A WORD FROM DEAN PAROLIN

Two events this week brought the value of the Honors College into focus for me: first, we brought UW Honors alum Hamid Khan to campus to give a public talk and to have lunch with Honors students. Hamid graduated in 1998 and since then has had a distinguished career in law, both in private practice and working for government agencies including the state department. He is an expert in Islamic law, teaching on it at the University of Michigan Law School (and also in the past in the Honors College). He regularly advises the U.S. government and other agencies about how Islamic law applies in various hotspots around the world and how it can be part of global peace-building. He was part of a team of legal scholars advising the king of Saudi Arabia on how Islamic law could best guide societies seeking to restore peace after periods of conflict. The last few weeks he has been part of intensive efforts to get American citizens and green-card holders out of Afghanistan after the U.S. departure and the Taliban’s return to power. In short, he is an impressive alum.

Talking to Honors students, Hamid got emotional reflecting on how UW and the Honors College shaped him and provided much of the "wind beneath his wings" over the years. He advised students that here at UW they can follow any interests and build any future they want. Despite the many difficult things that students have to do to complete their studies, he encouraged students to pursue their passions and also to challenge their received ideas by taking courses outside their narrow majors -- as he pointed out, life is not linear, and you never know when a course that didn’t seem directly related to you will come back to play a central role in your life. Hamid offered a great model for students of how to live a life of meaning.

The second event I did that reminded me of the value of Honors was a "Percolate with your Profs" meeting with five exceptional Honors students on Tuesday at 11 a.m. over at Turtle Rock. I had the privilege of sitting with Kailee Behunin, Nikita Gallegos, Quinn Newmark, Elsie Spomer, and Hazel Homer-Wambeam. We talked about a lot of things including their experiences and aspirations at UW. Meeting with this wonderful diverse group makes me think about all the ways they will eventually make a difference in the world just like Hamid is doing. He was in the exact same spot as all of you 25 years ago and now is doing great things in pursuit of a meaningful life. Preparing you for this meaningful life is why we open our doors every day in the Honors College.

That said, if you want to attend "Percolate with your Profs," we still have several more this semester. You can find the schedule and sign up for one or more sessions at this link -- next week's Percolate is with the wonderful Nina McConigley: sign up here.

Have a great weekend!
Peter
HONORS ALUM HAMID KHAN HAVING LUNCH WITH CURRENT UW HONORS STUDENTS ON SEPT. 29, 2021.

The Dean of Honors and students enjoying “percolate with your prof” at Turtle Rock this week. Starting at Peter Parolin and going right, Elsie Spomer, Nikita Gallegos, Quinn Newmark, Kailiee Behunin, Hazel Homer-Wambeam.
ON SEPT. 25, HONORS STUDENTS AND FACULTY WENT TO THE STANLEY MARKETPLACE IN DENVER TO SEE THE AMAZING DIGITAL VAN GOGH ALIVE EXHIBIT.

Have coffee with one of our stellar professors! Beverage of your choice and a snack. (paid for by Honors of course)

Hang out with your professor and some like-minded students

Mon. Oct. 4th, Nina McConigley at 11am at Turtle Rock Coffee

Wed. Oct. 13th, Hosanna Krienke at 10am at Turtle Rock

Spots are limited but there are still some left! Sign up here.
The Big Event is just around the corner and you’re invited! During the Big Event, University of Wyoming students, faculty, and staff volunteer with community members to say a big “thank you!” This year all projects will be outdoors and volunteers are discouraged from entering residences for the safety of our whole community. Common projects include raking leaves, washing windows, and other outdoor tasks. This event takes place on October 9th, 2021 from 10am to 1pm, with a celebration in Washington Park immediately after.

As this event approaches we would like to provide a quick guide to registering for the Big Event as part of a group. (Joining a group is not a requirement to participate in the Big Event – individual volunteers will be grouped together as they are assigned to sites). Group members will always be volunteering with other members of their group, but groups may be divided between multiple service sites to meet the needs of community members.

Here are the steps to register for the Big Event and create a group:

1. Register through uwyobigevent.com and confirm “I am participating in the Big Event.”
2. Complete your participant paperwork.
3. Under the Group options on the left side of the screen, select Create a Group.
4. Enter your group’s name and click “Create New Group.”
5. Share the 5-digit “token” with other group members. They must have this token to join your group.

Here are the steps to register for the Big Event and join a group:

1. Register through uwyobigevent.com and confirm “I am participating in the Big Event.”
2. Complete your profile and sign participation documents.
3. Under the Group options on the left side of the screen, select Join a Group.
4. Enter the 5-digit token provided by your group, then click “Join Group.”

Feel free to contact bigevent@uwyo.edu with any questions.
UPCOMING SOAR OPPORTUNITIES!

OCT 1 - 11:45 AM GUEST SPEAKER - DR. BRYAN WILLSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CSU ENERGY INSTITUTE

OCT 1 7 - 9 PM FALL 5X5 READING

OCT 5TH 5:30 PM DEMOCRACY LAB LAUNCH EVENT WITH DR. DANIELLE ALLEN

OCT 6, 2021, 4:30 PM FALL 2021 ETIQUETTE DINNER

OCT 7TH, 2:00 PM VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

LOG INTO YOUR SOAR ACCOUNT FOR MORE INFORMATION
Faculty, staff, students are cordially invited to attend... an author talk presented by former UW faculty member and author, Ann McCutchan, October 6th at 4pm.

Ann will be presenting “How I Got the Story: Composing the Life of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Author of The Yearling” and will be taking place in Coe Library, Room 506, with an option to view the event through Zoom.

If planning on using Zoom, please register using the following link. Also, this noted biographer will be teaching an honors course on biography in spring 2022 so, come check out her reading.

The Laramie Audubon Society invites the public to join us for our first Reading in the Park. This event, featuring Kate Northrop (Associate Professor in UW’s Creative Writing/MFA Program) and Nell Smith (UW graduate student pursuing an MFA with a dual degree in Creative Nonfiction and Environment and Natural Resources) reading nature-related selections from their work, will take place outdoors at the Washington Park Bandshell (corner of Sheridan and 18th Streets). Bring your own chair or blanket or plan to sit on the park benches. Light refreshments will be available following the program.
Want to help our forests recover from the 2020 Mullen Wildfire?

- Join the UWyo Honors College and USDA Forest Service for a volunteer service project planting native shrubs (also counts towards SOAR requirements)
- Thursday Oct 14 from 10am to 3pm
- Additional Details and a Registration Form are available at: https://forms.office.com/r/1M1HXUVPPD
- Questions? Contact Tom Grant (tgrant4@uwyo.edu)

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**UWYO HONORS CAPSTONE ON-LINE INFORMATION SESSION**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6 AT 12 NOON**

The Honors Capstone Co-Coordinators will be online to provide guidance for your Capstone projects and answer any questions. The Capstone project is a required part of the UW Honors Minor. Join us on Zoom for an informal overview of the Capstone program and requirements for completion.

**Topic: Honors Capstone - Zoom Info Session**
**Time: Oct 6, 2021 12:00 PM MDT**
**Meeting ID: 977 6719 5093**

https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/97767195093

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**THE DEMOCRACY LAB LAUNCH EVENT**

**WITH DANIELLE ALLEN**

MacArthur Fellow and the Director of the Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard Political Theorist, Public Intellectual, and Cultural Commentator

Co-sponsored by Wyoming Humanities Council; Honors College of Wyoming; UW Alumni Association; Associated Students of the University of Wyoming; School of Culture, Gender, and Social Justice; English, American Studies, Philosophy, and Religious Studies; School of Politics, Public Affairs & International Studies; University of Wyoming Libraries; UW Press; Sheridan College Center for a Vital Community

**OCT 5, 2021 5:30 PM ZOOM WEBINAR**
This event is free and open to the public. Register at www.uwyo.edu/humanities/
Second Grand Prize Drawing This Week for UW Students Who’ve Reported Vaccination

September 28, 2021 – A second University of Wyoming student who has reported being vaccinated for COVID-19 will win up to $4,500 in tuition and fees for the fall semester in a drawing this week.

Students who haven’t yet reported their vaccinations to the UW Student Health Service patient portal are encouraged to do so by the end of today (Tuesday) so they’ll be included in the prize drawing. The winning name will be drawn from the total pool of students who’ve submitted proof of complete vaccination to the patient portal. Students who’ve already reported to the portal are discouraged from doing so again, as it creates more work for the Student Health Service staff and doesn’t increase the chances of winning a prize.
Submission Deadline:
October 15, 2021

Where to Submit:
scribendi.unm.edu

Inquiries:
scribendi@unm.edu

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Poetry
Visual Art
Photography
Open Media
Short Fiction
Creative Nonfiction
Foreign Language

This is the Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council and they invite student submissions.

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First Year Honors Students Interest Survey

If this is your first year with the Honors College, please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey
(https://forms.office.com/r/bwctN2Wu).

In this survey, we want to learn more about you, your interests and goals as an Honors student so that we can help you be successful and make the most of your education at UNK.

Again, we want to hear from you! Your opinions matter!
Our Honors College food sharing pantry is open. If you're an Honors Student just come to the Honors College in the kitchen and take what you need!