I am writing this week’s message from the national Honors conference in Orlando, FL. As usual this conference is incredibly stimulating — Honors colleagues and students from around the country share good ideas from their programs and challenge each other on how to make Honors a better, more meaningful experience from everyone involved. This morning’s keynote was Thomas Riddle (how’s that for a Harry Potter name?) who does incredible work as a director at the Roper Mountain Science Center, an innovative center for experiential STEM learning. If you’re interested, have a look at what they offer: https://www.ropermountain.org

I’ll share more highlights from the conference next week. In the meantime, I hope you are all signing up for Spring Honors classes. We have an amazing bounty of classes, and we need you to sign up for them. Stay engaged with the Honors curriculum and continue to have wonderful learning experiences! If you have questions about any aspect of your Spring schedule, please don’t hesitate to reach out to our wonderful Honors advising team at honorsadvising@uwyo.edu
UPCOMING SOAR OPPORTUNITIES!

- **10/29 - 12 pm** Guest Speaker, Travis Deti, Executive Director, Wyoming Mining Association
- **10/29 - 7 pm** UW Planetarium Show - "James Webb Space Telescope w/ Dr. Daniel Dale"
- **10/30 - 11:30 am** Student Orgs Summit
- **10/30 - 2:00 pm** UW Planetarium Show - "Two Small Pieces of Glass"
- **11/03 - 12 pm** Check out this major: Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management
- **11/04 -** A Midsummer Night’s Dream and Invited Works (Dance)

LOG INTO YOUR SOAR ACCOUNT FOR MORE INFORMATION
Hello!

You are invited to join in for weekly writing productivity blocks. Whatever you are writing, this is a place to come make progress.

The writing blocks occur every Tuesday morning (7:45 - 9am) and every Thursday (4:30 to 6pm) through the last week of classes. Fall 2021 blocks will be in the pop-up board room on Level 1 of Coe Library (near Coe 116).

Come once, or come every week, or come when it fits your schedule. All you need to bring is something to write with and about.

The format is simple: 5-10 minutes of check-in time, one solid hour of writing time, and 5-10 minutes of wrap-up.

This time and space is for writers of all kinds who want to make progress on current projects. (Come work on your sci-fi novel. Or your organic chem lab report. Or your thesis about Shakespeare. Or your conference slide deck. Or that email that you've been putting off.)

Best,
Rick

This event is facilitated by the UW Communication Across the Curriculum program; contact Rick Fisher (rick.fisher@uwyo.edu) for questions. Please pass this invitation to friends, colleagues, and others who may appreciate this focused time for writing!
This Week in Colloquium
Each week during the fall semester we will feature one section of Colloquium I and the exciting and stimulating ideas they are exploring.

Colloquium I Section Spotlight: Hosanna Krienke
The Multiverse

To explore the edges of theoretical physics, Dr. Krienke's Colloquium section tried out the Universe Splitter app. This app aims to put into practice the Many Worlds Interpretation, a hypothesis that imagines each quantum interaction branches into a multiverse.

Here's how the app works: a user enters two possible choices into the app, which then contacts a quantum device. The device shoots out a photon that could take two possible paths. Of course, the latest physics research believes that the photon actually takes both paths, but ends up at only one destination upon measurement. Some experts theorize that the photon really ends up in both destinations, but within different universes. The app uses the photon's final location to decide among your choices. As the app explains, "Within seconds, Universe Splitter will report to you which of the two universes you're in, and by taking different actions in each, you will cause these otherwise identical universes to diverge."

The class used the app to play Simon Says, with each movement being chosen by the app. Overall, we used the app to make nine decisions, splitting the world into 512 separate universes. (If you felt a disturbance in the Force around 9 am on Monday, now you know why). Students were relieved that, most often, the app decided they simply take "two steps forward" rather than the more embarrassing actions of "somersault," "crab walk" or "grapevine" (though they did have to waltz in pairs at one point). For one day at least, it seemed the app proved we are in fact living in the best of all possible worlds.
HONORS COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Starting 11/1/21 Non Honors Students can enroll in our classes!

Check out our course listings here.

Honors College courses will open for enrollment to all University of Wyoming students who have completed the Core 2 and Core 2 requirements and have a GPA of 3.25 or approval from the instructor. Students can register during their registration period. Any inqest low can be sent to the Honors advising team at honorsadvising@uwyo.edu.

HONORS COLLEGE SENIOR SURVEY

Spotlighting our Seniors

If you are graduating this semester we would love to highlight you in our Fall 2021 Honors College Magazine. Please complete the survey at the link below to be featured. Share with us your experiences, goals for the future, and capstone projects to celebrate your wonderful accomplishments!

ASK THE HONORS COLLEGE

ASK THE DEAN FEATURE IN HONORS COLLEGE MAGAZINE

Do you have a question for Dean Parolin?

Please fill out the survey at the link below!

Your question may be featured in our upcoming Honors College Magazine along with a personalized response from our Dean!

HOW TO WRITE A PERSONAL STATEMENT FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

Join the UW Writing Center for a workshop on writing personal statements for graduate school applications. The first hour of the workshop will be instructional. The second hour of the workshop will give you time to work on your personal statement.

SEE YOU THERE!

- Thursday, November 4, Coe 121
  @ 5:00 pm
- November 13, Coe 125
  @ 5:30 pm (first 30 spots are reserved)

SIGN UP HERE OR EMAIL US AT WRITING@UWY.EDU

ASK THE HONORS COLLEGE MAGAZINE

LINK TO SURVEY

Student callout — Hybrid and Remote Learning research aides

MOTIVATION

Distance learning technologies bridged geographic barriers and allowed students from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, but our existing technology may not allow for the same level of human interaction that can be found through in-person classes. In hybrid courses, remote students lack access to valuable in-person and person-to-person learning and the capacity to engage in collaborative human-to-human learning, and this difference creates a gap.

Our research seeks to investigate an approach for assessing and evaluating student engagement, and creating an immersive remote and person-to-person learning environment.

SEEKING GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:

A. Undergraduate or graduate students interested or experienced in computing disciplines and/or technology including computer science, technology development, and social and emotional intelligence.

B. Undergraduate or graduate students interested in machine learning or neural networks.

Students will be compensated with a stipend of $250 or higher, dependent on skill level and possible credit for the student, depending on departmental budget. Work will be less than 20 hours per week for one semester, with the potential to continue for an additional semester.

CONTACT

Please contact Any Bean (beanaf@uwyo.edu) and Patrick O'Keefe (okeefe@uwyo.edu) for more information.

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Deadline 11/18/2021
HONORS COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 3 of the Campus Weeks events on the topic "1,700 Years of Jewish Life in German-Speaking Countries" will be 7-12 November. We need volunteers, in particular for the participatory art installation on Prexy's Pasture.

From now until 13 December: Coe Library, 3rd Floor Hallway to Special Collections, Poster Exhibits "1,700 Years of Jewish Life in German Speaking Lands" and "Crimes Uncovered. The First Generation of Holocaust Researchers"

- Saturday, 6 November, 9-12: Build wooden walls at Dr. Steele’s, 802 S. 12th Street, there will be refreshments
- Sunday, 7 November, 2-4pm: Set up walls on Prexys
- Sunday, 7 November 5-6:30pm: BCPA, Expert Talk on Jewish-German Music with live musical performances
- Monday-Friday, 8-12 November, Infinity Mirrors on Prexy's Pasture
- Monday, 8 November, 10-12: Be at the art installation, explain project, help people participate in art, take pictures, hand out swag from the German Embassy
- Tuesday, 9 November, 10-12: Be at the art installation, explain project, help people participate in art, take pictures, hand out swag from the German Embassy
- Wednesday, 10 November, 10-12: Be at the art installation, explain project, help people participate in art, take pictures, hand out swag from the German Embassy
- Thursday, 11 November, 10-12: Be at the art installation, explain project, help people participate in art, take pictures, hand out swag from the German Embassy
- Thursday, 11 November, 6:30-7:30pm, CLR 314, Set up food and hand out swag from the German Embassy
- Thursday, 11 November, 7:30-8:30pm, CLR 314, Film "Masel Tov Cocktail"
- Friday, 12 November, 10-12hr: Be at the art installation, explain project, help people participate in art, take pictures, hand out swag from the German Embassy
- Friday, 12 November, 5-6pm, Prexys, take down art installation

If you can help, please send me an email rsteele4@uwyo.edu with the times you can help. If you would like to help with the art installation outside of 10-12, please let me know, what times work for you.

Vielen Dank und viele Grüße Dr. Steele
November 2021 is National Native American Heritage Month! On behalf of Keepers of the Fire student organization, and the Native American Education, Research, & Cultural Center (NAERCC) we invite YOU!

On November 4th, 6:00pm @ A&S Auditorium

Please join us for a special film screening of Home From School; The Children of Carlisle, a documentary about a band of Northern Arapaho tribal elders and youth journeys from the Wind River Reservation to Pennsylvania in 2017 to retrieve the bodies of three children buried at Carlisle Indian boarding school over a century ago. They battle the U.S. Army bureaucracy, white community indifference, and their own dark chapter in American history, in a triumphant quest to bring the boys from and heal historic wounds.

We encourage that you wear orange in solidarity of the children that were stolen and lost to the boarding schools.

Following the film there will be a panel with the makers of the documentary, Yufna Soldier Wolf (Northern Arapaho), Jordan Dresser (Northern Arapaho), Sophie Barksdale, Juwan Willow (Northern Arapaho), and after the film there will be a reception held at the NAERCC (10th & Ivinson) for those who would like dinner and refreshments.
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- MON 11/8 - 10 AM ERIC KRZYZANIEK @ TURTLE ROCK

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