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Crashing History: Jennifer Daily

To say the least, working on my Senior Honors Project has been a tested journey of academics, as well as patience and gained perseverance. As an Art Major, with a concentration in Graphic Design, I have explored all aspects of art and have decided to create an Artist's Book commenting on car accidents in Southern California. The process to make this book has not been incredibly easy, but I have managed to trudge through the down points and strive for success.

I started in June 2004 taking photographs of car accidents on roads, freeways, or highways I happened to be on. My goal was to take photographs of accidents



I saw on a normal, routine trip or outing, and not to seek out accidents I heard on the radio or saw on TV. I remained true to this concept, and have only taken photographs of accidents I was unaware about, only to the suspicion that there might be one ahead of me due to obscene traffic.

I have found that when one takes a picture from their car, while driving, nearly stopped right by an accident, with cars lined behind you, it is inevitable that honking occurs, along with very angry drivers surrounding you. In some instances I was flipped

off, and one person even managed to take a picture of me for taking a picture of an accident. This project has been

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Nickel and Dimed Author to Visit Campus



Barbara Ehrenreich
Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 PM

Acclaimed journalist and author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*, Barbara Ehrenreich, will speak at Cal State Fullerton about her experience living on

minimum wage on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the TSU Pavilions. A book signing will follow. In her book, she described herself as a divorced homemaker and took a series of low wage jobs - waitress, house cleaner, nursing home aide, and Wal-Mart clerk and discussed her experience surviving with the low salary. Ehrenreich attended Reed College and later obtained a PhD in biology from Rockefeller University in New York. Not wanting to become a scientist, she became heavily involved in politics as an activist in social change.

The CSUF Theatre Department also has a production of *Nickel and Dimed* based on her book, which is runs from March 12 through April 10, so see the play and hear her speak.

With Honors is Honored

With Honors, the University Honors Program newsletter, received the honor of first prize from the National Collegiate Honors Council at their annual conference held in New Orleans, November 10-14. Student editor Laura Sirikulvadhana and advisor to the newsletter Ryan Alcantara were present to accept the award. This is the tenth annual contest and the newsletter was selected by the NCHC Publication Board in the category of faculty/student publications. In 2002, *With Honors* received the second place prize. Both awards are proudly hung in the glass case outside of the University Honors & Scholars Center in the library, alongside the latest edition of *With Honors*.



Ryan Alcantara
Director of Honors and Scholars Support Services

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Honors Student Profile: Celeste Mayhew



It was a bright, sunny day for the people of the Moqabli Syrian Refugee Camp. People were conducting their daily business as usual. Swishing sounds from women completing their daily load of laundry and sizzling sounds from cooking food filled the atmosphere. Little children were running throughout the camp

playing with each other in their open toed shoes and tattered clothes. The people in the camp didn't have much in regards to material possessions or wealth, but they were happy to be alive and had the hope of a better future; if not in their lifetime, in their children's.

The people occupying the camp are refugees seeking hope and a better future for their families. They come from Syria seeking refuge in a foreign country; leaving their homes to have a chance of survival in Iraq. They have been ostracized from their home country because of the fact that they are Kurdish. The Kurdish people have their own culture and language that is different from the dominant culture found in the Middle East. These people are spread throughout Syria, Turkey, Iraq, and Iran; many being discriminated against because of their Kurdish Heritage. Denied identification cards, high school diplomas, and any documentation proving that they exist because of the mere fact that they are Kurdish, the road to survival for these people has been plagued with problems and one disappointing let down after another. With their new home in Iraq, they are struggling to sustain their life in a

foreign country. With no familiarization of the people or the land, the only people they can turn to for comfort is their families. Without proof of a high school diploma, they are unable to attend college and without identification, it is difficult to get a job.

The little children in the refugee camp are able to attend primary school, learning the fundamentals of reading and writing in the Kurdish language. The teachers also find time to teach them a few songs in English. The children are enthusiastic about learning and love to sing. With such enthusiasm for learning, the 426th Civil Affairs Battalion



CAT-A 4's Medical Education Class attracted children of all ages. Here, one of the youngest students of the class and "Honor Grad" successfully demonstrates what she learned during the class.

decided to teach the children the basics of dental hygiene and how to properly brush their teeth to prevent decay.

With an interpreter, model teeth, toothbrush, and poster explaining the effects of tooth decay, Civil Affairs Team 4 was fully equipped to conduct the class. Little children from the ages of two to thirteen sat patiently on the cement floor, awaiting the commencement of the class. The teacher of the class carefully explained to the children the stages of tooth decay if their teeth are not taken care of and the proper procedures in brushing their teeth. After the class was over, volunteers from the crowd came up to show what they learned from the class. "You start at the back of your teeth, gently brushing back and forth covering all surface areas, inside, on top, and the outside of your teeth" stated a little girl.

After the demonstration, there was room for questions. A courageous little girl asked, "Sometimes when I brush my teeth, I notice a little bit of blood coming out". Before the teacher could answer, another girl popped up stating "The reason why blood comes out is because you are brushing



SPC Celeste Mayhew, Civil Affairs Team 4 Team Member, instructs children of the Moqabli Syrian Camp on the basics of proper Dental Hygiene with help of Interpreter Diyar.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

If there is a person who you think should be featured on these pages, or a story that you would like to share with the rest of the Honors Program, please contact any of the Honors Student Advisory Committee members for information or drop off your ideas and suggestions to the **University Honors and Scholars Center** in **PLN-120** or you can e-mail them to: univhonors@fullerton.edu
c/o Laura Sirikulvadhana, Newsletter Editor

Meet the New Professors of the Honors Program



Name: Professor Amy Coplan
Department: Philosophy
Honors Course: Honors 101A: Critical Thinking

Name: Professor Donald Matthewson
Department: Political Science



Honors Course: Honors 201A and B
What makes teaching an Honors course different from a nonHonors course?

The main difference is that the students actually try to attend class and generally complete all of the readings.

In general they are very conscientious. I enjoy teaching this particular sequence of classes because I am able to draw on literature outside my discipline of Political Science.

Name: Professor Robert Davis
Department: Radio, TV and Film
Honors Course: Honors 302T: World Cinema



Name: Professor Katherine Dennehy
Department: History
Honors Course: Honors 210B: World Civilization

Name: Professor Doug Eernisse
Department: Biological Science
Honors Course: Honors 301T: History of Life
What do you like about the Honors Program? I

was on the University Honors Board several years ago and it is great to see that the University has increasingly committed to supporting this program. During the last two years, I was fortunate to have mentored an excellent Honors student, Reuben Paul, for his senior thesis project. The Honors program provided appropriate support at every step of our research. I am now looking forward to teaching my first Honors seminar course this Spring.

Name: Professor Heather McCrea
Department: History
Honors Course: Honors 201A: US History



Name: Professor Michael Perez
Department: Sociology
Honors Course: Honors 303T: Minority Relations

National Honors Collegiate Council Conference 2004: In the Heart of New Orleans

Bernadette Marquez, Diana Roberts, and I arrived to New Orleans, Louisiana on November 10th to attend a National Honors Collegiate Council Conference with the Honors Directors. Each student presented their unique posters to the fellow students and professionals that attended the session. Diana Roberts presented her poster on her environmental children's book: Natty the Gnatcatcher; Bernadette Marquez presented on the Effects of Base-Assisted Deprotonation of Oxime Radical Cations; and I presented on the International AIDS Epidemic and governmental impact on infection rates in Thailand versus the United States.

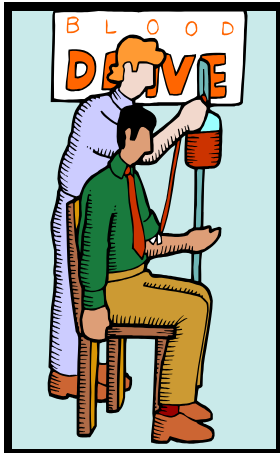


Besides the poster sessions, we attended leadership and honors sessions bringing new ideas to our Honors Program. I personally enjoyed the Harry Potter sessions because it was different from the other sessions that were presented at the conference. We also toured around New Orleans - from the infamous Bourbon Street to the beautiful Mississippi River. We also had a tour of the Garden District - which is home to many famous people such as Trent Reznor (of Nine Inch Nails) and writer Anne Rice.

Overall, our trip was an amazing experience. We met new people and learned new things about Honors, Louisiana and ourselves.

Laura Sirikulvadhana
 3rd Year Honors Student

Honors Spirit of Giving: Fall Blood Drive



During the season of giving, students usually give presents to people they know. However, some honors students gave a gift to someone they'll probably never see. These students gave out blood, on December 2, during the rush of working on papers and studying for upcoming finals. "Giving out blood is an easy to contribute to society," said honors student Amanda Hendrickson. Her contribution helped as many as three people. Hendrickson mentioned the benefits of receiving free drinks and cookies after giving blood. Hendrickson's blood is even more important for society because her blood is O Negative, meaning that anyone could use her blood. Honors student Lynna Landry said, "Every time I tried to give blood I couldn't, so I was like finally, I could do it this time, so I've been saving up my blood." Landry and Hendrickson's blood is especially important in Southern California. "Right now, there's a blood shortage in Southern California," said Nurse Tech Desiree Ramirez. Ramirez does encourage people to give blood and also to give blood again, because it saves three lives. Hendrickson will save more than three lives in her lifetime because she regularly gives blood every two months. If you're interested in giving blood, you could call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

HSAC will be sponsoring another Blood Drive on March 21st in the TSU Pavilions.

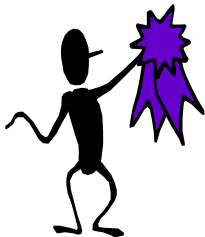
For more information, please contact the University Honors Program.

Patrick Alog

3rd Year Honors Student

GET INVOLVED & WIN!!!

Honors Spring GET INVOLVED Drawing



Each Honors event that you participate in will increase your chance in receiving prizes at the end of the semester's Honors Picnic on Thursday, May 19th. So check the back page and mark your calendar!

The grand prize will be \$50 on your Titan Card!

Visit the Honors & Scholars Center for more details.

2005 Outstanding Honors Professor Nominations



Does your professor inspire you? Do you think your professor is the best of the best? Then nominate your professor for

OUTSTANDING HONORS PROFESSOR

Nominations should include your professor's name, the nominator's name (you), course and semester taken, and a brief statement on why s/he should be the 2005 Outstanding Honors Professor.

Nominations are due by **Friday, April 29** and should be submitted to UHSC, Library North 120, or to Ryan at ralcantara@fullerton.edu.

Each complete nomination entry earns you a point and increases your chance in the **Honors Spring GET INVOLVED Drawing!**

Honors Logo Contest

Show off your creative side and submit a suggestion for the Honors Program Logo Contest!

Deadline to submit is March 1 and the contest is open to all University Honors Program students. The student with the winning logo will receive a **\$100 gift certificate to Titan Shops** and will have her/his work immortalized in the Honors Program.

More details available at www.fullerton.edu/honors/events/logocontest.pdf

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Honor Society Fair & Can Food Drive Prize Winners



2004 MOST CANS COLLECTED University Honor Society

100+ CANS CLUB

UHS, Sigma Phi Omega, Eta Kappa Nu / Tau Beta Pi, Eta Sigma Gamma / Kappa Omicron Nu, Lambda Alpha

2004 BEST CAN CASTLE University Honor Society

2004 BEST CAN CASTLE RUNNER UP Eta Sigma Gamma / Kappa Omicron Nu

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too hard". Civil Affairs Team 4 cheered for her answer and other questions arose. After the questions were answered, the time came to pass out the toothbrushes, so they could practice the techniques they had learned on their own teeth, thus taking the first step toward sustained dental hygiene. Each child gladly took a toothbrush and practiced what they had learned. After they finished practicing, each child received a toothbrush cover and toothpaste.



SPC Mayhew distributes toothbrushes and toothpaste to the children of the Moqabli Camp. All children attending the class were awarded items to improve their dental hygiene and preventative medicine practices.

The director of the camp was extremely pleased with the class and was grateful for the Civil Affairs Team's generosity and time for preparing the class. CAT-A 4 stated they were pleased to conduct the class and expressed their desire to work more with the children.

"With classes like these, we are winning the hearts and the minds of the children and giving them a little something back for what they had lost in Syria", stated SSG Betancourt, CAT-A 4 Civil Affairs Sergeant. As CAT-A 4 left the camp, all the children gathered to cheer and wave to the passing trucks with their toothbrush in their hands. "Our efforts today are minimal compared to the amount of work and assistance that is needed for those occupying the camp, but anything to make a positive impact on the children and see their smiling faces is definitely a step in the right direction", stated SPC Mayhew, CAT-A 4 Team Member and class lecturer. She further stated "The children are the future and my team's plan is to continue to assist them to the best of our ability."

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very risky in many facets, yet I remain dedicated to my standards.

As far as the material for the book went, I spent many trips to auto wreckage yards in attempts to find the perfect material for the pages of my book. Originally, I had planned on using demolished car parts, yet after my first visit to a wreckage yard, I realized this would be nearly impossible. I tried to rip off a piece of distorted metal from a crushed hood, yet this alone took me about an hour. Once I was able to dismantle it, it was so heavy that I figured there was no way I could have a bulky, fifty-pound book with twenty or so of these pieces as pages. I stumbled upon a more functional idea as I roamed the dirty, rusted yards. I found a deployed airbag in the midst of a crushed Honda. My project could now come to life. I would transfer the images of my photographs onto airbags, a perfect combination of accident juxtaposition.

As you can see, my journey has been extremely long, arduous, and hazardous, yet with determination and perseverance, one can change the worst situation into a learning experience. I have been genuinely excited about this project because it is the product of my own interest and formulation, and this freedom has given me the desire to continuously focus on this endeavor. I plan on solidifying my book and writing my research paper in months to come. Overall, I am grateful for this opportunity.

HSAC...What is it?

Would you like to have a say in the types of events you can attend for free? Do you want to get more involved while still having fun? Maybe HSAC is for you!

What's that you say? You don't know what HSAC is? Be confused no more! HSAC stands for the Honors Student Advisory Committee and our job is to provide free and fun events for honors students like you to enjoy. We meet twice a month to plan events like theatre and museum outings, blood drives, picnics, etc. The sky is the limit when it comes to planning. We need your input to determine what events will be more enjoyable. Do you have any event ideas? Join us, and let your voice be heard! You can make the honors program into *your* honors program! All you have to do is come to the meetings, pitch your ideas, help plan them and spread the word!

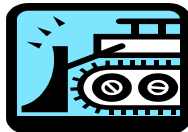
HSAC is also coordinating an **Honors Spring GET INVOLVED Drawing!** Simply sign up at each Honors event you participate in throughout the semester for a chance to win. The more Honors events you attend, the more likely you will win something! The drawing will be held at the Honors End-of-Year Picnic on Thursday, May 19 and the grand prize will be **\$50** on your Titan Card! All you have to do is attend events, and participate! Have fun and good luck!

Linsey Crow

1st Year Honors Student & HSAC Member

Send your questions/comments on HSAC to Jessica Barrett at annabelj22@student.fullerton.edu

PARKING UPDATE: State College Parking Structure Construction begins on 3/28



Lot B (student) and K (faculty/staff) will be permanently closed on March 28th, 2005. Lot B and K are located just north of the TSU and west of the Kinesiology Health Science building.

The State College Structure will contain about 1400 spaces and a visitor parking lot for short-term parking. In order to facilitate traffic flow to and from the structure, roadway improvements to Gym Drive and Dorothy Lane entrance to the campus will be completed during this time.

For more information, please visit the Office of Design & Construction website: <http://d-c.fullerton.edu/>

Calendar of Events

Honors Program Logo Contest

Entries due March 1

- Details on page 4 and at
- www.fullerton.edu/honors/events/logocontest.pdf

Pizza & Movie Night

Thursday, February 24 at 7pm
Meet in the TSU Pub

- Join your fellow Honors students for pizza and movie night on campus.

National Honors Collegiate Council Conference:

Abstracts due March 10
St. Louis, Missouri

- Calling for abstracts to be presented at next year's National Honors Collegiate Conference in St. Louis, Missouri in October 26 - 30, 2005.

Honors Theatre Outing: Nickel & Dime

Sunday, March 20 at 6:30 pm

- A play about a journalist undercover living on minimum wage doing various low wage jobs.

Then Meet Author Barbara Ehrenreich

Tuesday, April 12th, 2005

TSU Pavilions

Reception: 5 pm

Presentation: 7:30 pm

- Listen to Ms. Ehrenreich speak about her experience living on minimum wage and her active role in the social change. Book signing to follow.

Blood Drive

Monday, March 21

- HSAC is sponsoring a spring blood drive. Volunteers needed to sign up donors and assist the day of the drive. Contact Amanda Henrikson at Niki1344@aol.com for more information.

2005 Western Regional Conference City of Lights for Bright Ideas

Las Vegas, Nevada

April 7 - 9

- Honors students, faculty and staff from throughout the Western Region share ideas and present their work at this annual conference.

Nominations for 2004/2005 Outstanding Honors Professor

Deadline April 29

- Who will be honored? Details on page 4.

Student/Faculty Mixer

Monday, May 2 from 11:30 - 1 pm

Academic Senate Chambers

(in the rear of the Titan Shops)

- Get to know the Honors faculty and your fellow honors students. Food and refreshments will be served.

Sophomore Honors Retreat

Friday, May 6 from 1 - 5:00 pm

Coyote Hills Golf Course

- Each spring the sophomore honors students are invited to a half-day retreat to discuss upper-division honors. Faculty members for the various upper-division honors seminars for the next year will present information on their seminars. Also on the agenda is time to discuss the senior honors project and begin brainstorming topics with fellow sophomores.

Senior Honors Projects

May 9 - 20

- Over 30 graduating honors seniors will be presenting their work. Topics ranging from neurogeneration to poetry, capturing the diverse interest of the Honors students. Presentation schedule will be available soon.

Honors Year End Picnic

Thursday, May 19 at 2:30 - 5 pm

Engineering/Health Center Lawn

- Join the University Honors Program as we gather to celebrate the end of another year. The afternoon includes a free BBQ, volleyball and other games, as well as prizes. There will be a short program at 4 pm to recognize graduates of the Honors Program, new Honors Faculty, and other important members of the honors community.

Honors Convocation

Friday, May 27 at 7 pm

Titan Pavilion

- A special event honoring award recipients, graduating President's Scholars, University Honors Program graduates, and summa cum laude honorees. Invitations to graduates will be sent out in April. Cap and gowns are required for participating honorees and faculty and staff.

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