DHC News for the week of February 6, 2012

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**Events and Deadlines THIS WEEK**

- **Monday (2/6)**
  - The President’s Lecture Series: Ussama S. Makdisi on “The Origins of Sectarianism in the Modern Middle East”—February 6, 3:10-4:40 p.m., GBB 123 and 8:00 p.m., University Theatre

- **Thursday (2/9)**
  - 14th Annual Student Leadership Conference, “The Many Faces of Leadership”—proposals due by noon

- **Friday (2/10)**
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  - **NEW ITEM!** Service Saturdays: Renovating and Painting at Mountain Home—RSVP due

**Upcoming and Ongoing Events**

- **NEW ITEM!** Honors Student Association Announcements—meeting February 10, 3:00 p.m., DHC 117
- **NEW ITEM!** 10th Annual Conference on Undergraduate Research (UMCUR)—online submission deadline March 1
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- Calgary, Alberta Service Trip—contact John Lund right away!
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The President’s Lecture Series: Ussama S. Makdisi on “The Origins of Sectarianism in the Modern Middle East”

Monday, February 6, 2012
3:10-4:30 p.m.
Gallagher Business Building 123
You are cordially invited to attend a seminar with Ussama S. Makdisi, the first holder of the Arab-American Educational Foundation Chair of Arab Studies at Rice University. A 1997 graduate of the history Ph.D. program at Princeton University, he rapidly established himself as a leading scholar of the Ottoman Empire, the Arab World in the Twentieth Century, and Islam and the West. The Carnegie Corporation named him a 2009 Carnegie Scholar as part of its effort to promote original scholarship about Muslim societies and communities, both in the United States and abroad.

In addition, Professor Makdisi will deliver the Ezio Cappadocia Memorial Lecture on Politics and History: “America and the Arab Struggle for Self-Determination,” at 8:00 p.m. in the University Theatre.

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14th Annual Student Leadership Conference, “The Many Faces of Leadership”

UM students are invited to submit an individual or group proposal for a presentation at the annual Student Leadership Conference to be held in the University Center on Saturday, February 25. Your proposal should address one (or more) of the following leadership themes:

- **Foundations**: basic leadership skills such as personal and professional time management and how to run a student group or committee meeting.
- **Leading from the Core**: focuses on individual diversity and how to strengthen personal leadership styles by exploring that diversity; students improve their ability to recognize personal and professional values and challenges, as well as learn to learn from them.
- **Leadership in Groups**: emphasizes collective activity; participants will learn about conflict management, collaboration, and the effective distribution of responsibilities.
- **Empowered Leadership**: invites participants to discuss the larger issues associated with leadership; focus is on the broader challenges, opportunities, and resources needed to be an effective leader in the global community.

Please submit your proposals here by noon on Thursday, February 9: [http://itoselect.ito.umt.edu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m6K13p7L](http://itoselect.ito.umt.edu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m6K13p7L). We will contact you Monday, February 13, by 5:00 p.m. to let you know whether your proposal has been selected. If you have any questions regarding the proposal submission process or the conference, please contact Maureen Ward at (406)243-5527 or Maureen.ward@umontana.edu. All presenters are welcome to join us for the keynotes in the morning and/or afternoon and for lunch (on us!). Our keynote speaker is Jimmy Moore; check out his website: [www.achievemoore.com](http://www.achievemoore.com).

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**Teach For America**

In America, zip code determines one’s life outcomes. Kids growing up in poverty are more likely to call a prison bed home than their college dorm room. The color of a child’s skin nor the size of a child’s parents paycheck should not determine
his or her destiny. Teach For America is your opportunity to have a direct impact on the lives of hundreds of students and families to change this fact. Application requirements simply:

- Resume
- 500 word Letter of Intent
- No letters of recommendation required

Teach For America’s FINAL application deadline is Friday, February 10. – Click here to view the application: https://www.teachforamerica.org/online/info/index.jsp

See the impact you can have here:

- http://www.youtube.com/user/teachforamerica
- http://www.teachforamerica.org/now/
- http://voices2.teachforamerica.org/

The Basics of Teach For America:

- Teach For America Corps Members are full-time teachers in a classroom
- All academic majors and backgrounds accepted (background in education/teacher certification is not required)
- Salary ranging from $35,000-$51,000 a year with health insurance and retirement benefits
- AmeriCorps Education award of $10,700
- Loan forbearance and paid interest for two years
- Regional placement is not random; applicant’s preference location in our 43 regions
- All subjects and grade levels including Pre-K, ELL, SpEd, and the Arts
- Option to receive your certification and/or Masters in Teaching
- Graduate school and employer partnerships for alums to continue their societal impact

To learn more about our organizations, visit www.teachforamerica.org or contact Justin Yan (jyan@teachforamerica.org)

Service Saturdays: Renovating and Painting at Mountain Home
Saturday, February 18, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
10 Volunteers
Mountain Home is a non-profit that provides support for homeless and young mothers. They are in the process of renovating and tidying up their space and would love some help in doing so. Volunteers should come prepared to help with renovations and painting. Work clothes are a must. We will coordinate transportation once individuals have signed up. If you are interested, please RSVP to shanna1.ungate@umontana.edu by February 10.

Honors Student Association Announcements
The Honors Student Association is looking for a new officer! We are looking for someone motivated who is interested in becoming more involved this semester. Some of our upcoming events include Undergraduate Research Night and presentations from students who have recently done internships abroad. If you are interested, please contact Laure at laure.pengellydrake@umontana.edu.
This semester, HSA’s weekly meetings will be open to all students. Please come share your ideas and help us create an honors community! The first meeting will be Friday, February 10, at 3:00 p.m. in DHC 117.

11th Annual UM Conference on Undergraduate Research (UMCUR)

All UM undergraduates are invited to submit a proposal to the UM Conference on Undergraduate Research (UMCUR), which will take place in the University Center on Friday, April 13, 2012. Over $700 in awards will be given to the top student poster and oral presentation in each subject area. Please consider submitting a proposal to present your research or creative scholarship! Presentations are welcome in all disciplines. We will offer training sessions designed to help interested students prepare their posters or oral presentations prior to the conference. For information about the conference, please visit the Undergraduate Research website, http://www.dhc.umt.edu/ugresearch/UMCUR – here you will find an online proposal form, presentation templates, contact information, and sample abstracts.

To propose a poster or oral presentation, students must submit an abstract (circa 250 words) of their research topic. The student’s faculty mentor should review and approve the abstract prior to submission, bearing in mind that all abstracts will be published in the conference program. The submission deadline is Thursday, March 1. Proposals must be submitted online at: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/ugresearch/UMCUR/call_for_submissions.cfm

Submit Proposals for the October 2012 NCHC Conference in Boston

The National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) annual conference will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, November 14-18, 2012. The call for Honors student presentations at the NCHC annual conference is now available online: http://nchchonors.org/annual-conference/2012-conference

NCHC’s 2012 conference in Boston will explore the theme of “Challenging Structures.” During the American Revolution, Boston’s citizens sought independence from arbitrary authority while preserving interdependence and community. Reflecting similar values, the Honors revolution has challenged the structure of undergraduate education. Honors education fosters independent thought, motivation, and scholarship while encouraging collaboration within a community of scholars. As we gather in Boston, we will highlight the scholarship of teaching and learning while re-examining our practices, pedagogy, and communities to extend the challenge of the Honors revolution in education.

All DHC students (freshmen through juniors) are encouraged to consider submitting a poster or oral presentation proposal. Any research topic can be considered; especially welcome are proposals that relate to the conference theme. Because this is a highly competitive national conference, all interested DHC students must submit a draft conference proposal to Laure Pengelly Drake for initial review. Please submit a title, a 50-word description, and brief abstract (150-200 words) by e-mail to: laure.pengellydrake@umontana.edu. Be sure to include your phone, local address, and e-mail contact info, the names of any co-presenters, and specify what type of
presentation you are proposing: a poster presentation, idea exchange, student interdisciplinary research panel, or Master Class presentation. (Please explore the NCHC link above to learn more about the format and criteria for each of these presentation types.) **DHC internal submission deadline: noon on Wednesday, February 15.** The DHC will support travel and accommodation expenses for a select group of DHC student presenters. To discuss possible presentation topics and learn more about the conference, please consult with Laure Pengelly Drake; you may contact the DHC to arrange a meeting: 243-2541.

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**Award to Honor Faculty Who Mentor DHC Student Research Projects**

The Paul Lauren Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award recognizes UM faculty members who excel in guiding undergraduate students in their research projects in the Davidson Honors College. The award pays tribute to Regents Professor Paul Lauren, who served as an exemplary faculty mentor to UM undergraduates pursuing advanced research. This annual award of at least $1,000 will recognize one or more faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring undergraduate research projects in the Davidson Honors College. Any UM faculty member, student, or alumnus may nominate a UM faculty member for this award. **DHC students are encouraged to nominate their faculty mentors for this award! Nominations are due to the DHC by Wednesday, February 15, 2012.** Further information and a nomination form can be found here: [http://www.dhc.umt.edu/faculty/forms.cfm](http://www.dhc.umt.edu/faculty/forms.cfm)

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**DHC Graduation Checklist Due**

Seniors who intend to graduate Spring 2012, Summer 2012, or Autumn 2012 should come to the DHC office to pick up a Graduation Checklist, and to make an appointment for a graduation meeting with Karen Kaley. The purpose of this meeting is to assist graduating seniors in reviewing their requirements to graduate as a "University Scholar" from the DHC. **The DHC Graduation Checklist must be completed right away for Spring, by February 1 for Summer, and by March 1 for Autumn graduation.** The form is posted here: [http://www.dhc.umt.edu/current_students/student_forms.cfm#seniorgraduation](http://www.dhc.umt.edu/current_students/student_forms.cfm#seniorgraduation)

**Note:** Don't forget that you must also apply for graduation from The University of Montana. Applications are available in Griz Central or online. For further information: [http://www.umt.edu/registrar/forms/pdf/Application%20for%20Bachelor%20Degree%20AFTER.pdf](http://www.umt.edu/registrar/forms/pdf/Application%20for%20Bachelor%20Degree%20AFTER.pdf)

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**Internships Available at the Washington Center**

The Washington Center offers internships and academic seminars for all majors in Washington, D.C. The Washington Center's unique and comprehensive internship program and academic seminars enable college students to take full advantage of the resources of Washington, D.C. for academic credit. Whatever your major is, the Washington Center will find you a suitable internship placement. The Washington Center also offers housing and financial assistance to applicants who meet eligibility criteria; DHC students are eligible to apply for a $2,000 housing scholarship. For UM students, academic credit for Washington Center internships is available either through your major
program or through the Davidson Honors College. All applications to the Washington Center by UM students require the approval of James McKusick (Dean of the DHC), who serves as the UM campus liaison for the Washington Center. **Application Deadline:**

**February 17 (competitive deadline) or March 16 (regular deadline) for summer internships.** Internships are also available through the Washington Center in London, U.K. and Sydney, Australia. Interested students are encouraged to meet with Dean McKusick; call 243-2541 to set up an appointment. For further info: [http://www.dhc.umt.edu/opportunities/washington_center_internships.cfm](http://www.dhc.umt.edu/opportunities/washington_center_internships.cfm)

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**Service Saturdays: KidsFest/Nano Days with SpectrUM at Southgate Mall**

**Saturday, March 10, 9:00-6:00 p.m.**

**20-25 Volunteers**

Mountain FM’s 15th Annual Kids Fair is an opportunity for local organizations and businesses to connect with the community and showcase their friendly services. Hands-on exhibits and demonstrations are encouraged, making this a fun event for the whole family!

We are bringing activities from our NanoDays Kit, which introduces kids to Nanoscience and Technology. It offers children the hands-on opportunity to explore the ways itsy-bitsy technologies are already experienced in our everyday lives. There will be at least 7 exciting activities all day long, including Liquid Nitrogen ice cream, NanoGold, seeing everyday things super close up, and exploring butterfly structures.

Volunteers needed for the following shifts:

- 9:30-1:00 (7-9 volunteers)
- 12:30-4:00 (7-9 volunteers)
- 3:30-6:30 (7-9 volunteers)

If interested, please RSVP to shanna1.ungate@umontana.edu by February 24.

*Transportation will not be provided for this event, though Mountain Line does run to Southgate Mall.*

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**Dailey Study Abroad Scholarships**

The University of Montana offers two Daily Study Abroad Scholarships of $1,500 in support of a full-year study abroad program in a country where English is not commonly spoken. All undergraduates at The University of Montana-Missoula are eligible to apply; preference shall be given to individuals born in Montana. **The application deadline is March 15** each year for scholarships to be awarded in the following academic year. For further information and an application form: [http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#dailey](http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#dailey)

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**Boileau Study Abroad Scholarships to Spain or Latin America**

The Davidson Honors College offers the Violet M. Boileau Study Abroad Scholarships of up to $500. Funds are available for Spanish majors or minors who intend to participate in a study abroad program in **Spain or Latin America.** Only Davidson Honors College students are eligible for these awards. DHC Study Abroad Scholarships are based primarily upon merit, but also on need, and preference will be given to upper division...
students. Hardcopy applications are available in the DHC main office. **The application deadline is March 15** (for next autumn or winter semester). For further information and an application form: [http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#boileau](http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#boileau)

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**The Jane Buttrey Memorial Scholarship**

The Davidson Honors College awards up to ten Jane Buttrey Memorial Scholarships each year to outstanding Juniors who demonstrate both academic excellence and financial need. These awards typically range in value from $1,000 to $1,500. This scholarship is open to all University of Montana-Missoula students who meet the scholarship criteria. All applicants must attain Junior status (60-90 credits) by autumn semester of their scholarship year; major or minor in the humanities or social sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences; have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4 at the time of application; and demonstrate financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office. The application deadline is March 15 each year for scholarships to be awarded in the following academic year. For further information and an application form: [http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#buttrey](http://www.dhc.umt.edu/scholarships/dhc.cfm#buttrey)

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**Publish Your Senior Honors Project on the Mansfield Library Website**

DHC students can now publish their Senior Research Projects as electronic documents on the Mansfield Library website. The Davidson Honors College strongly encourages the wide dissemination of research results and scholarly inquiry, and for this reason we hope that many DHC students will take this opportunity to publish their research and creative projects! The full text of your electronic thesis or professional paper will be available worldwide, listed under your name in the Mansfield Library catalog, and searchable through web-based search engines such as Google. You can take great pride in this scholarly publication and list it on your résumé forever!

Undergraduate theses and professional papers completed in fulfillment of the Davidson Honors College Senior Research Project requirement are eligible to be considered for publication by the Mansfield Library through the electronic **Undergraduate Thesis and Professional Paper (UTPP) project**. Electronic publication is entirely optional and is not a DHC graduation requirement. If a student wishes to submit an undergraduate thesis or professional paper for publication by the Mansfield Library, then a second faculty reader will required. For further information, please consult “**Procedures and Criteria for Publication of Undergraduate Research**,” posted here: [http://www.dhc.umt.edu/current_students/research_publication.cfm](http://www.dhc.umt.edu/current_students/research_publication.cfm)

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**Alternative Break Spring Break to Moab, Utah**

Join us for an adventure, as we travel to Moab, Utah March 31-April 7! We will be working with Moab Plateau Restoration Inc. and helping to restore the serene landscape that draws thousands to Moab every year.

Volunteers will learn about native plants in Moab, restoration ecology, geological features of the park and have the opportunity to hike/explore Moab. We will be camping in the park and receive gourmet meals prepared by park chefs each night.
For more information about this trip, please email Liz at alternativebreaks.um@hotmail.com or stop by the OCE office, located in the basement of the Davidson Honors College or give us a call at 243-5531.

**Calgary, Alberta: Spring Break Service Trip**

**March 30-April 8**

Join our spring break trip to Calgary, BC, for a transformative experience that includes service; learning; exploring diversity, culture and religion. All UM students are welcome. Cost is $150 plus some meals and expenses. One UM Honors credit is optional. Led by Honors Affiliate Faculty, John Lund. Sponsored by Emmaus Campus Ministry. All participants must have a current passport for travel to Canada. Contact John at 396-4974 or John@montanalcm.org.

**Rocky Mountain Power Shift**

Across the country students are organizing to demand a bold sustainable and clean energy future. Together students from all over the Rocky Mountain region will converge in Missoula, Montana (February 17-19) to exchange regional success stories and campaigns, hear from climate movement leaders, and learn from each other how to organize and launch new campaigns!

To meet the unique climate challenges facing our region today, we know we'll need a diversity of tactics and approaches, and we'll bring them together in Montana. Now is the time for the youth of the Rocky Mountain region to stand up and demand a lifestyle change. New organizers will have the chance to learn many new organizing skills and seasoned organizers will build upon their skills and develop new ones by working through special curriculum tracks!

Registration only takes a few minutes! Plus the conference is only $10 for the WHOLE weekend! Come learn and share ideas with hundreds of other students from around the region! Register ASAP because the first few hundred registered get a free local, sustainable dinner provided by University of Montana's Farm to College Program and a unique networking mixer! PLUS A FREE T-SHIRT!! Register NOW!
http://rockies.wearepowershift.org/register

**Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants for 2012-13**

As part of its efforts to recognize and encourage academic achievement in all disciplines, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to sponsor the Study Abroad Grant Competition.* Qualified undergraduates in all areas of study are encouraged to apply. The program is designed to help support you as you seek knowledge and experience in your academic field by studying abroad. Forty-five $1,000 Study Abroad Grants are available each year. APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2012. The competition is open to Phi Kappa Phi members and non-members in all fields of study who meet the following requirements:

- Attend an institution with a Phi Kappa Phi chapter (UM has a chapter; you don’t have to be a member);
• Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
• The study abroad program must begin between May 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013;
• Must have been accepted into a study abroad program (provide the letter of acceptance on an official letterhead);
• Your study abroad plan should relate directly to your academic preparation, potential career choice, and commitment to the welfare of others.

For further information and an application form:
http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Awards/Study_Abroad.html
*This award does not require university nomination, but it would be a good idea to have your application reviewed by Laure Pengelly Drake, Director of External Scholarships and Advising, as soon as possible.

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**James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship**
The James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Fund is offering its scholarship again this year. It is an essay contest open to all college students. The essay subject concerns cancer and the scholarships are $5,000 for first place, $2,000 for second place, and $1,000 for third place. Students can receive more information and request an application packet at this website: http://www.cancermonthly.com/scholarship.asp. Contact me for assistance with applications: Laure Pengelly Drake, DHC 102, 243-6140

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**2012-2013 Scholarship Season**
Students who have demonstrated unusual ability, achievement, drive, leadership skill and experience, manifested concern for others, and commitment to their fields of study should contact the Director of External Scholarships and Advising (see end of document for contact information) as soon as possible for scholarship advising and coaching.

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**Scholarships**

--**Undergraduate scholarships**
  --The Amgen Scholars Program is an undergraduate research program in science and biotechnology. Sophomores, juniors, and non-graduating seniors may apply. **Application deadline is February 1, but you should start researching host universities as early as possible** (www.amgenscholars.com).
  --The UDALL SCHOLARSHIP provides $5000 for students committed to careers related to the environment AND to Native American students committed to careers in tribal public policy OR Native American health care. Students with one or two years of college remaining may apply. UM currently leads the nation in Udall Scholarships. **UM deadline: Wednesday, November 30.**

--**Graduate Scholarships**
See the Director of External Scholarships and Advising now if you are interested in preparing for applications next year or later. Among the most prestigious scholarships available to our students in most fields are the Gates Cambridge, the Rhodes, the Marshall, and the Mitchell. Students who are qualified for graduate study at top American universities should consider applying.
--The Gates Cambridge, for study at Cambridge University, requires leadership potential, social commitment, and intellectual ability (www.gatesscholar.org).

--The Rhodes Scholarship, for study at Oxford University, requires evidence of physical vigor in addition to a “blend of character and intellect” (www.rhodesscholar.org).

--The Marshall Scholarship, for graduate study at any British university in most fields, supports students who will “strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions” (www.marshallscholarship.org).

--The Mitchell Scholarship, for graduate study in Ireland, honors “Senator Mitchell’s commitment to public service and community, integrity, leadership, justice and fairness” (www.us-irelandalliance.org).

--The Truman Scholarship requires application a year early; candidates apply as juniors. You must demonstrate outstanding potential for public service and be committed to making a difference through careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education, or elsewhere in the field. You will write a brief policy proposal as part of your application (www.truman.gov). UM deadline: Friday, November 18.

--The James Madison Fellowship Program provides graduate funding for those who want to teach American history or government or social studies and “master the content of American constitutional history” (www.jamesmadison.com). The program is lobbying for Montana applicants. Apply for assistance by the first week of February.

--Important information
--This service is available for all UM students and alumni.
--It is never too early to get started.
--Look for other scholarships besides those advertised and come in for help.
--Some scholarships are open to non-citizens.

--Coaching Benefits
--Get help figuring out what possibilities suit you best.
--Learn application protocol.
--Develop effective resumes for scholarship and other applications.
--Write compelling personal statements.
--Learn editing and interview techniques.

--Requirements
--academic excellence (the GPA minimum varies, but most require 3.5 or 3.7), --
--service
--leadership and commitment
--other requirements vary: research skill and experience, physical vigor, financial need, language skills, etc.

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