



Saludos to our UHP Alumni and Friends of Honors. It's been fun catching up with those of you on Facebook. Greg and Leslie Molecki have a photo up of their two children—one wasn't born until after the Alumni Homecoming event. Irvin Harrison, completing his Ph.D. in San Diego, has a series of interesting photos after a vacation with Travis's family. Sue Vorenberg has several photos of herself, including one where she's being swallowed by a dinosaur! David Pacheco is having a trying time with his Cleaners. Jenny Mason took the Shakespeare quiz and found out she was secretly Cressida, while Stephanie Martin is Ophelia. I hope more of you consider joining Facebook—see below for directions.

I'm sure you've read about the controversy at UNM. The faculty held a meeting and voted with a resounding majority a vote of no-confidence for President David Schmidly, Regent Jamie Koch, and VP for Finance, David Harris. The faculty concerns have to do with the proliferation of upper administration positions at high salaries and the deterioration of academic mission, including the loss of faculty positions. The State provides about one-third of the funding for the University, with the remainder coming from tuition and from overhead charged to grants written by the faculty. Given this situation, faculty members believe they should have input into some of the financial decisions that are made at the University and, at the very least, be informed of what's going on. Regent Jamie Koch has stepped down as President of the Regents, President Schmidly is working to strengthen communications, and David Harris is working to do the audit requested by the faculty. We are hopeful that governance and the academic mission of the university will be better.



Students and faculty gather around the monument to Charles Darwin during their field study in Argentina.

Some of the Honors students experienced another exciting and adventurous time with our "From the Rockies to the Andes" program. Dr. Celia López-Chávez and Dr. Ursula Shepherd took the students to Argentina over Spring Break. The program explores the human impact in arid zones of the New World, comparing New Mexico and Argentina, which happen to have the same north and south latitudes. The students also do a biogeographic comparison of the two areas. Since it was the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin (February 12, 2009), the students explored his connections with Mendoza and other areas of Argentina. They visited one area near the Chilean border that he mentions in his writings.



Students enjoy the view at Aconcagua National Park during their stay in Argentina.

Other interesting courses offered this semester include "Never Again, and Again, and Again", taught by Dr. Diane Rawls and student-teacher, Molly Maguire-Marshall. The course examines several examples of genocide since the Holocaust. Carlee Ashley's course "Nanotechnology" looks at nano materials and processes (100,000 times smaller than the diameter of a human hair) and how nanotechnology is changing our world, as well as the ethical, economic, and cultural impacts it has. Some of the technology studied includes implantable radio frequency identification (RFID) chips, anti-bacterial socks and band-aids, and stain-resistant clothing.

"The Science of the Simpsons", taught by Eric Carnes and Adam Wise, is about how science and technology are used and viewed in popular culture. The students explore topics as varied as nuclear fission ("Homer goes to College") and sex-linked genetic disorders ("Lisa the Simpson"). "Seasons of Symphony" is being taught by Chris Shultis, a Regents' Professor of Music. The course provides students the opportunity to learn about the symphony orchestra, attend several concerts, and study the lives of those composers. In addition, the course also explores the role of art, in this case a Symphony Orchestra, in the community. "The Art of Visual Literacy", taught by professional artist Regina Araujo Corritore, is a course that helps students understand the images that surround us by dissecting the historic goal of visual propaganda in current and earlier cultures.

This summer (2009) we are planning to offer our *Conexiones* Program in Spain. Margo Chávez-Charles will be directing this stimulating culture and language program. The home base will again be Trujillo, Spain, but students will travel to various other sites, including Madrid, Salamanca, Guadalupe, and Caceres. We already have a large group of students who have expressed interest. Michael Thomas will be teaching "Writing in Place," structured to function as a professional-level writing workshop that features a day-long retreat, intensive classroom sessions, and several class meetings at field locations. Leslie Donovan will be teaching a course on "The Lord of the Rings in Book and Film." J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* has become not only one of the most popular texts, but also the source for some of the most successful films ever made. In addition to close examination of the texts and films themselves, students will also consider critical interpretations of these works by academic critics, Tolkien fans, and film reviewers, in order to acquire a broader, more informed appreciation of these related masterpieces.

Thanks to those of you who keep in touch once-in-a-while, E-mail being the fastest vehicle. But now you can join Facebook. Go to our website at <http://honors.unm.edu/alumni/> Under that tab, you will find the map for joining. We would love to hear from all of you.

**Rosalie C. Otero, Ph.D.**

# In Memoriam

## Robert O. Evans



Dr. Evans passed away on December 1, 2008 at the age of 89 in Lexington, Kentucky where he had been living since retiring in 1985. Dr. Evans served as the Director of the UNM Honors Program between 1980 and 1985. He was a professor of English and director of the University of Kentucky Honors Program prior to coming to UNM.

He served in World War II as a cryptologist in the U.S. Army Intelligence service and received a unit citation for

meritorious performance. He was married to Margery Brooke Evans of Holland.

Dr. Evans received a Ph.D. in English from the University of Florida and did post-doctoral work at Harvard University and at Heidelberg University in Germany. He was a Professor of English at the University of Kentucky from 1954 to 1980. He was a visiting professor at UCLA, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the University of a Fulbright Professor that University of Helsinki in Finland.

He was the author of several books, including works on Shakespeare, Milton, Graham Greene, and William Golding. He also published over 50 scholarly articles and reviews on a variety of subjects including Classical Greek language and literature, and was a major contributor to the *Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics*.

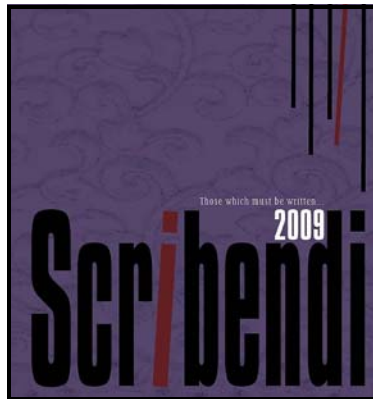
## INDEX

The Honors Program has instituted the IDEX, Idea Exchange, a brown bag hosted every Friday in the UHP Forum. These get-togethers promote life-long learners and a way to promote community. Everyone is welcome! Students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to bring their lunch to the forum to enjoy great conversations stimulated, mediated, and navigated by different folks. There are perhaps alums who would be interested in leading an IDEX session. Let us know. So far this semester, Chris Holden led a conversation about "RSS: Newspapers of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;" Diane Rawls presented "How to Win the Big Ones: Applying for Scholarships and Fellowships;" and Leslie Donovan talked about "Confessions of a UHP Blogger." Still to come are Ron Reichel and Frank Kelly presenting "Performance and Persona;" Mike Thomas will speak on "The Financial Crisis and You: What the Meltdown Means for College Students;" Ed DeSantis will talk about "International Student Experiences;" and Rosalie Otero will discuss "What It Means to Be An Honors Student."

## Scribendi 2009

The 2009 edition of *Scribendi* will feature 36 works by 29 undergraduate writers and artists representing 14 schools in the western U.S. This 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of our publication will be available in mid-April 2009. This year, *Scribendi* received 350 total submissions from 134 students in 32 universities or colleges in the 13-state western region of the U.S. While space and budget limitations made it impossible for the staff to publish all of the fine works we received, they worked hard to make the final selections representative of the diversity and high quality of works produced by Honors students in the western region.

Through a blind jury process, judges at the University of Wyoming selected works by two UHP students for Western Regional Honors Council (WRHC) awards. These awards went to Bill Hutchison for his creative nonfiction piece "Outland & Periphery: A Love Story" and Ben Riggs for his poem "Still Life, With Obstruction." Bill is a junior, pursuing a double major in



English and Philosophy, and Ben is a graduating senior, with a Media Arts major and Biology and Psychology minors. These students received a \$250 award from the WRHC.

Contributors celebrated the preliminary debut of the 2009 edition of *Scribendi* with staff members at the Conference in Spokane, Washington, on March 5-7, 2009. While the conference was too early

this year for copies of the magazine to be available, the staff hosted a reception that featured works by contributors published in the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition

**Our local Opening Reception will be Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the University Honors Program Forum** (ground floor of the Student Health Center Building) on the UNM campus. Contributors, family, and friends are cordially invited to help us celebrate the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of our publication. Copies of the magazine will be available for a suggested donation of \$10-15.

*Scribendi* also now has a Facebook page and a Paypal account through which previous issues may be purchased or donations made. Visit our website at [Scribendi.unm.edu](http://Scribendi.unm.edu) for news about what's happening at *Scribendi*, as well as archives of past editions.

## Information Updates

Please also update your personal information with the UNM Alumni Association by going to their Website at <http://www.unmalumni.com/index.asp> or by calling them at 505-277-5808. This will ensure that you do not miss any important mailings.

## Personal Details

**Sarah Atlee** (2001) had a gallery showing of her paintings in Oklahoma City in January.

**Astrid Winegar** (2002) completed a Master's degree in Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies at UNM in December 2008.

**Martha Gutierrez** (2008) was accepted to the UNM School of Medicine.

**Demian (Perry) Vargas** (1995) met her husband Ray in her first honors class with Dr. Luis Lopez. She completed a Master's degree in Communications Disorder and is currently working for Cubist Pharmaceuticals. Ray is an attorney with his own practice.

**Stephanie Grijalva** (1999) is an art teacher in Phoenix, AZ. She is returning to graduate studies in English at Northern Arizona University.

**Tina Nguyen** (2002) is an Air Force physician living in Fairfield, California. She completed her medical degree in 2007.

**Winter Torres** (1999) is working for the large law firm Holland & Hart.

**Amanda Herman** (1999) After several years of travel, doing photo documentaries and teaching photography classes, she returned to school at the California College of the Arts—one of eight students to start in their new Social Practices program. After she graduated, she received a post-graduate fellowship to the Valand School of Fine Arts in Gothenburg, Sweden. She has since been hired by CCA in San Francisco.

**David Pacheco** (2000) is an attorney in Boulder, Colorado. He does sexual harassment and protected class discrimination investigations for the University of Colorado.

**Karla Esquivel** (1996) owns and manages the boutique "Andaluz" in Seattle.

**Megan Sept** (2002) completed a Master's of Fine Arts in Creative Writing at Emerson University. She's working as an Assistant Director of Student Life at the San Francisco Art Institute.

**Beth Jergensen Ott** (2000) is currently working as an assistant editor but plans to go back to school in order to become a Labor and Delivery Nurse. She has three children.

**Diane Garst** (2002) has been working as a research coordinator in a project with the Veterans' Administration. She was recently hired as a clinical faculty member at the University of Texas in Dallas.

**Lisa Lavadie** (2000) is completing her second year of family medicine residency in Iowa. She has a son, Joaquin Sebastian 9 months old.

**Armando Lamadrid** (2004) completed a Master's degree in Resources Studies in 2008 at the University of Bergen, Norway and is working as Chief Investigator on the impacts of global warming on communities (Nepal, Peru), depending on glacial water.

**Dan McKay** (1999) is a feature reporter for the *Albuquerque Journal*.

Let us know what you have been up to since graduating from the UHP

## 2009 WRHC Conference: Pathways to Prevention, Sustainability, and Renewal



The Western Regional Honors Council conference was held in Spokane, Washington March 5-7. Many of you who have attended WRHC conferences understand the great experience of interacting with Honors students from many other universities and from presenting papers to a wide Honors audience. Since the conference was so early, *Scribendi* was not yet published, but the staff who attended the conference managed to have a wonderful *Scribendi* reception.

They presented a slide show and some of the students who were published read their work. Bryan Schroeder presented a session on "*Scribendi* Magazine on the Web: An Analysis of Literary Magazine Web Site Effectiveness and Legal Issues." Bevin Ehn, Tiffany Montoya, Robby Ortiz, and Bryan Schroeder presented a session on "A Day (Year) in the Life of a *Scribendi* Staff Member: Want to Know What it Takes?" Funds from the Katherine Simons and from the John Morrison Endowments supported travel to the conference.



## Our Home on the Web



Check out the Honors Program Home Page on the World Wide Web. The Page is home to information about the Honors Program, lists our faculty, seminars, happenings, and offers visitors a means to leave messages or ask further questions.

Go to <http://www.unm.edu/~honors>, or access our page through the UNM address at <http://www.unm.edu>. You can always reach the Director by e-mail at [otero@unm.edu](mailto:otero@unm.edu).

Also, don't forget to join Facebook so that you can stay in touch with old friends. Go to our website at <http://honors.unm.edu-alumni/>.



*Lisa Lavadie (2000) with her son Joaquin Sebastian at age 3 months*



*Zach Watkins (2007) enjoys a Christmas market with friends in Dortmund, Germany while he is teaching there on a Fulbright Scholarship .*



*Graduating with Honors can lead to very unusual careers. Here, Megan Fitzpatrick (2008) is showing her stuff as a giant burrito!!*



*Eva Angeli (2004) enjoys the French countryside during a visit with another UHP grad, Claire Craig.*



*Diane Garst (2002)*



*Glory Emmanuel (2008) visits one of her favorite places, the Taj Mahal in India.*

***UHP Alumni  
All Over the World***



*Greg Molecke (1999) takes care of the kids .....*



*while his wife, Lesley (1999) relaxes on the sofa. UHP women really know how to delegate work!!*



*Mario Herrera (2005) is currently teaching and serving as the Debate Coach at the Henry W. Grady High School in Atlanta, GA*



*Brian Cosby (1999) reads to his son Liam, grooming a new generation of Honors students.*



*James "Trey" Smith (2005) takes a joyous walk with his bride at their 2008 wedding*

## Our Newest UHP Alumni December 2008 Graduates

Name	Major/Minor	High School
Colin Almo	History/German	Gallup High School
Crystal Armijo	Psychology/Criminology	Rio Grande High School
Alicia Barnes	Anthropology/Medieval Studies	Knoch High School, PA
Amber Cannon	Anthropology & Religious Studies	Johnson High School, MN
Simon Cordero	English	Rio Rancho High School
Nathan Dautenhahn	Computer Engineering	Moriarty High School
Emily Finsterwald	University Studies	Tappan Zee High School, NY
Lori Gallegos de Castillo	Philosophy and Foreign Languages	Manzano High School
Gabriela Gomez	Anthropology and Spanish	St. Pius High School
Tracy Hollingworth-Francisco	Psychology & Biology	John Bunyan HS, England
Reggie Hudson	Electrical Engineering	Manzano High School
Phuong-Dung Le	Biology and Spanish	Albuquerque Academy
Amanda May	Psychology	St. Pius High School
Kimberly Montoya	Business Administration	Cibola High School
Phuong Giang Nguyen	Biology/Psychology	Menaul High School
Amber Plank	International Business	Cibola High School
Antoinette Stroh	Biology/Studio Art	Moriarty High School
Evan Vincent	Latin American Studies and Spanish	Cibola High School
Kelli Wisler	Philosophy and Pre-Law	St. Pius High School

The average GPA of the graduating seniors was 3.82. Six students graduated with a *Distinction in International Studies*\*.

\* The International Distinction is awarded to graduating seniors who have completed 21 credit hours in international Education and language study.

# Lectures

The Honors Program continues to offer a variety of interesting lectures to its students and to the public. The fall seminar, *Destination Albuquerque*, taught by Margo Chávez-Charles and student teacher Wesley Morton, brought a number of interesting speakers to our students. V.B. Price made several visits to speak on the Albuquerque aquifer, UNM architecture, and the future of Albuquerque. Dr. Enrique Lamadrid led a field excursion to the East Mountains and to the Tijeras Pueblo.

Mark Rudd spoke on the history of Albuquerque and led a downtown walking tour. Terry Gugliotta and Van Dorn Hooker spoke on the Archives and Architecture at UNM.

The class visited the home of Rudolfo Anaya, author of *Albuquerque*. Dr. Eliseo Torres spoke on Curanderismo. Sylvia Rodriguez and Larry Miller spoke on water and land grant issues, and Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chávez spoke "Past, Present, Potential...Albuquerque".

The class also hosted two panel discussions on issues facing Albuquerque and on Albuquerque's artistic sub-cultures, and they took a 2-day field excursion in Albuquerque.

Also in October, New Zealand Chief Justice Dame Sian Elias presented a lecture on international law and justice entitled "First Peoples and Human Rights: A South Seas Perspective." The lecture explored why addressing indigenous claims and interests continues to challenge legal systems in which first peoples are a minority and allowed UHP students a once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet one of New Zealand's political pioneers.

November was also a busy month for lectures. Honors alum Meghan Morris (2001), who received a Master's of International Work with Refugee Studies from the University of East London and is an M.S.W./Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Berkeley, presented a case study entitled "Giving What You've Got to Give," on professionals working for socioeconomic development in Rwanda.

The UHP also hosted a special presentation by the New Mexico Securities Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department entitled "Raise Your Money IQ", which was intended to provide students with basic information

of the working of financial markets and the fundamental principles of credit and investing, in order to avoid the risk of fraud and allow them to recognize appropriate investment opportunities for achieving financial security.

Also in November, the UHP co-sponsored a lecture by Derick Wilson, Assistant Director of the University of Ulster's UNESCO Centre for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy and Commissioner of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland. The informal talk discussed Northern Ireland After the Peace Accords.

In January, Margy O'Brien spoke to the seminar "From the Rockies to the Andes". A natural history artist, Margy spoke to and worked with the class on drawing for their field journals.

In February, UHP student Max Roberts-Zirker presented a lecture entitled "Escape Flatland!", which was based on information he had learned at an Edward Tufte workshop in Albuquerque about informative presenting of information. Since we live in a multi-dimensional universe, why do we try to analyze it through pie charts and Power Point presentations? Why do we let a company like Microsoft determine how we communicate? Max showed students how to present their thoughts in an organized manner, what types of diagrams work well, when to use—or not use—Power Point, and how to use and design powerful handouts.

Bruce Noll, Lecturer in UNM's Educational Leadership and Organizational Learning Department, presented an evening of Walt Whitman's poetry entitled "Pure Grass" in April. Consisting entirely of excerpts from Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," Dr. Noll weaves together the poets words and themes, string always through vivid oral interpretation to bring this highly influential work of literature to life. Dr. Noll has presented this lecture in 26 states, China, Iceland, and Korea, and he donated all proceeds from this event to the *Scribendi Magazine* project.

In April, the UHP co-sponsored a public lecture by Verlyn Flieger (Department of English/University of Virginia) entitled "When is a Fairy

Story a Faërie Story," which was organized by UNM's Hobbit Society and held in the Honors Forum. Dr. Flieger also had an informal conversation with Honors students in the Forum the next day.

The UHP also continues to co-sponsor the Sigma Xi public lecture series each year. This semester, these lectures have included "Frankenstein: How Physics, Literature, and Theatre Led to a Scientific Success," by Emily Tobey, Professor of the University of Texas, Dallas; "How Did Petroleum Source Rocks Accumulate?" by Philip A. Meyers, Professor Emeritus in the Marine Geology and Geochemistry Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and "Trends in Solar Energy and Solar Photovoltaics," presented by Betty Prince, CEO of New Energy Strategies International.



## Leslie Donovan Named Advisor of the Year

Congratulations to Dr. Leslie Donovan, who received the First Advisor of the Year Award that was presented by the Student Activities Office for her work with the *Scribendi Magazine* project.

Dr. Donovan has been a full-time faculty member in Honors since 1996, and she and the *Scribendi* staff continue to produce a first-class publication each year. All of us here are eagerly awaiting the 2009 edition.

## Thank You!

A big heartfelt thank-you to the following alumni and friends of Honors who have contributed to existing UHP funds or special projects since our last newsletter:

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## UHP Students Win 2009 Goldwater Scholarships

Congratulations are in order to UHP students, Anna Vestling and Jessica Martin, who were recently awarded prestigious Goldwater Scholarships and to Abdullah Feroze, who received Honorable Mention. The Scholarship is awarded to about 300 college sophomores and juniors nationwide and awardees receive a maximum of \$7500 per academic year (for their senior year, or junior and senior years). In addition, since at least 2006, about 150 exceptional applicants not awarded the Scholarship have been recognized with official Honorable Mentions.

Anna Vestling is a dual American and Swedish citizen who grew up in Socorro and has lived in Sweden, New Zealand,



and on a houseboat in France. Anna is a Regents' Scholar who will graduate in 2010 with a B.S. in Biochemistry with minors in Flamenco and Psychology. She will graduate with University Honors and Departmental Honors, and she plans to pursue an M.D./Ph.D. degree. She would also like to study flamenco in Spain.

Jessica Martin grew up in Los Alamos and is a senior majoring in Biology. She has participated in the UHP's *Biodiversity in Australia* Program, the *Conexiones*



*México* Program, and in *From the Rockies to the Andes*, which includes field study in Argentina. She is currently the Student Teacher in *From the Rockies to the Andes*. She is completing her second term as an ASUNM senator and plays the cello in the UNM Symphony and in an acoustic folk band, the Rocinante Project. Jes plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Ecology.

Abdullah Feroze is a junior majoring in Biology. After graduation, he plans to complete an M.D./Ph.D. degree and become a neurosurgeon. Abdullah is an ASUNM senator and a member of the American Medical Student Association.



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*Pitching the class at the Spring 2008 Preview Night*



*Frank Kelly joins the group for a photo.*



*Visiting Rudolfo Anaya at his Albuquerque home*

*Pictures from the Seminar  
Destination: Albuquerque*



*Guest Speaker "Cheo" Torres talks to the group about Curandismo.*



*Class participants with Mark Rudd on a walking tour of Albuquerque*



*Gathering outside of the Frontier Restaurant, a favorite student hangout*