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**1. HAPPY 2006!!**

The Honors College would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy, healthy successful and safe 2006! Spring semester is just around the corner and we are looking forward to a great year filled with interesting classes, fun events and exciting opportunities. Be sure to read this Newsletter regularly and check the website at <http://honorsnewark.rutgers.edu> regularly for important information on news and events. And, as always, feel free to stop by and visit us anytime (we're in Smith Hall 236). We look forward to seeing you on the 17<sup>th</sup>!

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**2. RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES**

A professor in the Sociology Department is seeking a research assistant to work on a project that explores land rights/land reform movements in the Global South (India, Pakistan, etc...). Particular focus will be put on the Gandhian social movement organization in India that promotes land reform and an equitable use of the commons through methods of nonviolent action and civil disobedience. Students would be asked to assist with interviewing activists from this organization. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact [Dr. John Gunkel](#).

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**3. RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP IN TERRORISM AND GENOCIDE**

A professor in the Sociology and Anthropology Department seeks a Research Assistant to assist with research projects on terrorism and genocide. A familiarity with computers and research with the library databases a plus, but not required. Opportunities such as this provide an excellent experience that is typically only available to graduate students. If you are interested in the above position please contact [Dr. Gunkel](#) at as soon as possible.

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**4. GET NOMINATED FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING SCHOLARSHIP**

The NJ Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission is proud to announce 2005-2006 King Scholarship Program. Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 are awarded annually to college students who have demonstrated an active interest and meaningful involvement in the areas of human rights, social justice, labor, and world peace; and who intend to pursue academic and/or career paths that would enable them to advance these causes as future leaders. Students must be enrolled full-time and be a permanent resident of NJ. If you are interested in being nominated for this opportunity, please contact [Seth J. Mann](#).

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**5. ALL EXPENSE PAID HISTORY SCHOLARS PROGRAM IN NYC**

The Gilder Lehrman History Scholars Program is a summer scholarship program in American history for outstanding college sophomores and juniors. The program, based in NYC, has been designed to

reward undergrads who have love for history. Scholarship recipients will attend a six-week, all-expenses-paid, scholarly research program in New York City along with a stipend of \$2,400.00. In addition, up to 50 runners-ups will be invited to an all-expenses-paid, one-week program. Interested students should be sophomores or juniors who plan to pursue a history major. If you are interested in applying or would like more information then please contact [Seth J. Mann](#).

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#### **6. STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Applications are currently available for the 2006-2007 Boren Undergraduate Scholarships for study abroad. This unique scholarship opportunity funds study abroad experiences in regions critical to U.S. interests including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, the NIS, and the Middle East. To be eligible, applicants must be 1) a U.S. Citizen at time of application, and 2) applying to a study abroad program that will end before they graduate. For more information, please contact [Seth J. Mann](#) as soon as possible (deadlines are approaching so a fast response is essential).

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#### **7. HELP PLAN A “YOUTH SPEAK-OUT” ON THE “NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND LAW”**

A youth “Speak-Out” on No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is currently being organized by the university. For those of you unfamiliar the law, NCLB is a federal law that says students in elementary through high school have to take tests at grades 3 ,4, 8 and 11 to see if they pass onto the next grade, or graduate after the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The project is aimed at finding out what impact this has on young people still in school, from their point of view. This “Youth Speak-Out” will give these students an opportunity to do just that and affect future policy. Through participation, students will get an opportunity to learn about community organizing and about education policy, and will help to make a difference in somebody’s life. If you would like more information or are interested in participating then please contact [Dr. Gunkel](#).

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#### **8. FORUM ON ORGANIZING BETTER SCHOOLS**

The Abbott Leadership Institute is exploring a new plan to organize small, more personal middle and high schools in Newark and the surrounding school districts. Research shows that young people learn better in such schools. The Institute needs your help in organizing forums where the students can learn about this possibility, and can in turn educate their parents. Through participation, students will get an opportunity to learn about community organizing and about education policy, and will help to make a difference in somebody’s life. If you would like more information or are interested in participating then please contact [Dr. Gunkel](#).

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The Newsletter is published every week to provide timely information about events and opportunities of particular interest or benefit to Rutgers-Newark Honors College Students. Be sure to read carefully each week for important announcements and opportunities such as scholarships, internships, and research positions. Furthermore, we recommend that you create a folder on your hard drive or on your e-mail account to save all the newsletters for future reference. For additional information on what appears above please follow links listed with individual items or contact the parties listed to learn more about a particular opportunity. Please do not reply directly to this e-mail.

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