A Week of Science and Culture

As students grit their teeth and keep pushing through midterms and papers, the Honors Program provided some much needed respite.

The Wednesday Honors Luncheon continued the First Lecture series, this time in conjunction with USRP. After a warm intro from the USRP president Menachem Spira, and Dr Cwilich, Kivi Geller, Raffi Holzer and Mordechai Kornbluth presented.

Then, last Saturday night, the Program kicked off its cultural activity program. Students who signed up gained free admission to the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall. It featured the talent of Garrick Ohlsson, the only American to ever win the prestigious International Chopin Piano Competition.

The playlist highlighted his talent, with Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto no. 3. It was a struggle getting there so soon after Shabbat, but certainly worth it.

-Ben

The student group standing outside Carnegie Hall, who rushed over still in their Shabbat clothes
Gallimaufry:
Spotlight on: Undergraduate Research

The USRP lecture has inspired this week’s Gallimaufry to feature all the possibilities undergraduate research can open up. Did you know?

✓ It’s easy to get started. YU is a research institution that prides itself on student involvement with research. Many professors will even go out of their way to include Honors students - especially juniors and seniors.

✓ It’s possible to succeed. Every year, YU undergraduates get their names on research posters, presentations, and publications. Sometimes, even first author.

✓ It’s financially beneficial. Undergraduate research wins grants to support graduate research and improves job and graduate applications. It wins summer jobs both on- and off-campus, and going to a conference can often be grant-supported. (I, for one, flew to Greece to present at a conference, and most of the costs were covered by the school and other grants!)

✓ It’s not just for the sciences. Humanities perform research as well. Just ask any of the English students who are paid researchers over the summer, or have presented their papers at conferences. Or ask Dr Asensio and Dr Kaplan, at their upcoming Honors Luncheon presentations.

✓ It’s best to start early. Publication is often decided by seniority, as is deciding who gets the best jobs in the lab. Plus, you might find that you’re already shaping your Honors thesis in your junior year. You can always scale down hours if you’re overwhelmed, but nothing beats saying in an interview, “I’ve been involved with research for the past two years, and am published.”
FEATURED EVENT:
ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Quintan Ana Wikswo, the Honors Program artist-in-residence will be visiting campus the week of November 10th. She will hold a public lecture on November 10th, and give a private tour of her exhibit, “Prophecy of Place” at the YU Museum on the 18th. Wikswo is a visual artist and writer whose photographs, poetry and films have won international acclaim.

When: November 10 to 18

Visiting Scholarship

Music and Politics

Wednesday, 11/9, 12:00

Honors Program scholar in residence, Prof. Susana Asensio Llamas will present on her current work at Yeshiva College. Her research focuses on the recuperation of historical sources for the history of the ethnomusicology, and the interplay between music and politics.

Silent Voices

Uncovering Voices from the Past

Wednesday, 11/16, 12:00

Prof. Debra Kaplan will host this Honors roundtable as she discusses what social history teaches us about the Jewish experience. She will focus on her particular areas of research interest, in this informal, academic conversation.

Carnegie Hall: Round Two

Rhythms of Rajastan

Wednesday, 11/19, 8:30

Dr Gellens will lead a trip back to Carnegie Hall, but this time for the “Rhythms of Rajastan” concert. Combining ecstatic Sufi songs, folk music and dance, “Rhythms of Rajastan” brings culture from the Indian desert to New York City.

Must be in the area for shabbat to attend.

Unless stated otherwise, all programs are free, and should be RSVP-ed to ychonors@gmail.com
Ongoing Announcements:

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Email sgellens@yu.edu or cwilich@yu.edu for any questions you may have about your future Senior Honor’s Thesis!

Please remember to RSVP for events. We’re always happy for you to come, but we need to know how many to expect in order to prepare the proper catering or transportation arrangements.

Getting advice and help with fellowships and scholarships has become easier than ever for our Honors students.

University Professor Norman Adler has graciously agreed to be available every Monday in the Honors Lounge, 12-1 pm to discuss students’ future plans.

Professor Adler will also respond to emails and rescheduling requests at adler@yu.edu.

Check out our fliers hanging up around campus, to see about our upcoming events!

Questions? Comments? RSVPs? Undying Praise?

Email ychonors@yu.edu and receive a response within 48 hours.

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