LIBERALLY SPEAKING

The newsletter for students, staff and faculty of the Hutchins School of Liberal Studies at Sonoma State University

HUTCHINS COMMUNITY INVITED TO SENIOR SHOWCASE, DECEMBER 2ND

All Hutchins students, staff, faculty, friends and family are cordially invited to attend the Hutchins School’s Fall Senior Showcase, to be held from 4pm to 6pm in The Cooperage, Room 2 on December 2nd, 2014. Envisioned as a way to give Hutchins Seniors the opportunity to exhibit their capstone projects and portfolios, this showcase will feature the works of all students currently enrolled in JoAnn Vrilakas’s LIBS 402 class, and Dr. Eric McGuckin’s LIBS 403 class.

Prominently displayed will be a series of posters created by LIBS 402/403 students designed to highlight what their senior capstone project entailed, as well as handouts and brochures that summarize their work. Visitors are encouraged to visit with all Showcase participants, as the room will set up much like a traditional science fair with multiple stations introducing student projects. Showcase participants will be available to answer questions and give further details about their endeavors. Hutchins’ Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors are especially encouraged to attend, so that they may get a better idea of what the Senior Capstone project is.

All are welcome to drop by Cooperage Room 2 at any time during the 4pm to 6pm showcase. We would greatly appreciate an audience to learn more about the Seniors’ hard work and wish them well as they graduate Sonoma State this winter. Please stop by, view the projects, and enjoy some refreshments—we look forward to seeing you at this special event!

INTERSESSION 2015 LIBS CLASSES OFFERED BY SSU EXTENDED EDUCATION

Hoping to get ahead in your studies or stay sharp over the winter? The LIBS class offered through SSU School of Extended Education will help you do just that. Classes being offered this winter include:

- LIBS 320A—Shop ‘til You Drop with Dr. Stephanie Dyer; Monday - Friday, Dec. 17-19 and Jan. 5-14, 1-5pm
- LIBS 320B—Projects WET, WILD and Learning Tree with Dr. Heidi LaMoreaux; Monday - Friday, Dec. 17-19 and Jan. 5-14, 6-10pm
- LIBS 320C—Unblocking Creativity with Dr. Janet Hess; Monday - Friday, Dec. 17-19 and Jan. 5-14, 8am-12pm

For information about fees and registration, please visit the SSU Extended Education website at http://www.sonoma.edu/exed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALL 2014 GRADUATES!

The Hutchins Department would like to extend our best wishes to the graduating class of Fall 2014! Though SSU does not hold a graduation ceremony in the fall, we look forward to seeing you walk the stage in the May 2015 ceremony. You will be welcomed with great enthusiasm!

Congrats, grads!

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**DR. STEPHANIE DYER TO BECOME HUTCHINS DEPARTMENT CHAIR**

*Dr. Heidi LaMoreaux stepping down after 4 ½ years of leadership*

With the conclusion of the Fall 2014 semester, Dr. Heidi LaMoreaux will step down from her position as Hutchins’ Department Chair in order to allow Department Chair-elect, Dr. Stephanie Dyer, to take on the position. As Department Chair is a temporary position that is held by a faculty member for a limited time, this change is not unexpected, but many members of the Hutchins will miss Dr. LaMoreaux’s guidance, ingenuity, and bright personality.

“Every Department Director has their own special qualities,” says Academic Advisor Donna Garbesi. “Heidi’s stellar qualities include seeing the big picture, true empathy for students, and collegial teamwork. She’ll definitely be missed.”

To the Hutchins community, Dr. LaMoreaux says: “I want to thank all of you for your support during the time I have been Director. At times, the job has been stressful and difficult, but overall I can honestly say that it has been wonderful working with the Hutchins staff, faculty and students. I know that our incoming Director, Dr. Stephanie Dyer, will do an excellent job of leading Hutchins into the future. I look forward to letting go of my administrative responsibilities and focusing more on my teaching and creative activities.”

Dr. Stephanie Dyer says of her new position: “I’m honored to be appointed Director, and I hope I can do as good of a job as our previous director has done. These are big shoes to fill!”

In addition to their new jobs, the professors will also be swapping offices. Beginning in January 2015, look for Dr. LaMoreaux in Carson #35, and Dr. Dyer in Carson #44B, located inside the Hutchins Main Office. Much luck and best wishes to both of these valued faculty members!

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**CONGRATULATIONS, FALL 2014 GRADUATES WITH DISTINCTION!**

MELISSA BADER
ASHLEY BROWNING
ADRIENNE LA FORTUNE
ASHTON MYERS
MAYTAL OreVl
KYLE SPRICKMAN
BRENDA VALINE

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**UPCOMING HUTCHINS EVENTS**

~ **NOVEMBER 26-28: THANKSGIVING BREAK**
Time to go over the river and through the woods to see friends and family and eat lots of good food. Be sure to bring back some leftovers!

~ **DECEMBER 2ND, 2014: HUTCHINS SENIOR SHOWCASE**
The Cooperage. Room 2
4pm to 6pm, set-up begins at 3pm
Join the faculty, staff, and students of the Hutchins School as we learn more about the Senior Capstone projects of LIBS 402 and LIBS 403.

~ **DECEMBER 5TH, 2014: LAST DAY OF REGULAR CLASS INSTRUCTION**
This will be the last regular day of classes prior to Finals Week and the end of the Fall 2014 semester.

~ **DECEMBER 8-12, 2014: FINALS WEEK**
Stock up on printer ink, green books, #2 pencils, and coffee, because it’s Finals Week once again.

~ **DECEMBER 25TH, 2014 TO JANUARY 1ST, 2015: WINTER BREAK**
Campus closed for Winter Break. Happiest of Holidays, Hutchies!