

CALHOUN HONORS COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Calhoun Honors College News

A Message from the Director, Dr. Lasser

Interested in getting away? This week's newsletter is filled with study abroad and other travel opportunities including competitions for the Fulbright Scholarship, our new fund for student travel to professional conferences, and a Spring Break trip to Egypt, led by Dr. Peter Cohen, Department of Philosophy and Religion.

Traveling or studying away from Clemson—especially abroad—is a fabulous way to expand your cultural and intellectual horizons, and to learn more about other countries and other people. Ultimately, it's also a great way to learn about yourself and our own country.

Stay tuned for more travel opportunities to be advertised in the weeks head.



Bon voyage.

Plan on Taking the GRE, MCAT, LSAT, DAT, OAT OR PCAT?

AED is conducting the fall Kaplan Test Drive. **You will have the opportunity to take a practice GRE, MCAT, LSAT, DAT, OAT, or PCAT—8am on Saturday, September 12 in Daniel 100B.** All tests are free and registration is now available at kaptest.com.

Just choose your desired test, click “find a program near you” enter your zip code and view free events. You will be able to register for the test from this point. **Registration will close midnight TONIGHT, Thursday, September 10.** A \$5 donation will be accepted at the beginning of the event. Checks can be made out to AED and the proceeds will go to support the Clemson Free Health Clinic. You are highly encouraged to take these tests if you plan on taking an official one in the future so that you can become familiar with the content, organization, and time restrictions of each test. The Kaplan Test Drive is the most informal and inexpensive way for you to obtain a realistic and proctored exam.

Approximate test times:

MCAT and LSAT- 3 hours and 30 minutes

DAT and OAT- 3 hours and 30 minutes

PCAT and GRE- 2 hours

ADVISING TIP OF THE WEEK

Be sure to take the time to visit with your professors during their office hours, especially if you have questions or concerns about the class.

ARE YOU PLANNING TO APPLY FOR A FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP?

Are you planning to apply for a [Fulbright](#) this fall? The deadline to submit an application for endorsement will be **September 21**. Contact [Dr. Stephen Waincott](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

Honors College News Discussion Group

The first topic of discussion will be **health-care reform**. The meeting is this afternoon at **3:30pm**, in **Holmes Hall Basement**. All honors students should now have access to the basement. Email [Nikesh Patel](#) if you have any questions.

Come and share your thoughts.



Honors College

Conference Travel Funds

The Honors College is happy to announce the creation of **Conference Travel Funds** (CTF). The CTF is intended to provide financial support to students in the Calhoun Honors College planning to attend conferences related to their academic interests. Visit the website for eligibility requirements, approved expenses, and the application form. Please be aware the Honors College has limited funds and may not be able to fund all requests.



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP WORKSHOPS

If you are planning to apply for the NSFGRF this fall, you should plan to attend a series of workshops that will help you draft a competitive application. **The workshops will be held on September 17, October 8, and October 22. All workshops will be from 7:00-8:30pm in B03 Holtzendorff.** For more information about the [NSFGRF](#) please visit the website.



**Clemson vs.
Georgia Tech
September 10
7:30pm**

ESPN

[Espn360.com](#)

GO TIGERS !!



Other News

Opportunity to Work with Clemson Ethics Bowl Team

Do you like public policy debate? Or enjoy discussing philosophical issues?

The Clemson University Ethics Bowl team is looking for a couple of students to work as team assistants with our team members this semester and enroll in a 1-credit Creative Inquiry course along with it. Here are some details:

- The work will all take place between late September and mid-November.
- The assistants will pair up with a team member and develop arguments (in outline form) for several ethics "cases" (one page ethically problematic narratives) that take the opposite position that the team member does. They will then meet with the team member and ask tough critical questions, and debate with them a bit. They will also post their objections to the team member's position to a web site.
- The team as a whole will meet on five Friday afternoons (beginning this Friday) from about 3:00 to 4:30pm. Assistants who are unavailable at that time can probably meet late Monday afternoon instead. Assistants will also meet independently for about an hour (at a time of their choosing) with one team member 5-6 other times.
- Familiarity with basic philosophical theories (utilitarianism, etc.) is a plus, but not necessary.

The work will not be taxing, but it is very important that the assistants enjoy philosophical discussion and debate, and are conscientious and committed to helping team members improve their arguments.

If interested please contact me right away .

[Charlie Starkey](#)

Coach, 2009-2010 Clemson University Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team.

Feel free to ask me any questions even if you aren't sure you are interested.

Spring Break 2010 in EGYPT, Anyone?

Dr. Cohen, from Philosophy and Religion, will be leading his Third Annual Spring Break Trip to Egypt this coming March 2010.

For those interested, check out the attached poster and/or contact [Dr. Cohen](#) directly.

Harvard Public Policy and Leadership Conference

Tenth Annual Harvard Public Policy and Leadership Conference (PPLC). The Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University is pleased to announce the conference. PPLC is for first and second year undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing careers in public service. **Conference eligibility is limited to college freshman and sophomores who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.** Conference dates are February 18-21, 2010 at the Harvard Kennedy School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The intensive three days of workshops, panels and lectures is designed for students who possess a commitment to public service, particularly those from historically under-served communities and people of color. Conference participants will learn about:

- Careers in public service
- Domestic and international policy issues
- Fellowship programs
- Summer public policy and international affairs institutes
- Graduate schools that offer programs in public policy
- Student life

Once accepted, conference participants will receive free travel and room and board. **The [application](#) for the PPLC is due November 20, 2009.** For more information, please see the attached flyer.