student programming, Tiffany has been a tremendous resource and wise counselor both to Honors staff and to the student leadership of Honors 101. For several years, Tiffany has participated in the annual Honors 101 mentor retreat, helping to train newly recruited student mentors. She has offered valuable sessions to enhance the mentors' leadership skills and has met one-on-one with the Honors 101 co-chairs, the student directors of the term-long, non-credit course, providing them with special guidance and support.

Last year, Tiffany collaborated with Honors 101 student mentors on a presentation about innovations in the Honors 101 program, given at the national conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council. She has also played a critical role in the ongoing evaluation of Honors 101 in order to enhance its impact.

In sum, Tiffany has shown a keen understanding of the importance of welcoming new students and has helped Honors, in many ways, to do it better. So, it is with great pride and pleasure that we honor Tiffany Sanchez for her great generosity and devotion to the University Honors Program, its staff and students.

Alumni Award

Outstanding Honors Alumni

Christopher Jacobs, SPA/CAS, 2001

Christopher Jacobs graduated from AU in 2001 with a double major in Political Science and History, Magna cum Laude with University Honors. With the mentorship of AU faculty and Paula Warrick, Director of the Office of Merit Awards, he won a Rotary Ambassadorial Fellowship to support his study at the University of London, receiving an MA in Modern History with Merit in 2002. Christopher has been very active as an AU alumnus. He is a founding Alumni member of the Honors Advisory Committee, which has enhanced the role of Honors alums in the Honors community. He has served on several networking alumni panels to assist Honors students in planning their lives after graduation. As a student member of the Honors Colloquium: "Campaign 2000: The News Room and the War Room," he appeared on CNN and this fall helped us welcome back members of each of Prof. Steinhorn's Campaign Colloquia for an alumni/student reunion. Next fall, Christopher will return to campus as an adjunct faculty member teaching an Honors Colloquium, "The Doctor is In: The Politics and Policy of Health Care."

Christopher is currently a Policy Advisor to the House Republican Conference, specializing in Health Care Policy. For his dedication, leadership and generosity to AU and to the University Honors Community we honor him with the inaugural Outstanding Honors Alumni Award.

Student Awards

Outstanding Honors Freshman

Ellie Ezzell *(International Studies)* is off to a fantastic start at AU. During her first year, Ellie went to India to explore the human side of legal conflicts. There, she studied the Tibetan conflict from the perspective of not just Tibetans, but also Indians and Chinese. For her research, she conducted interviews on film, took photographs, and made notes about the stories of the people involved on the three sides of the conflict. Her project has been recognized by the Human Rights Council at AU and has received a substantial grant toward its completion. In the words of her supervising professor, "Not only is the topic material relevant, contemporary and deeply profound, but the maturity, expertise and, above all else, humanity with which Ellie approaches this subject are far beyond the scope one might expect from a freshman student." It is for her scholarly work, maturity and the example she sets, Ellie is an "Outstanding Honors Freshman."

Sam Hagedorn *(Political Science, Public Communication)* is an extremely politically active student, both on and off American University's campus. Before even arriving at college this fall, Sam was elected the second youngest delegate to the Democratic National Convention and served as a convention correspondent for *The Eagle*. Currently, Sam is the secretary of AU's College Democrats and the secretary for the class of 2012. His dedication to education is apparent through his work with D.C. Reads, where he tutors struggling elementary students.

Emily Hoerner *(International Studies)* has proven herself to be a top student and valued classmate in the short time that she's been at AU. Her contributions to class discussions are appreciated and memorable. Outside of class she took the initiative to venture out and tap the resources of the Manuscript Reading Room of the Library of Congress, completing a challenging assignment that exceeded the already-high expectations of her professor. Emily has set a standard for herself, and it will be exciting to watch her continue to perform at this high level throughout her time at AU.

Seth Wyngowski *(International Studies)* is making his mark as both an excellent student and an asset to the community. While garnering praise for being the best student in his Honors Spanish class and earning stellar grades, he has devoted himself to service work in Washington, D.C., spending time last fall as a coach for young children in a developmental baseball league. This spring, Seth will continue to coach these children and has also signed up to tutor high school children in the Latin American Youth Center's Upward Bound Program, working with students on their course work in addition to SAT and college preparation.

Outstanding Honors Sophomore

Jennifer Knauss *(Biology, Environmental Studies)* embodies the ideal of a well-rounded high-performer. She achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA during this past fall semester, when two of her three classes were Honors science courses. In the words of her academic advisor, "Jennifer has found her passion," as evidenced not only by her academic performance but also by the research she is now working on with a biology professor outside of class. In addition to these achievements, Jennifer continues to participate in and contribute to extracurricular activities as a member of AU's Equestrian Team.

Ashley Kongs *(International Studies)* has found many ways to serve the Honors and AU community during her first two years as a student. She balances a full workload as a congressional intern while holding positions of notable responsibility on the AU Student Government, currently as Campus Communications Director and last year, as Chairman of the Student Government Judicial Board. Ashley is active in the Catholic Community Choir and previously worked as a lifeguard at Jacobs Fitness Center, while playing an important role as an AU Ambassador. The University Honors Program is delighted to acknowledge
Ashley's hard work and academic achievements by naming her an "Outstanding Honors Sophomore."

Kate Lindsey *(French Studies)* is an outstanding Honors sophomore in many ways. She's a top academic achiever, winning an Academic Competitiveness Grant two years in a row. Kate is remarkable for her open and friendly manner, a maturity beyond her years, and natural

leadership ability. These qualities have proven to be great assets in her work as an Honors student staff assistant, and this year as a Resident Assistant on the Anderson Honors floor. Highly organized, responsible and energetic, Kate is well-liked by her peers who regularly look to her for direction and support. Kate has developed a strong general interest in foreign languages and excels in French, Arabic and Russian. She'll study Russian this summer on a scholarship at the prestigious Middlebury College Language School. Kate was instrumental in the creation of AU's first foreign language living communities for next year and is collaborating with Housing and Dining to plan official language floors for 2010-2011.

Brian Waligorski *(Mathematics)* was selected as an Outstanding Honors Sophomore due in part to his remarkable academic results. Brian has already enrolled and excelled in four graduate-level math courses at AU, while maintaining an impressive 3.98 GPA. Professors regard him as an insightful and high-performing student. On top of his scholastic excellence, Brian works as a crew member for Housing and Dining, a physically demanding job. The University Honors Program commends Brian for his work ethic and academic acumen, both of which make him worthy of high praise.

Outstanding Honors Junior

Bill Flynn *(Mathematics, Physics)* is a remarkable Honors student excelling in the areas of Physics and Math. By the time of his graduation in May 2010, Bill will have completed every Physics class offered at AU and 10 graduate-level mathematics courses. He is representing American University in a national competition as a nominee for the Goldwater Scholarship. In addition to his rigorous coursework, Bill is pursuing independent research on the phenomenon of entanglement with Profs. Nathan Harshman and Josh Lansky. For his academic achievement and his extraordinary interpersonal skills and maturity, Bill is recognized today as an "Outstanding Honors Junior."

Michelle Holleran *(Business Administration, International Studies)* has mastered achieving balance as an Honors student, managing well the competing demands of the classroom and rigors of athletic training, while still engaging in a host of other campus activities. Last year, as captain of the AU Women's NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Team, Michelle welcomed the opportunity to mentor her freshman teammates as they adjusted to college life. Showing characteristic leadership and initiative, she has promoted swim meets to increase campus attendance and has served as a liaison between AU Student Government and the Athletics Department to enhance interdepartmental support for sporting and other campus events. Michelle is active in the professional business fraternity, serving in many roles, including as head of its Community Service Committee. For her dedication and service to the AU community and fine example as a well-rounded Honors student, Michelle Holleran is a worthy recipient of this award.

Aaron Montenegro *(Philosophy)* is truly an "Outstanding Honors Junior," both in and out of the classroom. Not only has he demonstrated academic success as a philosophy major, but he has tirelessly worked to help integrate AU's housekeeping staff into the wider AU community by founding the organization Community Learners Advancing in Spanish and English (CLASE). Aaron founded a language exchange program involving 80 housekeepers and students and has lobbied hard for better resources for program's staff participants. About Aaron, his nominator wrote, "this student is high-achieving and has pursued a dedication to service activities despite significant obstacles."

Sonia Tabriz *(Justice, Law and Society, Psychology)* has been recognized by her peers, faculty, and staff for her incredible talents and remarkable accomplishments so early in her career. Sonia is an excellent student, with numerous publications in reputable magazines and reviews, as well as several awards, including the "Best Poem" and "Best Collaboration" Tacenda Literary Awards. In the words of the nominating professor, "Sonia has a distinctive voice and a deft touch with her creative writing, which examines existential topics as they play out in the free world and in prison world. Her work is always thoughtful and sometimes profound." In addition to her own scholarship and creative writing, Sonia is Managing Editor and Text Designer for Bleak House Publishing and Editor-in-Chief of Tacenda Literary Magazine. She is also active as an Honors 101 mentor, an AU Ambassador and staff writer for the Undegraduate Admissions Office, as well as a youth mentor for a local non-profit.

Outstanding Honors Senior

Katie Beran *(Sociology)* has demonstrated significant academic ability along with leadership skills throughout her time at AU. A recipient of both a Sylvia and Alfred Brown Scholarship and a Dean's Undergraduate Research Award, Katie is known for her "diligence and enthusiasm that has come to be a hallmark of her scholarship." Katie founded AU's University Diversity Club, and her commitment to social equity was acknowledged with the 2008 Abdul Aziz Said Phi Epsilon Pi Scholarship for Diversity. Katie's scholastic achievement is evident through her

membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the international Sociology honors society, in addition to her place on the Dean's list every semester. After completing her degree at AU this spring, Katie plans to attend law school at the University of Pennsylvania.

Molly Kenney *(Justice, Law and Society)* exemplifies what it means to be an "Outstanding Honors Senior." In addition to being a 2008 Harry S. Truman Scholar, Molly is also a Presidential and National Merit Scholar. However, Molly's attributes are not limited to the classroom. Since 2007, Molly's work as the staff and copy editor for the undergraduate research journal, *Clocks and Clouds*, has helped shape the face of the publication. Last fall, Molly had the distinction of serving as the first Bleak House fellow while she was the teaching assistant for the Honors Colloquium course on the death penalty. Her duties included leading class discussions, presenting a guest lecture and mentoring students. The faculty member nominating Molly for this award said "her work was so effective that I thought of her as a co-teacher rather than an assistant." For these reasons and many more, Molly Kenney is an "Outstanding Honors Senior."

Hamissou Samari *(International Studies)* has displayed an extraordinary commitment to academics. Originally from Togo, Hamissou is a transfer student from Borough of Manhattan Community College, and a Frederick Douglas Scholar and who has appeared on the Dean's List several times. This past summer, Hamissou received a prestigious fellowship in the Public Policy and International Affairs/Junior Summer Institute at the University of Michigan. The intensive program helped prepare students for graduate programs in public and international affairs. His quiet, yet determined, ongoing commitment to diversity has made Hamissou stand out. For the past two years, Hamissou has worked behind the scenes with Honors on behalf of its efforts toward diversity. This year he is serving as the student chair for Honors multicultural initiatives. Because of Hamissou's tireless support, the University Honors Program is that much closer to achieving its goal of creating a welcoming environment for all students.

Jacob Shelly *(Political Science, Advanced Leadership Studies)* has distinguished himself in a range of ways, including academic excellence (3.95 GPA) and leadership. In connection with the SPA Leadership Program, Jacob helped lead an awareness campaign for Washington, D.C.'s homeless and coordinated a fund-raiser to benefit Leadership Initiatives, which teaches leadership and technology skills in Africa. As captain of AU's varsity cross-country team, Jacob helped freshmen teammates adapt to the rigors of Division I training and competition. A teammate calls Jacob's attitude and perseverance "inspiring." He served as director of AU's chapter of Students for Barack Obama, which was recognized by the national campaign as one of the 10 most-effective student chapters in the country. Jacob's busy schedule did not stop him from writing a regular column for AU's student newspaper, *The Eagle*. According to the student who nominated him, Jacob has certainly left his mark as a leader at AU.

Andrew Wolf *(International Studies, Philosophy)* exemplifies the well-rounded Honors student, balancing top academic achievement with strong involvement in an array of extracurricular activities. Through his studies and other pursuits, Andrew aims to put ideas into action and to make a difference. Andrew founded the club AU Trade Justice, which educates the campus about the impact of trade domestically and abroad. As an intern with Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch division, he has also been engaged in organizing unions, faith-based groups and NGOs around fair trade issues. Andrew has taught citizenship classes in English and in Spanish at the local Central American Resource Center. Winning a 2008 Summer Research Fellowship, an AU Undergraduate Research Support grant, Andrew also conducted ethnographic research on the student movement in Santiago, Chile and is now performing a discourse analysis of student publications and his Spanish language interviews in the field, which will culminate as his Honors Capstone.

Outstanding Leadership in the Honors Community

Trent Buatte *(International Studies)* was a member of the Student Honors Board (SHB) this past fall and chaired the SHB's annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Trent was unanimously recognized for his excellent effort to plan, coordinate and carry out this very large event. His leadership led to the event raising more than $600 for a local charity. Because his efforts were so successful, his operational style was hailed by his colleagues as a model by which future events similar in size and complexity could be guided. This is but only one example of why Trent is a leader within a community of leaders. A member of Golden Key International, American University's Chamber Choir, the Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity, Trent is also an Honors 101 mentor, and a former intern for Congressman Emmanuel Cleaver. He has done all of this while maintaining a 3.94 GPA. Trent is most deserving of the Outstanding Leadership in the Honors Community Award.

Rachel Cannon *(International Studies)* has demonstrated a huge commitment to the Honors community as well as the greater AU community over the past three years. Not only has she participated in the Honors 101 program as a freshman, mentor and co-chair, but she has found time to give tours as an AU Ambassador and to lead a Freshman Service Experience group this past fall – all while continuing to perform with the AU Orchestra. While working to perfect the Honors 101 program over summer 2008, Rachel also gave biking tours of Washington, D.C. to visiting tourists. This semester, Rachel is studying at Mt. Allison University in New Brunswick, Canada, as part of a Killam Fellowship.

Alexander Priest *(Business Administration, Public Communication)* has served on the Student Honors Board (SHB) for two years and is now its president. With Alex at the helm, the SHB is making significant strides towards increasing Honors community involvement in its events and activities. From community service and philanthropy to education and social programming, this year marks one of the most successful SHBs to date. Alex still finds time to serve as the Corporate Relations Committee Chair of the Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity, act as the Vice President of Marketing for the AU Screamin' Eagles Pep Band, serve as an envoy and peer mentor for the Kogod 1955 Club, and be an active member of the Alpha Lambda Delta honors society, AU Crew, AU Ambassadors, AU Democrats, and the Undergraduate Business Association. All of this, and Alex maintains a 3.97 GPA.

Rachel Rosenthal *(Biochemistry, Psychology)* is a student who has devoted significant time and effort to helping her classmates, and deserves applause and recognition. Since coming to AU, serving her peers has been important to Rachel, including as a Freshman Service Experience Leader and an Honors 101 mentor. She is working as a peer advisor in the College of Arts and Sciences' new Peer Advising Program, making contributions that were integral to the program's development. At the same time, while maintaining a high GPA and a full course load, Rachel held a demanding internship with the D.C. Public Schools Chancellor's Office. As a someone who is always willing to take time out of her busy schedule to assist her fellow students, Rachel is the epitome of an outstanding student leader.

Jon Weakley *(Political Science)* has been an active member of the Honors community throughout his time at AU. In particular, Jon's involvement with Honors 101 is outstanding. He has experienced the program at all levels, as a freshman, a mentor and most recently, as a co-chair. Due to the combined efforts of Jon and his co-chair, the 2008 Honors 101 program successfully introduced over 250 Honors freshmen to Honors, AU and Washington, D.C. On top of his tireless efforts on behalf of the Honors Program, Jon has worked since 2007 as a research assistant to SPA's Prof. Karen O'Connor, helping her develop research designs and working on revisions for the latest edition of her book. Of Jon, one of his peers writes, "I find Jon's vision of a more collective Honors community very inspiring."

Honors Scholar Award

Carrie Johnson *(Justice, Law and Society, Law, Government and Environmental Studies)* is truly an Honors Scholar. She recently presented her research on wind energy in South Dakota at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Conference in Raleigh, N.C., and will present her research again in April at the Midwestern Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois. In addition to polling South Dakotan farmers about their attitudes towards wind energy, Carrie has found time to maintain an excellent academic record, serve as an Honors 101 co-chair and preside over the campus organization Student Advocates for Native Communities. "Carrie is probably the most impressive undergraduate I have encountered at AU for both her scholarly activities and motivation to learn," wrote one of the professors who nominated Carrie for this award. "I strongly encourage the university to recognize that."

Josh Levitz *(Biology, Physics)* has distinguished himself inside, as well as outside of American University. Josh has worked as a research assistant for two professors in the Biology department, helping them to conduct experiments on diabetic retinopathy and the molecular evolution of the opsin2gene. In addition to his laboratory work at AU, Josh also found time to work the National Institute of Neurological Disorders, where he is researching the kinetics of sodium translocation in the Molecular Neurophysiology Unit. Josh has parlayed his extensive research experience into presentations at five student research conferences, including at American and Georgetown universities and two at the National Institutes of Health. At the Robyn Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference in 2008, Josh received "Best Poster of Original Research by a Junior or Senior" for his work "SUMOylation of Proteins at the Post-Synaptic Density in Rat Neurons." He has a National Science Foundation research proposal pending to support his graduate work. Honors salutes Josh for embodying the definition of a true Honors scholar.

Farley Miller *(Audio Technology)* is a top Honors senior with an exceptional 3.98 GPA to back up his accolades as a composer, technician and performer. During his AU career, Farley designed what he terms a "system using drum triggers, a synthesizer, and MIDI technology to allow a solo drummer to play polyphonic music in a live setting" which he employed to compose and record his Honors Capstone, a musical performance project entitled CANNOT BE STOPPED. As an Honors scholar, he exemplifies academic excellence, while also establishing a name for himself as a pioneer in the electronic music movement. At this time, CANNOT BE STOPPED has been featured in more than 16 public performances in four states.

Thaïs Miller *(Literature)* is a young woman of many accomplishments. Her first novel, *Our Machinery*, was published by Brown Paper Publishing last year. A professor of writing at New England College had this to say about Thaïs' work as a whole: "She makes us think; she demands our attention to that which is unsettling in the world, and with each page we turn we are more captured by her gifts." Brown Paper Publishing has also accepted one of her short stories, "Eight Women: The Short Fiction of Thaïs Miller" for publication. Thais has also received numerous awards associated with her literary publications. In 2007, Thaïs won the Tacenda Literary Award for "Best Play" for her

work "The Price is Wrong: A Play in One Act Vignettes." In 2008, she received the Bleak House Publishing Award for Best Short Story for her work "Carpool Buddy." Last year, Thaïs received an Honorable Mention for her poem "Prayer" at the Louise M. Young Memorial Competition.

Elizabeth Royall *(Print Journalism, International Studies)* has a significant list of academic accomplishments which confirm her status as an outstanding Honors scholar. Recently, Elizabeth received a scholarship to present her published paper on the reconstruction of Afghanistan at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Wisconsin. In addition to working on the AU Women and Politics Institute's WeLEAD program, she is a staff writer for *The Eagle* and has interned all over Washington, D.C. – from embassies to Congress. Elizabeth is also a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Golden Key International. From her campus service to her national recognition as a distinguished scholar, Elizabeth is worthy of the title "Honors Scholar."