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**Illinois State University HONORS PROGRAM**

# Today's Agenda

▶ Your Honors Facilitator presents:

*Honors Learning Experiences*

- Explorations
- Travel





# Honors Explorations

- ▶ Not a class you “register” for; no credit hours or grade
- ▶ The topics are interdisciplinary & innovative





# Honors Explorations

- ▶ Small size; no more than 25 students
- ▶ Explorations meet 5 times for 2 hours
- ▶ Attendance and participation is required at all sessions





# Honors Explorations

- ▶ Typical assignments/expectations:
  - Readings before class
  - Short reflections to prepare for discussions
  - Culminating project/presentation





# Honors Explorations

- ▶ Complete an interest form
- ▶ Students are notified if they have a spot in the Exploration or if they are on the wait list
- ▶ Due to high demand, priority is given to students who have not taken many Explorations
- ▶ **Honors Contact: Sarah Roth,  
sjroth@ilstu.edu**



# Honors Explorations: **Spring 2022**

- ▶ Barbecue in America: History, Culture, and Science
- ▶ Cinematic Boogeymen: Culture, Horror Films, & Why We Love a Good Scare
- ▶ Exhibition Discomfort: Examining the Contested Spaces in American Historical Museums
- ▶ Exploring Creativity Through Game (World) Design and Virtual Reality in the Unity Game Engine
- ▶ Express Yourself: Understanding and Communicating Gender Identity
- ▶ Mind the Gap: Why Scientists and the General Public Often Disagree on Important Issues



# Honors Explorations

Mark your  
calendars, set your  
alarms....

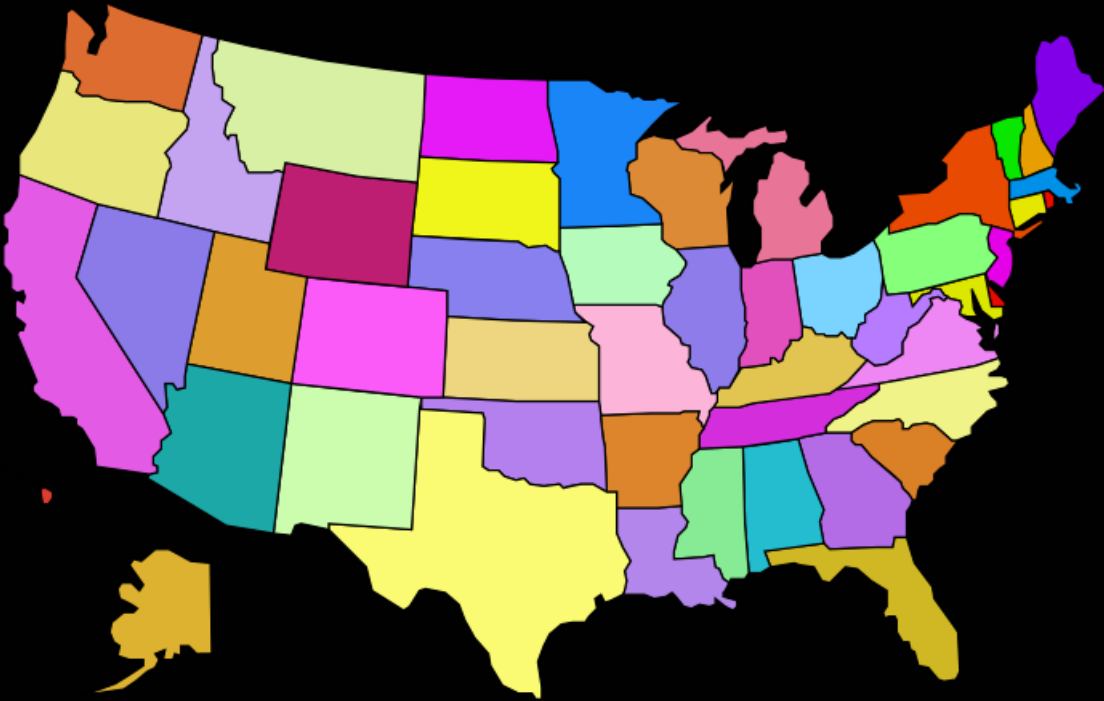
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Tuesday,  
November 2







# Honors Travel





# Honors Travel: Alternative Spring Break

- ▶ 2022 Trip: Oklahoma to work with Cherokee Nation
- ▶ Application scheduled to open October 1
- ▶ Application includes short answer questions





# Honors Travel: Alternative Spring Break

- ▶ Honors ASB Components:
  - 6 pre-trip meetings on a weeknight evening
  - Travel during Spring Break
  - Post-trip wrap-up



# Honors Travel: Alternative Spring Break

- ▶ Only Honors ASB counts as an Honors Learning Experience
- ▶ **Honors Contact:**  
**Amy Secretan,**  
**[amsecre@ilstu.edu](mailto:amsecre@ilstu.edu)**





# Honors Travel: Study Abroad

- ▶ Travel over Spring Break or in the summer
- ▶ Honors Travel Components:
  - Class = IDS 121Axx (Gen Ed LH)
    - Honors Section
    - Spring or Summer
    - Pre-trip meetings
    - Assignments
    - Post-trip wrap-up
  - Travel = 8 – 10 days



# Honors Travel 2022

## ▶ **Barbados**

- ▶ Application deadline: January 15
- ▶ Pre-trip meetings in Spring 2022
- ▶ Class: IDS 121a68 in Summer 2022
- ▶ Travel: May 14 - 22, 2022 (tentative)
- ▶ Approximate cost: \$3800

(including tuition, airfare, meals, accommodations, etc.)

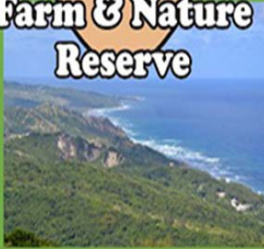


# Honors Travel 2022

## PEG Farm & Nature Reserve



Farm & Nature Reserve



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# Honors Travel 2022

## ▶ Virtual Information Sessions

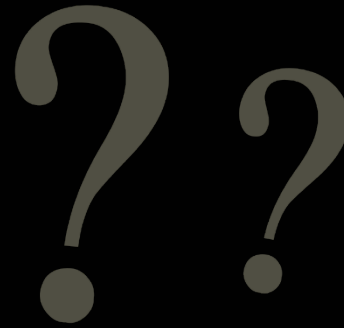
- Wednesday, November 3 at 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 11 at 5 pm

Zoom links for these sessions will be emailed soon.





# Honors Peer Mentor Spotlight



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