Letter from the Director

I write this cover letter on a cold day in May, at the end of a long winter in which it seemed as though spring would never come. It’s rainy with a high of 50 degrees today at mid-month: so we’re still waiting. Despite the nasty weather, there’s been much to warm our souls and lift our spirits during 2013-2014. Over the course of this academic year, we’ve heard lectures from world figures (Madeleine Albright, October 2013); applauded honors students in Purdue Theater adaptations of classic texts (Pride and Prejudice, February 2014); enjoyed more than six hours (!) of Hamlet-related performances (Convo’s Hamlet and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern); we’ve celebrated publications, awards, scholarships and more (see the entire newsletter that follows). And we’ve eaten food—lots of food—from Bruno’s dough to popsicles to Insomnia Cookies in the Beering honors lounge on Free Food Fridays, a tradition that the CLA Honors staff very much hopes will be continued through a new CLASH grant next year. (On the rare occasions when there are leftovers, we get to scarf them up. After all, woman cannot live on Loeffelman’s bowl of chocolate alone).

My thanks to all who made my first full year as director of CLA Honors such a rewarding one—to Kathy Lantz, Karen Itin and especially Mike Loeffelman. But my especial gratitude goes to the students, from this year’s crop of Dammon Dean’s Scholars to the continuing students who are the backbone of the program to the seniors pushing toward their finish. You’ve given me an entirely new lens on this university, which I thought I knew so well!

Last weekend, we launched the Class of 2014 at graduation ceremonies. CLA Honors wishes you farewell as you head off to graduate school, job, travel or to a well-deserved break for deep breaths, reflection and decision making. Keep in touch! We’re excited to hear where your next steps will take you!

Kristina Bross, Director, CLA Honors
Grads Receive College of Liberal Arts Honors

These outstanding students have completed their undergraduate degrees with honors from the College of Liberal Arts. As honors students, they have successfully completed 24-credits of honors coursework and maintained a high grade point average. They have distinguished themselves academically, have been engaged citizens and leaders of our community. They leave Purdue rich in experience. We thank them and wish them well as they leave here to join and transform new communities. We will miss you!

August/December 2013 Honors Graduates

Krystal Dittmer: Spanish
James Elliott: Philosophy/Religious Studies Psychology
Eric Herrera: Political Science
Darien Hutson: Political Science/Corporate Comm.

Jieon Kang: English
Alexis Karwoski: Law and Society/Psychology
Nicholas King: Political Science/Social Studies Ed.
Qingfei Song: Communication

August/December 2013 Honors Graduates

Walter Bender: Film & Video Studies/History
Margaret Brennan: Theatre Acting/Psychology
Craig Cainkar: Public Relations & Rhetorical Advocacy/Professional Writing
Kelsey Campbell: History
Bridget Coverick: Anthropology/Creative Writing
Christopher Dailey: Linguistics/Philosophy
Erika Fisher: Political Science/Law and Society
Kirsten Gibson: Spanish/Linguistics
Melissa Gokmogol: Political Science
Scott Harbeck: Political Science
Madison Heslop: American Studies/History
Alexandra Hoff: African American Studies/
Prof. Writing
Erin Holbrook: Communication
Luke Howard: History
Selina Howard-Hammond: Professional Writing/
Creative Writing
Gustavo Lopez: Political Science/Economics
Angela Mata: Political Science
Jacob Mattox: Spanish/Pharmacy
Emily Miller: English

Sarah Nixon: Creative Writing/
Professional Writing
Thomas Payne: Political Science/History
Angela Petrie: Public Relations & Rhetorical Advocacy/Visual Communication Design
Katelyn Reavis: Anthropology
Shannen Reynolds: Law and Society/Political Science
Samantha Richards: History/Political Science
Marsalene Robbins: English/Linguistics
Emeline Rodenas: German
Jessica Rodkey: Anthropology/Wildlife
Erica Seifert: Mass Communication
Anastasia Spaulding: Theatre Acting
Chelsea Spring: Public Relations & Rhetorical Advocacy/Creative Writing
Scott Tipton: Sociology
Allison Werner: Film & Video Studies
Cody Wilson: Sociology
Kathryn Winters: Public Relations & Rhetorical Advocacy
Brittany Wright: Creative Writing/English/
Comparative Literature

May 2014 Honors

Walter Bender: Film & Video Studies/History
Margaret Brennan: Theatre Acting/Psychology
Craig Cainkar: Public Relations & Rhetorical Advocacy/Professional Writing
Kelsey Campbell: History
Bridget Coverick: Anthropology/Creative Writing
Christopher Dailey: Linguistics/Philosophy
Erika Fisher: Political Science/Law and Society
Kirsten Gibson: Spanish/Linguistics
Melissa Gokmogol: Political Science
Scott Harbeck: Political Science
Madison Heslop: American Studies/History
Alexandra Hoff: African American Studies/
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Erin Holbrook: Communication
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Brittany Wright: Creative Writing/English/
Comparative Literature
2013-2014 CLA Honors Faculty

College of Liberal Arts Honors would like to thank the CLA faculty who taught honors courses during the 2013-2014 academic year. We continually received positive feedback from the students and we are appreciative for the continued support. We would also like to thank all of CLA faculty who oversaw honors contracts. Honors contracts are a great opportunity for students to delve deeper into course material and to work closely with a faculty member. We understand that this is a substantial commitment and we are thankful for the continued support!

- ANTH 20500: “Human Cultural Diversity”, Dr. Riall Nolan
- ANTH 20500: “Human Cultural Diversity”, Dr. Ellen Gruenbaum
- ANTH 32700: “Environment and Culture”, Dr. Laura Zanotti
- ANTH 33600: “Human Variation”, Dr. Michele Buzon
- COM 10200: “Introduction to Communication Theory”, Dr. Tyler Harrison
- COM 11400: “Fundamentals of Speech Communication” (8 Sections)
- COM 21200: “Approaches to the Study of Interpersonal Communication”, Dr. Erina MacGeorge
- COM 31800: “Principles of Persuasion”, Dr. Susan Morgan
- COM 37600: “Communication and Gender”, Dr. Ralph Webb
- COM 43500: “Communication and Emerging Technologies”, Dr. Howard Sypher
- ENGL 22700: “Elements of Linguistics”, Dr. Victor Raskin
- ENGL 23800: “Introduction to Fiction”, Dr. Geraldine Friedman
- ENGL 25000: “Great American Books”, Dr. Robert Lamb
- ENGL 25700: “Literature of Black America”, Dr. Venetria Patton
- ENGL 36000: “Gender in Literature”, Dr. Derek Pacheco
- HIST 40400: “Kings and Philosophers: Europe from 1618-1789”, Dr. Charles Ingrao
- HIST 49200: “Race, Gender, and Culture in U.S. Foreign Relations”, Dr. David Atkinson
- PHIL 11000: “Ethics”, Dr. Patricia Curd
- PHIL 30200: “History of Medieval Philosophy”, Dr. Jeffrey Brower
- POL 10100: “American Government and Politics”, Dr. William McLauchlan
- POL 22300: “Introduction to Environmental Politics”, Laura Young
- SOC 33800: “Global Social Movements”, Dr. Mangala Subramaniam
- SOC 42900: “Sociology of Protest”, Dr. Rachel Einwohner

2013-2014 CLA Honors Faculty Committee

The CLA Honors Faculty Council met regularly, especially in the fall semester, to grapple with changes to the program as we reinvent ourselves in relation to the new Honors College. A big Honors Program thanks goes to the faculty representatives who provided thoughtful and important guidance on policies related to the thesis/capstone requirement in the Honors College curriculum and to revisions to the first-year experience. Serving on this committee is usually a thankless job, so we want to take the opportunity to note your service. No doubt we’ll continue to wrangle with policies and procedures—especially concerning protocol for the thesis, but the program will grow and thrive so long as faculty serve as guides and mentors to our students and our staff.

Su’ad Abdul Khabeer, Anthropology  
Marifran Mattson, Communication  
Janet Alsup, English  
Melinda Zook, History  
JoAnn Miller, Interdisciplinary Studies  
Benjamin Lawton, Languages and Cultures  
Patricia Boling, Political Science  
Carolyn Perrucci, Sociology  
Shannon McMullen, Visual and Performing Arts
Honors College News: Year-in-Review

The Honors College welcomed a class of thirty-seven CLA majors in fall of 2013, all of whom participated in the inaugural year of the college’s first-year seminar, many of whom lunched with the Honors College dean, faculty and staff at “Torch Tuesdays,” and over half of whom were members of CLA’s Dammon Dean’s Scholars program along with four other high-achieving first year students.

The Dammon Dean’s Scholars comprised an exceptional group of students. In addition to their formal learning community curriculum, co-curricular activities included a “CLA Campus” scavenger hunt (senior students: do you know the year that Martha Christine Butler received her humanities degree and the text of any inspirational quote displayed in the Martha Christine Butler Interaction Garden? The DDS cohort do!), a trip to downtown Lafayette where we attended the opening reception of an art exhibit in Purdue’s new Fountain Gallery on Main Street and occupied the upper level of the restaurant Serendipity. There we were treated to a full dessert menu (the jury’s still out on chocolate-covered bacon).

This spring, the DDS students collaborated with CLA faculty on a wide range of research, from cataloguing and researching Professor Joel Ebarb’s historic clothing collection to interviewing international students about their first-year experiences with Dean Irwin Weiser. They also awarded the first-ever “Dammon Dean’s Scholars’ Choice Award” to CLA Honor Research Colloquium presenters (see p. 7).

Next year will bring some major changes to the DDS program. The Honors Faculty Council voted in a revision to the program so that it can serve as a community for all incoming CLA majors in the Honors College. Starting this fall, students will enroll in the GS 490 as usual (a 1-credit course that serves as an introduction to intellectual life in Liberal Arts) and either COMM 114H or ANTH 205H. In the spring, rather than the one-on-one research collaborations as in the past, first-year students will take one of two research seminars taught by some of our most engaging and innovative faculty members.

Next spring, Professor Curtis (History and American Studies) will offer an archival research class on WWI and Purdue and Professor Boling (Political Science) will be researching food politics in her seminar. Stay tuned for updates and more details next year.

Strengthening CLA Honors: CLASH Grant Program

The 2013-2014 academic year brought a variety of changes to CLA Honors. This year, the dean approved funding for student-initiated programming designed to strengthen the community of CLA Honors. The College of Liberal Arts Student Honors (CLASH) Grant Program was subsequently introduced at the beginning of the fall 2013 semester. Students submitted grant proposals that were later evaluated by members of the CLA Honors Student Steering Committee and provided appropriate funding. Events that were funded included the annual PMO Christmas Show, Purdue Convocations sponsored Hamlet and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead and Purdue Theatre’s Spring Awakenings, a special film screening of Captain America: The Winter Soldier at the Wabash Landing, and the ever popular Free Food Friday. The events were well-received by the students and we are looking forward to continuing the initiative next year!
Awards and Graduation Ceremony 2014

The 2014 Graduation and Awards Banquet feted many of our wonderful and talented students—from colloquium presenters and scholarship winners to our terrific graduating seniors. We celebrated the achievements with friends, family members, faculty, and special guests. Associate Professor Michael Morrison of the History Department, delivered the ceremony’s keynote address and CLA Honors Director Kristina Bross officiated the event. Participants in years past will remember seniors decked out in Dr. Emily Allen’s hand-crafted laurel wreaths. As neither Loeffelman nor Bross are nearly as handy with greenery as she, we opted to go with an Olympics Theme—check out our cohort of gold-medal seniors!

Outstanding CLA Honors Senior: Madison Heslop

The faculty committee tasked with choosing this year’s outstanding senior faced a truly Herculean task. It may seem cliché to say that choosing an outstanding senior from among so many outstanding students was almost impossible, but it’s true. The decision was, in keeping with our banquet’s Olympics medals theme, a photo finish.

The committee’s choice of outstanding senior, then, reflects both Madison Heslop’s individual worth and achievements and the excellence of our senior class as a whole.

Madison Heslop is a double major in American Studies and History. She was named the Department of History’s Outstanding Senior, as well as Outstanding Senior in American Studies. She has presented her work at the CLA colloquium, the university-wide DiscoverU research poster session, the Southwest Popular Culture Association conference and the Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association joint national conference. She was a Dammon Dean’s Scholar and a Liberal Arts Ambassador, and served as a student representative on a past CLA Dean’s search committee. Beyond coursework and beyond the CLA, she has worked as a researcher or an intern at the Tennessee State Museum and the Klondike National Park. She published “Murky Drops from Old Pump Rotten,” on the gendered history of Purdue in the Journal of Purdue Undergraduate Research (see the article here: http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/jpur/vol3/iss1/8/). And check out a JPUR interview with her on the project here: http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/jpur/jpur_stories.html). Next year she will be attending the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland to pursue a Master's degree in American History.
2014 Outstanding Seniors

Katelyn Reavis  
Department of Anthropology  

Chelsea Spring  
Brian Lamb School of Communication

Sarah Nixon  
Department of English  

Madison Heslop  
Department of History

Alexandra Hoff  
School of Interdisciplinary Studies

Kayla Copeland  
School of Languages and Cultures

David Ballard  
Department of Philosophy

Thomas Payne  
Department of Political Science

Cody Wilson  
Department of Sociology

Arlene Bozich  
Patti and Rusty Rueff School of Visual and Performing Arts

Student Spotlight: Allison Turner

Allison Turner, a dual-degree student in Political Science and Natural Resources, has definitely made her mark at Purdue. In 2013, Allison made history when she became the first Purdue University student to be awarded the prestigious Udall Scholarship. In 2014, she received the scholarship again! As a scholar-activist, Allison is committed to the environment, sustainability, and sits at the intersection of Liberal Arts and STEM. We are extremely proud of what Allison has accomplished and we will see what she has in store for her final year!

2014 DiscoverU Winners

On April 8, 2014, the Honors College hosted the 2014 DiscoverU Undergraduate Research and Poster Symposium. The event represented the diversity of undergraduate research that is undertaken throughout the university. There were 17 undergraduate students representing the College of Liberal Arts at the event. Their work spanned the academic spectrum, and three of the students received special recognition for their work.

Melissa Gokmogol: Political Science  
Cleaner Air Beyond California

Bradley Pierson: History  
Nixon’s Israel: Pillars, Proxies, and the 1970 Black September Crisis

Michael Lockman: Anthropology  
Mesoamerican Cultural Accommodation to Deformity
CLA Honors Scholarships: 2014-2015

CLA Honors was privileged to award eleven merit-based scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year. These honors scholarships are funded with a bequest from Professor David Santogrossi. Professor Santogrossi taught at Purdue for 37 years, and at the time of his death was an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology and Associate Dean of the School of Liberal Arts. He was a founding member of the Purdue Teaching Academy and is listed in the inaugural Purdue Book of Great Teachers. He valued honors and had a desire to inspire undergraduates to excel academically.

Outstanding CLA Honors Freshman
Kate Yeater: Anthropology

CLA HonorsFreshman with Distinction
Paige Pope: Professional Writing/Communication

Outstanding CLA Honors Sophomore
Jill Bosserman: English/History

CLA Honors Sophomore with Distinction
Abby Schneller: Women’s Studies/Sociology

Outstanding CLA Honors Junior
Jill Owen: English Education

CLA Honors Junior with Distinction
Katherine Martin: American Studies/History
Scotty Teal: Law and Society

CLA Honors Merit Scholarships
Mary Adkins: Professional Writing/English
Abigail Kochert: Interior Design
Jonathan Goodwin: Political Science

Jill P. and Robert E. May Scholarship for Honors Transfer Student
Caitlin Young: Sociology

2014 Colloquium Winners

Honors Colloquium Grand Prize
Katelyn Reavis: Investigating Senescence in Ancient Nubia
ANTH 498: Honors Senior Thesis (Prof. Buzon)

Honors Colloquium Prizes
Kevin Robey: Rap, Rodney King, and Riot
HIST 421/422: Honors Historical Methods (Prof. Zook/Prof. Brownell)

Caitlin Young: Purdue University and Corporate Social Responsibility
SOC 429: Sociology of Protest (Prof. Einwohner)

Honors Colloquium Honorable Mention
Katherine Martin: Indiana and the C.C.C.
HIST 421/422: Honors Historical Methods (Prof. Zook/Prof. Gabin)

Dammon Dean’s Scholars Choice Award
Jill Owen: Photo Fraud: Ethics in Advertising
GS 490: Thayer Scholars (Prof. Dixon)

Dammon Dean’s Scholars Honorable Mention
Dustin Meyer: Dada: Art as Anti-Art
PHIL 275: Philosophy of Art (Prof. Smith)
Fall 2014 Interim Director Welcome

CLA Honors welcomes Professor Dino Felluga to its ranks in 2014-2015. Dr. Felluga will serve as interim director of the program while Dr. Bross is on sabbatical in the fall semester. Dr. Felluga has regularly taught honors courses, ranging from “Science Fiction and Fantasy” to a study-abroad honors experience in Italy. His research focuses on 19th-century British Literature, critical theory and digital humanities. His first book, entitled The Perversity of Poetry: Romantic Ideology and the Popular Male Poet of Genius was published in 2005. He is nearing completion of not just one but two major book projects: Critical Theory: The Key Concept (Routledge) and The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Victorian Literature.

As interim director, Dr. Felluga will be leading the Dammon Dean’s Scholars learning community program and overseeing all other aspects of the program in the fall semester. And—we are hoping—he will help lay plans for linking the CLA Honors community through social media.

Welcoming Back Party: Sept 4th

The first event of 2014-2015 is on our calendar! Please mark Thursday, September 4 from 6pm to 7pm on yours for our CLA honors Welcome Back. This event brings together first-year and continuing students, faculty and administration for a celebration of the new academic year. Next year we’ll be taking over the first floor of Marriott Hall for our festivities. Come and sample good food, meet our new students and reconnect with long-term members of the community. We’ll even have door prizes!

2015: 1st Honors College Cohort of Graduates

Next year marks an important milestone in the history of CLA Honors. We will be graduating our very first class of Honors College students. For the next two years, our awards and graduation banquet will bring two wonderful groups together: seniors in the CLA Honors Program and seniors who transferred into the Honors College. Throughout the year, we’ll be announcing new research presentations that will encompass the new senior thesis/capstone requirement.