

FALL 2024

COLLOQUIUM GUIDE



REGISTRATION DATES

JUNIORS & SENIORS

March 18, 3 pm

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES

March 27, 3 pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HONORS COLLOQUIA

Colloquia are one-credit hour seminars. This credit hour will come from a student's block tuition. Students are required to attend all course meetings and make a "B" or better to receive credit towards the completion of colloquia requirements. Any colloquium taken credit/no credit will be counted as an Activity Credit and not count as a Colloquium Credit.

Students will register for the Honors Colloquia through Banner Web at the same time as registration for other courses.

HON 307 (Project Thesis Seminar) is a zero-credit seminar. It will not count against block tuition. Students taking HON 307 are assigned "CR" or "NC" - credit or no credit for completing the workshop.

How do I get permission to register for an Honors colloquium that is closed?

The Honors College does not give overrides for full Honors colloquia; however, students can email the Honors College to be added to a waiting list. The Honors office will only contact students on the list if a spot becomes available after the add/drop deadline. Before then, we encourage students to check Banner daily to see if any seats become available.

Honors Tracks

Starting in Fall 2023, all new students (except for transfers) will be required to select an Honors Track. One of the two required colloquiums must be from their chosen track. Once the track colloquium is completed with a "B" or better grade, the credit will be added to the student's Honors Badge in Suitable at the end of the semester.

Honors Track Guide

DESIGN THINKING
& INNOVATION



GLOBAL SERVICE
& LEADERSHIP



SOCIAL &
ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE



SCHOLARSHIP
& RESEARCH



FALL 2024

TASTES & TONES OF THAILAND

DR. CHRIS FLANDERS

HON 411.H1

Embark on a culinary journey with our "Thai Bites & Cultural Delights" course! Uncover the secrets behind the 3rd most loved cuisine in the US - Thai food! Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Thai culture and language, discovering the fascinating intersection where flavor, language, and tradition collide. From preparing and savoring authentic Thai dishes to unraveling the anthropology of food, this colloquium is your passport to a delectable adventure! Spice up your knowledge and indulge in the cultural significance of every bite of Thai food with Dr. Chris Flanders, a Thai food virtuoso. Brace yourself for a plunge into the vibrant world of Thai language, food, and culture.

Dr. Chris Flanders is a Thai Flavor Aficionado! Starting his Thai odyssey as a sophomore at ACU, a summer mission trip in Bangkok set the stage for a spicy decade in Southeast Asia! Fluent in the language of smiles and spice - Thai, that is - Chris is a Thai food and language virtuoso, whipping up culinary wonders and savoring each bite with zeal.

HCOL: TASTES OF THAILAND



Monday Nights
Sept. 16 - Oct. 14
6 - 9 pm

CRN 10339

NOTE: Students must attend all course meetings to receive credit for this colloquium

FALL 2024

MATERIAL GIRLS: AMERICAN GIRL DOLLS AS HISTORY AND LITERATURE

DR. LAURA CARROLL & DR. AMANDA BILES

HON 412.H1

Since 1986, American Girl dolls have been inspiring children to learn about and engage in distinct and often complex periods in American history. According to Alexandra Piper at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, the brand does not avoid difficult subjects in American history, instead seeking to address shameful chapters in the nation's past through the eyes of its pre-adolescent characters; "American Girl doesn't condescend to children, but treats them as their own historical agents."

Dive into these narratives and their impact on American identity while creatively imagining how an Abilene Girl would engage life in the historical context of our local community.

**HCOL: AMERICAN
GIRL DOLLS**



Weekend
Sept. 20 - 22
Fri: 5 - 10 pm
Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Sun: 1 - 4 pm

CRN 10340

Dr. Laura Carroll has been teaching rhetoric and writing at ACU since 2002 and researches the rhetoric of silence from a feminist lens. Molly, Elizabeth, Felicity, Kit, Lainey, and Nikki have all lived at her house.

Dr. Amanda Biles teaches history and museum studies courses at ACU and has professional experience in both academic and museum settings. Her research includes historical policymaking and public interpretation of narratives. Growing up as the great-granddaughter of Swedish immigrants who settled on the Northern Plains, she imagined she was Kirsten.

NOTE: Students must attend all course meetings to receive credit for this colloquium

ECOLOGICAL VIRTUES: AWE, WONDER, AND HOPE

DR. KENDRA JERNIGAN & DR. IAN
SHELBOURNE

HON 413.H1

Why have humans been so captivated by the natural world in various cultures, times, and places? People have been engaging creatively with the created world for thousands of years. Awe, wonder, and hope are common emotional responses and ecological virtues that people cultivate with the natural world. What are some ways we can further develop these ecological values? And what benefits may be derived from cultivating these ecological virtues, especially as Christians who engage with numerous current environmental issues? This Honors Colloquium will explore the ecological virtues of awe, wonder, and hope. Join us for an interactive and interdisciplinary foray into learning

about these virtues within literature, theology, agriculture, and environmental sciences. This colloquium will introduce you to some unique ideas through readings, in-class activities, group discussions, and research assignments. Then, we will work together to apply these underlying principles within your own life and academic discipline.

Dr. Kendra Jernigan is an Associate Professor of Environmental Science. Dr. Jernigan has always been amazed at the beauty and diversity of the natural world. Dr. Jernigan is also a part-time ACU Graduate School of Theology graduate student. Her research interests include sustainable agricultural missions, Christian eco-theology, underutilized crops in West Texas, and hydroponic vegetable production. Her hobbies include cooking, baking, and reading.

Dr. Ian Shelburne is an adjunct instructor in the Department of Bible, Missions, and Ministry. He is also a member of the training team at The Eden Center for Regenerative Culture in Callahan County. His academic training has been in Biblical languages and texts, Old Testament studies, Christian theology, history, ministry, and agricultural education. In addition to teaching Biblical and theological topics, he also presents in the areas of ecology, sustainability, life in community, and spiritual growth.

NOTE: Students must attend all course meetings to receive credit for this colloquium

**HCOL: ECOLOGICAL
VIRTUES**



Weekend

Nov. 1 - 3

Fri: 5 - 10 pm

Sat: 9 am - 5 pm

Sun: 1 - 4 pm

CRN 10341

FALL 2024

VISIONS OF HUMAN FLOURISHING: THE "MEMBERSHIP" IN WENDELL BERRY AND BEYOND

DR. CLIFF BARBARICK

CANCELLED

HON 414.H1

In his novels and short stories, Wendell Berry describes what he calls "the membership," an interdependent community of flourishing that includes the land and all its inhabitants (human and non-human). The power of Berry's vision is sometimes blunted, however, because critics assume "the membership," as he describes it, is only possible in the rural American past. Berry can then be marginalized as a nostalgic agrarian with outdated ideals that are unrealistic for our present society. In this colloquium, we will challenge this criticism by studying Berry's understanding of "the membership" and imagining examples of that type of community in other settings. Our exploration will include reading Berry's fiction, taking a field trip to the Eden Center for Regenerative Culture, and screening the 2021 film "In the Heights."

Dr. Cliff Barbarick teaches New Testament in the Department of Bible, Missions, and Ministry. When he's not teaching Bible classes, however, he enjoys reading the poetry, essays, novels, and short stories of one of America's greatest living authors: Wendell Berry. If he can find people with whom to discuss Berry's work, even better!

**HCOL: HUMAN
FLOURISHING**



Weekend
Oct. 4 - 6
Fri: 5 - 10 pm
Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Sun: 1 - 4 pm

CRN 10342

NOTE: Students must attend all course meetings to receive credit for this colloquium

FALL 2024

URBAN PLUNGE DALLAS

DR. JANINE MORGAN

HON 415.H1

A one-day immersion workshop where students volunteer with local non-profits whose initiatives foster the well-being of all in the city (cf. Jer. 29.7): Bonton Farms (an urban farm that is redefining South Dallas), lunch at Café Momentum (a Dallas restaurant that only hires formerly incarcerated youth), and City Square (a housing first initiative). We will also be reading *The Wealth of the Poor*, written by Larry James, the founder of CitySquare Dallas.

This colloquium is ideal for proactive students in the Social and Environmental Justice Honors Track, which engages students to advocate for those most vulnerable in our society in order to build a more flourishing world. Together, we can challenge the status quo, striving for a future that embodies justice and belonging for all in our communities. The award-winning non-profit initiatives in Dallas we will be visiting embody these values.

Having spent half her life outside the U.S., Dr. Morgan is committed to global education in order to build a better, more compassionate world. She has spent numerous years in international ministry; as missionaries in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, she and her husband Ron worked with vulnerable youth. Janine has a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies & Theology and currently teaches for the ACU Bible Department. Additionally, she currently serves as Faculty in Residence for the freshman Honors Wessel Hall and is program director for the Honors Living Learning Community (LLC).

Dr. Morgan is a Nine on the Enneagram and is being certified as an Enneagram teacher. Married for over forty years to an amazing human, Dr. Ron Morgan, she has two adult daughters. She likes chatting over coffee (strong espresso!), riding her bike, listening to Deep House music, and she has recently discovered the joy of K-dramas.

**HCOL: URBAN
PLUNGE DALLAS**



Weekend
Oct. 12 - 13
Sat: 8 am - 7 pm
Sun: 1 - 5 pm

CRN 10343

NOTE: Students must attend all course meetings to receive credit for this colloquium

FALL 2024

THE AFTER PARTY: TOWARD BETTER CHRISTIAN POLITICS

CHRIS RILEY, J.D. & AMY BOONE

HON 416.H1

The After Party emphasizes our identity in Christ over that of a political party. Through curated video content from [Redeeming Babel](#), readings from a variety of perspectives, and purposeful conversations, this course hopes to radically recenter Christ as we seek to be engaged, informed, and influential citizens in this election season. The “Us versus Them” mentality opposes the “mind of Christ” and camouflages our true spiritual enemy: dark “powers and principalities” that seek to divide humanity. Our deepest fears and hopes will never be answered by the victory of any political party or politician but rather only by the wedding feast of the Lamb, the return of our King Jesus.

**HCOL: BETTER
CHRISTIAN POLITICS**



Thurs., Sept. 5

6 - 9 pm

Sat., Sept. 7

9 am - 5 pm

Thurs., Sept. 12

6 - 9 pm

CRN 10344

Chris Riley, JD, MPA, is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Criminal Justice and ACU's Pre-Law Advisor. He has previously taught honors colloquia on Restorative Justice and Campus Free Speech. Chris also serves as an Assistant Municipal Court Judge.

Amy Boone, MEd, is the Teaching and Learning Specialist at the Adams Center for Teaching and Learning. She also teaches for the Honors College. Amy prioritizes good citizenship in the community and beyond by listening to others' perspectives and learning about her city, state, and country. One of her favorite citizen activities was participating in the Citizens Police Academy with the Abilene Police Department.

NOTE: Students must attend all course meetings to receive credit for this colloquium

FALL 2024

THE ART OF GATHERING

DR. SCOTT HAMM & ARLENE KASSELMAN

HON 417.H1

Discover the transformative power of presence and dive into a journey where theory meets practice as we shift the conversation on being present from abstract concepts to tangible actions.

In a world where genuine connections are rare gems, Arlene and Scott are committed to guiding you towards creating meaningful spaces that truly embrace everyone. Explore the essence of well-being through the lens of quality connections, understanding that it's not about the number of friends but the depth of relationships. Amidst a backdrop of societal loneliness, seize the opportunity to craft environments where everyone feels seen and

valued. Delve into the art of infusing gatherings with genuine significance, knowing that small intentional changes can elevate ordinary moments to extraordinary experiences. Drawing from rich hospitality literature, this course unveils three fundamental principles: the power of attentive presence, the art of purposeful design, and the importance of fostering spaces for authentic vulnerability. Join us as we embark on a journey to cultivate inclusivity, one meaningful interaction at a time.

Arlene Kasselmann has been married to her high school sweetheart, David, for 38 years. They have two adult children. Arlene is passionate about relationships, connection, and all the layers of being present with people. She holds a BA in Bible and Ministry and an MA in Organizational Development. Her work background is in Higher Education, focusing on student advocacy, mental health, and finding ways to help students thrive. A native of South Africa, she is dead serious about a good cup of tea. As a small business owner, Arlene is pursuing her passion for relational connection through her bookstore. She desires to create Abilene's living room in the safety and coziness of her downtown bookstore.

Dr. Scott Hamm (Dr. H.) is married to Dr. Stephanie Hamm, Associate Professor of Social Work. After graduating from ACU, Scott and Steph moved to West Virginia, where Scott worked with the United Way and opened a group home for teenage girls who were physically abused. He returned to Texas to serve as an associate minister in two churches in the DFW metroplex before returning to ACU, where he served as the Director of Mobile Learning Research. He serves as the assistant director of the Adams Center for Teaching and Learning and teaches part-time. He is passionate about hospitality as a decision in how he lives his life that creates meaningful connections.

NOTE: Students must attend all course meetings to receive credit for this colloquium

HCOL: THE ART OF GATHERING



Weekend
Sept. 27 - 29
Fri: 5 - 10 pm
Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Sun: 1 - 4 pm

CRN 10345

SCHOLARSHIP AS PUBLIC WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL

DR. JEFF CHILDERS

HON 418.H1

How does public Christian scholarship serve the gospel? And how does it gain a voice—is it the reasoning, the expertise, the place, or the atmosphere? We'll go on a weekend field trip to the Lanier Theological Library in Houston to take in a lecture series by renowned scholars and experience a unique institution—where everything from the architecture (Oxford and Byzantine) to the setting (lush parkland) to the book collection and lecture programming, are intended to remind the world of the rich and respectable intellectual traditions of the Christian faith.

**HCOL:
SCHOLARSHIP AS
WITNESS**



**Weekend Trip to
Houston
Sept. 20 - 22
Fri: 5 - 10 pm
Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 - 4 pm**

CRN 10346

Jeff Childers is the Carmichael-Walling Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at ACU. He teaches classes on the history of Christianity and Christian spiritual practices, especially in ancient Eastern contexts. When he isn't researching ancient manuscripts in obscure languages, he's looking for places in west Texas to practice fly fishing.

NOTE: Students must attend all course meetings to receive credit for this colloquium

FALL 2024

JMC COLLOQUIA RACE AND MEDIA

SPECIAL GUEST - TBA

HON 419.H1

The Journalism and Mass Communication department hosts this course. Each semester, they choose a special speaker to present a weekend of fascinating study on the issues of race and media in society.

Further information about this colloquium and the speaker will be announced at the beginning of next semester. If you are a JMC student, you may be able to get credit towards your major through this class - check with your department. If you are not a JMC student, you are still absolutely welcome!

JMC majors may only count this colloquium for one of the two required colloquia credits.

If you have questions about this colloquium's content or meeting dates, please contact Dr. Mendenhall at d1m08a@acu.edu.

**HCOL: JMC
RACE/MEDIA**



Weekend TBA

**Honors Students
HON 419.H1
CRN 10347**

**JMC Majors
JMC 303.H1
CRN 10455**

NOTE: Students must attend all course meetings to receive credit for this colloquium

JUSTICE, SERVICE, AND INNOVATION IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

DR. TREY SHIRLEY

HON 419.HS1



**HCOL: GLOBAL
INNOVATION**

**Oxford
CRN 10348**

Embark on a transformative journey in Oxford, England, by signing up for our immersive course: Justice, Service, and Innovation in a Global Context. Guided by design thinking principles, you will engage in transformative projects addressing urgent global issues of social and environmental justice. Work collaboratively on one impactful endeavor, choosing from options such as creating visual campaigns to combat local injustices like racial inequality or homelessness, delving into the challenges of disability by proposing designs to enhance accessibility at culturally significant sites for individuals with disabilities while preserving the site's integrity, or envisioning a revitalization project for neglected urban spaces through public art, fostering community pride and connection. Join this unique Oxford experience, where theory meets hands-on, socially impactful projects.

Dr. Shirley is an Assistant Professor of Art and Design and the Associate Dean of the Honors College. In addition to teaching, he is a graphic designer by training and his research centers around branding and Design Thinking. He is married to his wife, Trish, who is a local family practice physician, and together they have three children: Beth (13), Sarah (11), and John (9). His interests include cycling, mind puzzles, and typography.

NOTE: Students must attend all course meetings to receive credit for this colloquium

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

PROFESSOR LAUREN BOYLES

HON 419.HS3

HCOL: CAREER
DEVELOPMENT



Leipzig
CRN 12050

As you are getting ready to study abroad for the semester, have you ever thought about working and living abroad? Join Lauren Boyles, Career Development Advisor, for a fun and practical course. Offered in Leipzig, Germany, this fall, we will engage in career exploration to help you identify your distinct career interests and goals, research jobs and internships abroad, and learn together about the unique path of global employment.

Lauren Boyles is a career development advisor at ACU. She is a licensed professional counselor (LPC) and is passionate about helping students identify their greatest interests and how to get paid while enjoying them! Lauren is married to John, and they have one son, Guy, who is four. She loves cooking, reading, traveling, and fashion.

NOTE: Students must attend all course meetings to receive credit for this colloquium

PROJECT THESIS SEMINAR

DR. JASON MORRIS

HON 307

The highest Honors distinction at ACU is the Honors Scholar distinction, which requires an Honors Project Thesis. Because we want as many students as possible to achieve Honors Scholar, we offer this "workshop" to help students begin the Project Thesis process.

This Seminar should make the Project Thesis process less stressful and more accessible. This course will meet only two times during the semester. You will gain valuable insight into this process in just two sessions and complete a required Honors credit. This course does not count as a colloquium and is available only to Juniors and Seniors (by hours). Students taking the Seminar cannot already be in their graduation semester. All students who wish to be an Honors Scholar, Honors Associate, or McNair Honors Scholar are required to take the Seminar.

Dr. Morris is the Dean of the Honors College, Director of the Office of Major Scholarships, and serves as professor and executive director of the Center for Building Community. He also directs the Lynay program. He holds an Ed.D. in Higher Education and has published numerous articles. He is also a two-time Fulbright grantee and co-author of several books about major scholarships.

NOTE: Students must attend both course meetings to receive credit for this seminar.

**HONORS PROJECT:
SPECIAL**



HON 307.H1

**Wednesdays
Sept. 18 & Oct. 9
5 - 5:50 pm
CRN 10273**

**Thursdays
Sept. 19 & Oct. 10
4:30 - 5:20 pm**

CRN 10274