

## Hutton Honors College Spring 2005 Extracurricular Programs

2004-05 Series

# *Asking the Tough Questions*

Sign-ups for HHC small-group programs will begin at 7:30 a.m. on **Thursday, February 3**. (See page 2 for instructions and page 3 for programs.)



On Wednesday, January 26, the Edward L. Hutton Honors College celebrated its new name with a reception in honor of Mr. Hutton, an IU alumnus who for more than fifty years has worked to make both education and international experiences available to others.

We are grateful to Mr. Hutton for his generous support.



The Hutton Honors College series on "Asking the Tough Questions" continues this semester with programs on sex research, a murder mystery, the safety of local communities' environments, U.N. reform, the questions patients and their advocates should ask their doctors, U.S. energy and nuclear regulatory policy, and the psychology of tickling and flirting. Other programs include a matinee performance at the IU Auditorium of *Les Misérables* and discussions with a Nobel Prize-winning physicist, the vice-chair of the 9/11 commission, and an international photographer. We hope to see you at upcoming programs!



### The Honors Student Association announces the formation of the Succinct Saga Society. . .

Love to read? Have no time to read for fun? Come to the Honors Student Association's short story club, the Succinct Saga Society. At each of three meetings this semester, a short story of no more than eight pages will be presented to those attending. There will be a 30-minute reading period followed by a discussion. Five spots will be reserved for Honors College faculty to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity to read for fun, learn something, and get to know your fellow Hutton Honors College students and faculty. The meetings will take place at 8 p.m. in the Bryan Room in the Indiana Memorial Union on Thursday, February 10 (story by Kafka); Thursday, March 3 (de Maupassant); and Thursday, March 31 (Tolstoy). Please hurry to sign up as space is limited. Please e-mail Laura Myers: [lakmyers@indiana.edu](mailto:lakmyers@indiana.edu) to sign up, noting the date(s) you wish to attend, or to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you! (NOTE: This process begins immediately and is separate from that used for HHC programs described on the following pages.)

. . . and plans for Honors College Professors 101, a student/faculty mixer, on Tuesday, March 8.

Check the Hutton Honors College Web site (<http://www.indiana.edu/~iubhonor>) in the coming weeks and watch your e-mail for details.



Mon., Feb. 7

**The Science and Politics of Sex Research**—Pizza discussion supper with Dr. Julia Heiman, director of the IU Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction.  
5:30-7 p.m., Harlos House, 1331 E. Tenth St. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.

Sex was among the most controversial topics to research in the 1940s, when the Kinsey Institute was founded at Indiana University—as it is today, more than a half-century later. The institute was named for Alfred C. Kinsey, a zoologist and its first director, whose groundbreaking studies on human sexual behavior continue to draw attacks from groups concerned by what they describe as the sexualizing of American culture and society, especially its young people. The recent publication of two biographies and a novel, and the release of the film *Kinsey* have raised again central questions. What are we better off knowing, and what are we better off not knowing about sex?

The supper provides an opportunity to talk with Julia Heiman, a leading researcher and the new director of the institute, about the challenges of researching a topic that generates so many questions and so many passionate adversaries. In addition to her role as director, Dr. Heiman is a professor of psychology on the IU Bloomington campus and of psychiatry in the School of Medicine in Indianapolis. Join us for this discussion and share your opinions! This program is co-sponsored by the Hutton Honors College and the Wells Scholars Program.



Thurs., Feb. 17

***Whodunit?* A Murder Mystery Supper.**  
7-9 p.m., Honors House, 324 N. Jordan. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.

From an archeological dig, Baroness Audry Von Munchen acquired various priceless artifacts. Now she has been murdered, and one of her valuable treasures has been stolen. The rest of her possessions will be auctioned to benefit her favorite charity unless someone comes forth as a rightful heir. You are invited to attend the auction, where all parties are suspects and everyone is keeping secrets. Can you figure out who killed the baroness and who stole the relic? Can you reveal the other guests' secrets? At the HHC's "Whodunit" evening, you will be invited to play a role in a story of "mystery, double-dealing, bribery, blackmail, and intrigue." Will you be able to outbid the opposition, hide your own secret, and reveal the murderer? Guests will include Sarah Dilworth, who is teaching a comparative literature course on Detective, Mystery, and Horror Literature, and Professor Luis Davila, who is teaching an HHC course on Detective Fiction and Modernity.



Mon., Feb. 21

**Pizza Discussion Supper: Why does marriage matter?**  
5:15-6:45 p.m., Honors House, 324 N. Jordan. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.

From the presidential election to The Defense of Marriage Act to a possible federal constitution amendment, marriage has been a hot topic in the past year. It's an important issue no matter your religious, political, or sexual orientation. What are the roles of religion and the state in love and in the institutions of marriage and family? Are civil unions the answer? This program will explore the role of marriage in society and why it is at the center of political debate today.



Tues., Mar. 1

**Discussion Supper: Covering the World**—with photographer Peter Turnley.  
5:30-7 p.m., Harlos House, 1331 E. Tenth St. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.

In the past 20 years, Peter Turnley has covered most major international news events, including the fall of the Berlin Wall, the release from prison of Nelson Mandela, and conflicts in the Balkans, Somalia, Rwanda, Chechnya, Haiti, Afghanistan, Kosovo, and the Middle East, as well as the 1991 Gulf War, the events of 9/11, and the current war in Iraq. He has also covered many of the world's most famous people but has made a personal commitment to document the plight of the world's refugee populations. His pictures capture powerful and painful images of war, poverty, and disaster, as well as humanistic portraits of the "Family of Man." His photographs have appeared in *Newsweek* (including 43 covers), *Time*, *The New York Times*, *The London Sunday Times*, *National Geographic*, *Le Monde*, *Paris Match*, *Stem*, and other major publications around the world. Currently a contributing editor/photographer for

*Harpers Magazine*, he has published four books, *Beijing Spring*, *Moments of Revolution*, *In Times of War and Peace*, and *Parisians*. Join us for supper to talk with Mr. Turnley about the events and people he has covered as well as his career as a photographer. More on Mr. Turnley and examples of his work can be found at <http://www.peterturnley.com>. The supper is co-sponsored by the Wells Scholars Program and the Hutton Honors College.

Peter Turnley's visit to campus is hosted by the Institute for Advanced Study; and he will give a Branigin Lecture, "Moments of the Human Condition—A Visual Tour of World Affairs and the Family of Man During the Past Twenty Five Years," on Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in Fine Arts 015.

Thurs., Mar. 3

**"Bioethical Controversies about Human Dignity: Cloning and Commerce in Organs"—The Matthew Vandivier Sims Memorial Lecture by James Childress, Hollingsworth Professor of Ethics, professor of medical education, and director of the Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life at the University of Virginia. 4 p.m., Jordan Hall 124. Free and open to the public.**

James Childress is a nationally respected expert on ethics, especially biomedical and political ethics. An honored teacher, he has written numerous articles, and his several books include *Priorities in Biomedical Ethics*; *Who Should Decide? Paternalism in Health Care*; and *Civil Disobedience and Political Obligation*. He has served as vice chair of the national Task Force on Organ Transplantation and as a member of the Board of Directors and of the ethics committee of the United Network for Organ Sharing, of the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee, of the Human Gene Therapy Committee, and of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission appointed by President Clinton.

The lectureship was established in 2002 to honor the memory of Matthew Vandivier Sims, who died in infancy. It is a collaboration between Matthew's family and friends and the Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions. Its goal is to help inspire thoughtful reflection on the difficult issues that surround decision making about medical care.



Fri., Mar. 4

**Discussion lunch with ethicist James Childress. 12:30-2 p.m., Harlos House, 1331 E. Tenth St. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.**

What are the questions patients, their families, and their advocates should ask when facing difficult medical decisions? Whom should they ask? And how can they reach a decision when the answers conflict? Join Professor Childress and Damon and Suzette Sims, Matthew's parents, for a discussion of the questions any of us could face, whether as patients, patient advocates, or the doctor you may hope to become. The discussion can also address any other issues of interest to participants, including but not limited to cloning, organ transplantation, and access to health care. The lunch is co-sponsored by the Wells Scholars Program and the Hutton Honors College.



Fri., Mar. 4

**Tour and Pizza Discussion Supper: Who is responsible for making sure your community's environment is safe?—a case study of PCBs in Bloomington. 3- 6:30 p.m., Honors House, 324 N. Jordan. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.**

From 1929 through 1979, many corporations used PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) in electrical devices, hydraulic fluids, and other products. In the United States, the adverse health effects of PCBs finally resulted in a 1979 ban on their production and importation. However, PCBs had already found their way into the environment, from landfills to fish in local waterways to backyard vegetable gardens, and remain persistent throughout the world. In a local community, who should be responsible for the clean-up? For the cost? Who should have a say in how it is done and how much is done? During this program, students will tour a treatment plant built to reduce the number of PCBs in Monroe County creeks and groundwater. After the tour, students will return to Honors House to discuss the roles

and responsibilities of business, the government, and citizens to protect a community's environment. Among those participating in the program will be Jessica Fliss of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, toxicologist Diane Henshel of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Michael List of the Coalition Opposed to PCB Ash in Monroe County, and contaminant specialist Dan Sparks of the Fish and Wildlife Service.



**Tues., Mar. 8**      **Can flowers be happy? Can children be philosophers?—Discussion breakfast with Gareth Matthews, professor of philosophy from the University of Massachusetts. 8-9:15 a.m., Harlos House, 1331 E. Tenth St. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.**

In the United States, the study of philosophy is usually saved for college. Philosophy professor Gareth Matthews thinks, however, that even young children can and should be encouraged to do philosophy. He has listened closely as youngsters have wrestled with questions such as, Can a flower be happy? How do you know if you are awake or dreaming? What does it mean to “get even” with someone? Does such thinking, such a question-based approach, help children become moral adults? Or does it just get in the way of them doing well on standardized tests? Can children really *do* philosophy? Can you? Whether or not you have ever had a class in philosophy, we encourage you to join us to see how you would do with some of the tough questions Professor Matthews has used with children and to talk with him about his work. Among Professor Matthews' books are *The Philosophy of Children* and *Dialogues with Children*, as well as *Socratic Perplexity and the Nature of Philosophy*, which explores the value of confusion, puzzlement, and ignorance. The breakfast is co-sponsored by the Wells Scholars Program and the Hutton Honors College.

Professor Matthews will deliver a Poynter Center Fellows lecture on the topic, “A Philosophy of Childhood,” on Monday, March 7, at 4 p.m. in Swain East 105. The lecture is free and open to the public.



**Wed., Mar. 9**      **How do you stop an atom?—Discussion lunch with 1997 Nobel Laureate in Physics William D. Phillips of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). 12:30-2 p.m., Harlos House, 1331 E. Tenth St. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.**

How can scientists study the composition of individual atoms when they can move at a rate of 4,000 km/hr? The answer: Slow them down! But how can that be done? For years, scientists struggled to find a way to cool atoms in order to slow them down enough to be studied. The atoms, however, seemed unable to reach a temperature that was low enough. Eventually, William Phillips, professor of physics from NIST and the University of Maryland, along with other scientists, devised methods using lasers to trap atoms in what was coined “optical molasses,” which significantly slowed the movement of the atoms and held them in place at the lowest temperatures recorded—billionths of a degree away from absolute zero. At such temperatures, new phenomena occur, including one that was predicted by Einstein 80 years ago. The knowledge gained from this intense study of atomic structure and the behavior of gasses at low temperatures may be used to design more precise atomic clocks for space navigation, to measure gravitational forces very precisely, and to manufacture tiny electronic components. At this luncheon, which is co-sponsored by the Wells Scholars Program and the Hutton Honors College, students will have the opportunity to discuss with Dr. Phillips his methods and observations, the future uses of his research, and other topics of interest to those who attend.

Professor Phillips will deliver the Konopinski Memorial Lecture entitled “Almost Absolute Zero—the Story of Laser Cooling and Trapping” on Tuesday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Rawles 100. The lecture is free and open to the public.



**Thurs., Mar. 10**      **IU Auditorium Matinee: *Les Misérables*. 1:45 p.m., Honors House, 324 N. Jordan, 2 p.m. performance at the IU Auditorium. Tickets: \$20. Refreshments provided. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.**

Based on Victor Hugo's epic novel, the musical *Les Misérables* has been seen by more than 50 million people worldwide and has won more than 50 theater awards, including 8 Tony and 2 Grammy awards. Through the story of Jean Valjean, “The Miserables” provides a powerful, passionate account of the poor and the wretched as they struggle

against universal and persistent social problems. Valjean, a man imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread, escapes and spends most of his life a fugitive from the harsh reach of the law, embodied in the figure of the self-righteous Inspector Javert. Hugo wrote of his book, "I don't know if it will be read by everyone, but it is meant for everyone. It addresses England as well as Spain, Italy as well as France, . . . the republics that harbor slaves as well as empires that have serfs. Social problems go beyond frontiers." It is also the story of the human spirit. Through a special arrangement with the IU Auditorium, the Hutton Honors College is able to offer a limited number of center orchestra seats for this matinee at a significantly reduced rate. The show runs slightly longer than three hours; there will be an opportunity to gather for refreshments at intermission.



**Thurs., Mar. 24**      **America's Energy Policies—Pizza discussion supper with the Honorable Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D., president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. 5-6:30 p.m., Honors House, 324 N. Jordan. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.**

As fuel costs rise and fuel demands climb world-wide, what should be American's energy policy? Can nuclear materials be adequately safe-guarded in today's dangerous world? Join one of American's leading scientists, educators, and policy-makers for supper and wide-ranging conversation.

Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson is truly a woman of firsts. She was the first African American woman to receive a doctorate in any subject from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; the first of two African American women to receive a doctorate in physics in the United States; the first African American to become a commissioner of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the first woman and the first African American to serve as its chair; and the first African-American woman to lead a national research university—not to mention several other notable "firsts." She has been a leader in government, industry, and research, serving recently as the president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest scientific society, and has received numerous awards. She is noted for bringing together diverse groups with differing views to resolve difficult issues. She is described as an innovator with the ability to see a need and enact the necessary changes and an advocate for education and excellence who wants to inspire all young people to be the best that they can be.

On campus as a Patten Lecturer, Dr. Jackson will deliver two public lectures (titles to be announced), on Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., and Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m. Both will be in Rawles 100 and will be free and open to the public.



**Fri., Apr. 1**      **Overexposure? The Ethics of Biography and Autobiography—Discussion breakfast with John Barbour, the Martyr Chair in Religion and the Academy at St. Olaf College. 8-9:15 a.m., Harlos House, 1331 E. Tenth St. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.**

We seem to be living in "a pervasive culture of confession" sustained by the Internet, talk shows, and the biographies and autobiographies appearing in bookstores and movie theaters. No detail is too intimate to tell, no tragedy too personal, no flaw too embarrassing. What harm can so much exposure do? What benefits can it bring? What are the ethics of such story telling, whether about oneself or others? The responsibilities to family members and friends? John Barbour received his doctorate in religion and literature from the University of Chicago and has published extensively on religion, literature, and ethics. He teaches courses on Religious Autobiographies by Multicultural Americans, God and Faith in Autobiography, and Religion in Literature. His books include *The Conscience of the Autobiographer: Ethical and Religious Dimensions of Autobiography*; and *Tragedy as a Critique of Virtue: The Novel and Ethical Reflection*. The breakfast is co-sponsored by the Wells Scholars Program and the Hutton Honors College.

Professor Barbour will deliver a Poynter Center Fellows lecture entitled "Biography, Autobiography, and Family Dynamics" on Thursday, March 31, at 4 p.m., Main Library 033. The lecture is free and open to the public.

**Tue., Apr. 5**                      **Town Hall: The Future of U.S.-U.N. Reform.**  
**2-3:30 p.m., Whittenberger Auditorium, IMU**

While individuals around the world support the existence of the United Nations, they differ sharply on the extent to which the United States and other world powers should work through the United Nations to achieve their objectives. For example, should the United States have worked only through the United Nations in order to resolve the issues concerning Iraq? This town hall will examine a wide variety of questions, including, Can the United Nations be reformed to advance U.S. and world security? In what situations should the United States act independently? A U.S./U.N. foreign policy expert will participate in the open discussion with students and members of the community. There will also be time for questions. We hope you can join us! This forum is co-sponsored by Americans for Informed Democracy, the Stanley Foundation, IU Conversations About Service and Engagement (CASE), and the Hutton Honors College.



**Thurs., Apr. 7**                      **Discussion Lunch on current affairs with Lee Hamilton, vice chair of the 9/11 Commission and former U.S. Congressman.**  
**12:30-2 p.m., Harlos House, 1331 E. Tenth St. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.**

Since leaving Congress in 1999, Lee Hamilton has continued to be a major figure in national political life and international affairs, serving as vice chair of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States (more informally known as the 9/11 Commission), as a member of the U.S. Commission on National Security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and as a member of the advisory council of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. During his 34 years in Congress representing Indiana's Ninth District, Mr. Hamilton rose to positions of leadership in foreign affairs, economic policy, and congressional organization, serving as the chairman and ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the chair of the subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, and the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and of the Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Transactions with Iran. He also chaired the Joint Economic Committee and the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress and served as a member of the House Standards of Official Conduct Committee, which dealt with matters of ethics. Since 1999, he has served as the director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., and the Center for Congress at Indiana University. During the lunch, which is co-sponsored by the Wells Scholars Program and the Hutton Honors College, students are welcome to discuss a wide range of topics with Mr. Hamilton, from homeland security to ethics in government to your views and his on current affairs.

**Lee Hamilton will be on campus as a Distinguished Citizen Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study and will deliver a public lecture at noon, Wednesday, April 6, in the Moot Courtroom of the School of Law.**



**Thurs., Apr. 21**                      **On flirting, tickling, and Freud—Pizza discussion supper with British essayist and psychoanalyst Adam Phillips.**  
**5-6:30 p.m., Honors House, 324 N. Jordan. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.**

Adam Phillips, a post-Freudian psychoanalyst, has been described by an IU faculty member as “a philosopher of human aspiration and happiness” and his books carry such intriguing titles as *On Kissing, Tickling, and Being Bored: Psychoanalytic Essays on the Unexamined Life*; *Houdini's Box: The Art of Escape*; and *Darwin's Worms: On Life Stories and Death Stories*. Quoted in a *New Statesman* profile, he wrote therapy can teach us “to accept frustration, to tolerate dissatisfaction. It can teach you to bear too much.” Self-knowledge should not be “a consolation prize for injustice.” Instead, his aim is to teach people to “transform their worlds.” Currently in private practice, he is the general editor of *The New Penguin Freud*, a new translation of the writings of Sigmund Freud. Join him for a wide-ranging discussion of human psychology.

**On campus as a Patten Lecturer, Mr. Phillips will deliver two public lectures (titles to be announced), on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m., and Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. Both will be in Rawles 100 and will be free and open to the public.**



Fri., Apr. 22

Asking the *Tough* Questions—Discussion breakfast with Rob Reich, professor of political science from Stanford University.  
8-9:15 a.m., Harlos House, 1331 E. Tenth St. SIGN-UP REQUIRED.

Stanford political science professor Rob Reich makes a practice of asking tough questions:

What does it mean to be a “citizen of the world”?

Should children have political rights?

Is public service, by definition, a good thing?

Is education necessary to democracy?

Do parents have an obligation to expose their children, even those who are home-schooled, to beliefs that conflict with their own?

Professor Reich holds a joint appointment in the Stanford Department of Political Science and the Program in Ethics and Society. He has written numerous articles on such topics as the ethics of public service and philanthropy, the Socratic method, education in diverse democracies, the limits of parents’ authority, and the teaching of values, as well as a book called *Bridging Liberalism and Multiculturalism in Education*. At this breakfast, you will have the opportunity to discuss with Professor Reich his questions and your own. The breakfast is co-sponsored by the Wells Scholars Program and the Hutton Honors College.

Professor Reich will deliver a Poynter Center Fellows public lecture titled, “Beyond Negligence and Abuse: Intervening in Families on Behalf of Children,” on Thursday, April 21, at 4 p.m. in the Main Library 033.

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