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Getting to Know: Our New Instructor/Coordinator, Dr. Kathryn Holt

Hi everyone! I hope you all had a smooth first week back to classes last week. I've been having a great time these past two weeks settling into my new role as Instructor/Coordinator here in the Honors Program. I have already learned so much about the exciting work everyone here is doing, and I'm grateful to join in that work now!



I came to ISU from Texas Woman's University, where I was lucky to teach in their Dance Division and the Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies Program. I'm looking forward to bringing my previous experiences with teaching, research, and student leadership into the UHP!

A little about me: I grew up first in Central California, then Lansing, Michigan. Since then, I have been lucky to live and work in many different parts of the country, including Colorado, Hawai'i, Ohio, Texas, and now Idaho, as well as abroad in Ireland. I love dance, musical theatre, baking,

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and am an avid podcast listener. I have a background in both Irish and contemporary dance, which are passions I have come back to time and again in many different ways, including teaching and research. Many of the places I have ended up were surprises, and not places I ever expected to be. But I was brought there mainly through my academic pursuits and then found homes, communities, and new cultural knowledge that continue to shape who I am. I encourage you all to be open to where your goals (academic or otherwise) take you, even if it's somewhere you didn't plan! That can mean a new place, physically, but it can also mean new topics of interests, new hobbies, new areas of service, or new careers that hadn't occurred to you before. One of the greatest benefits of being at a place like ISU and in the Honors Program is that it gives you the opportunity to explore as you pursue your education. In my new role, I am very excited to support you in that exploration! And I expect I will learn a lot from you all as well.

This semester, I am teaching Honors Event Planning Seminar (HONS 4499), Honors Peer Mentorship (HONS 3392), and co-teaching Intro to Honors Thesis or Project (HONS 3393) with Dr. Robey! I will also be working on planning the Opportuni-Tea and advising, but even if our paths don't cross in any of these contexts, my hope is to get to know as many of you as I can in this first semester so I can be another person in your corner alongside the other amazing Honors staff. Always feel free to reach out to me to set a meeting, send an e-mail, or just say hi if you see me around!

Planning to Graduate This Semester?

**The deadline to apply for Spring 2025
graduation is February 10, 2025**

<https://www.isu.edu/graduation>

**If you have any questions,
email graduation@isu.edu**



Announcements & Opportunities

2024/2025 Undergraduate Student Travel Grant

The College of Arts and Letters (CAL) seeks proposals for travel funds from full-time undergraduate students in the college. Proposals will be accepted until funds are expended. Proposals must be submitted prior to the dates of travel. Funds for travel MUST be expended by May 2, 2025, and all paperwork completed by June 2, 2025.

Details about submitting a proposal can be found in the linked document below. Contact Carrie Page (carriepage@isu.edu) with questions.

[CAL 2024/2025 Undergraduate Student Travel Grant](#)



INL Information Session for Undergraduates

You are invited to join Idaho National Laboratory Director, Dr. John Wagner and other senior INL leaders for a 45 minute discussion to discuss INL's research areas (Nuclear Energy, Integrated Energy, Cybersecurity).

INL is interested in providing educational and research opportunities and JOBS for students with a variety of backgrounds: engineering and science, business, social sciences, humanities, anthropology, archaeology, history, political science, and much more.

Please join us to learn about INL and potential internships, research collaborations and jobs!

Monday, February 3 | 4:00 - 4:45pm | REND Suites

Call For Submissions: ISU's Black Rock & Sage Magazine



ISU's student journal of creative works, Black Rock and Sage, is now open for creative submissions. BR&S will consider previously unpublished fiction, poetry, plays, essays, memoirs, art, maps, scores, schematics, musical performances, and more. We are interested in creative genres familiar and unexpected alike.

Deadline for submissions is February 14, 2025.

Visit **blackrockandsage.org** for more information and to submit your work.

Announcements & Opportunities Continued



Partners in the Parks: Registration & Scholarship Opportunity

Partners in the Parks (PITP) offers immersive academic adventures in national parks, combining education, stewardship, and recreation.

2025 PITP will be in the Appalachian Trail & Shenandoah National Park (May 19-26) and Glacier National Park (August 4-9)

PITP is offering one need-based, full-ride scholarship per project that will cover all trip expenses including airfare and registration.

Visit www.nchchonors.org/page/pitp-current-projects
for more information and to **apply**.

Application deadline is January 27, 2025.

Call For Abstracts: ISU 2025 Research & Creative Works Symposium

The ISU Research and Creative Works Symposium on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 and is an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students of all disciplines and degree levels to present their in-progress or completed scholarly or creative works for a chance to win big bucks!

To help answer any questions and show examples from previous years, we will be hosting 45 Minute Insider Sessions on Jan 28 and Feb 21

Abstract submissions open January 21 and close February 26.

Visit www.isu.edu/researchsymposium/ for more information
and to submit an abstract.



Summer Undergraduate Research Experience

The Rural & Underserved Utah Training Experience (RUUTE) program offers a 10-week research opportunity for undergraduate students during Summer 2025. This program is designed to provide research experiences focusing on heart, lung, blood, or sleep research. Eligible students from institutions across Utah, Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming are encouraged to apply.

The program will run from May 19th, 2025 - August 1st, 2025

Visit medicine.utah.edu/programs/ruute/undergraduate/research
for more information and to **apply**.

Application deadline is February 1st.

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UHP EVENTS

No UHP Events this week, but the UHP Club leadership are making plans. Check out the ISU Events below!

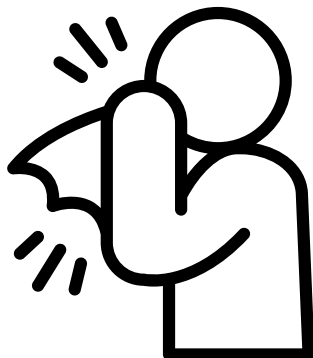
Plan for future UHP Events at

isu.edu/honors/current-students/honors-student-events/

Wednesday Wellbeing: Beat the Bug - Preventing & Treating Cold & Flu

Wednesday, January 22
10am - 2pm
Lobby of Reed Gym

Free educational materials and a cold kit that includes tissues, cough drops, tea, and honey sticks.



Blacklight Bouldering

Thursday,
January 25

4 – 8pm
Reed Gym

Raffle & Prizes!



Idaho Museum of Natural History
Presents

Honoring Indigenous Resilience

Wednesday, January 22

6 pm - 8pm

Frazier Hall

Many Voices Raised Together!
Native Linguistic Diversity, Disruption
and Resilience

<https://www.isu.edu/imnh/imnh-events/>



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