

American Humanics @EMU

A note from the campus director

The 2006-2007 academic years has begun! Every fall I am excited to meet new students and to re-acquaint myself with our AH Nonprofit Scholars. It is always interesting to talk with them about their summer adventures. Also, during the fall semester many of the students seem eager to get back to academics and dive right into campus activities. This is exactly what has been happening around here!

It is important for the students to be actively involved with the American Humanics student association. Not only does this provide them with leadership opportunities but it serves as reinforcement to the competencies they are actively fulfilling. My role as the director of the program is providing support and guidance to our students while providing them with as much practical experience as possible. I have been fortunate to work with our dedicated students through American Humanics. I am proud of the work they engage themselves in and the professionalism they display as AH representatives.

This year brings many new possibilities and challenges to our program. With many student leaders graduating this winter and spring, a new era of leaders are taking the reigns of leadership and will be moving the program forward. It is my hope that I can provide adequate support in their journey. In addition, I am hopeful that our program will continue to grow and prepare the next generation of non-profit leaders.

Best wishes this academic year!

Claudia Petrescu, Ph.D.

Internship Highlights

Last spring, from May until June, I had the opportunity to work with the Washtenaw United Way and their Success by Six program. The program was the beginning stages at the time of my internship, and I had the opportunity to participate in the grassroots activities of this early learning initiative. During my 300 hours, I was able to meet with several community agency representatives, take all minutes at the Executive Committee Meetings, and assist in the research for the program of available local programs. I was also fortunate enough to have worked with an amazing mentor, who set up interviews with the entire staff of the agency, including the President, Sandy Rupp.

This was an incredible experience that gave me insight into what a typical day in a large nonprofit was like. Attending meetings and working closely with my supervisor allowed me experience first-hand the details that go into the Program Management position.

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NEW announces the Resource Connect Training Calendar

NEW is excited about the most recent addition to Resource Connect: an online training calendar <http://new.org/resourceconnect/training/index.php> that combines the training offerings of dozens of service providers into a single, searchable tool. With just a few clicks of your mouse you can find workshops, teleseminars and online classes on a wide range of nonprofit subjects. Customize your search by date, subject matter, location, or cost to get a focused list of learning opportunities. NEW's goal is to keep nonprofit staff, board members and volunteers up-to-date on the wide variety of educational opportunities available to them.

We welcome your feedback and encourage suggestions for other trainings that should be included in the calendar. Send an email to Dallas Moore, dmoore@new.org, with your comments.

AHMI NEWS: American Humanics Management Institute Annual Conference in Washington D. C. January 3-6, 2007

“Empowering Communities through People, Passion, and Policy.”

The American Humanics Management Institute 2007 will be held in Washington, DC. With the theme of the institute being “Empowering Communities through People, Passion, and Policy,” the national office and its partners are confident this will be an intensive learning symposium. This year's keynote speakers include David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and Ralph Smith, Senior Vice President of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. This year's institute will have four main learning projects which include a public policy dialogue, student workshops, a case simulation, and professional development workshops for university career service professionals.

The AHSA has already begun to fundraise in preparation for this wonderful learning opportunity. This year's EMU student representative is Danielle Tucker. She has also taken the initiative to coordinate many different types of fundraising activities which include student government funding, donation requests, etc. Last year, the student association had the largest number of EMU students attend the institute in EMU history. The AHSA is hopeful that this year will surpass last.

For detailed information about AHMI check out the national AH website: www.humanics.org

American Humanics Student Association

Welcome back! The summer has brought many new changes to the lives of our students here at EMU! While many of our students have move into the next phase of their life after graduation, the student association is moving forward with fresh new faces in our general membership!

The student association has been off to a great start this semester. Just when students were starting to prepare for the start of school our dedicated students were already in the mix of things here on campus. Early on in the school year the student association was proud to participate in Fajita Fest and Community Plunge in coordination with the VISION Office on campus. These events gave AH students the chance to meet new freshman and transfer students who are ALL potential AH students!

Among some of the most important task the student association would like to accomplish this semester include updating the bylaws. This is something that member Mike Haynes and I have been working diligently. We are hopeful that the general membership and student leaders will work together to create new ways for the student association to be effective on campus and in the community.

In addition to the many events the student has been working on this semester which includes recruitment events, service projects, and competency workshops- we are planning to have elections. This is an exciting time for AHSA, as it is preparing to welcome new leaders and fresh ideas! With our membership just over 40 students our student association is comprised of the most motivated and ambitious students at EMU. It is with great confidence in all of our members that we prepare for elections!

As always, the student association is continuing to cultivate new working relationships with students, student organizations, and community partners. On October 24, 2006 there will be a panel discussion on the November ballot issues that Michigan voters will be deciding. In cooperation with the Public Administration Club, the AHSA is proud to be part of this event. Please look for an up coming e-mail with the details to this event.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a successful semester. Thank you for your continuing support of our membership.

Best,

April Aretz

President, AHSA

Up coming Events

- *Children of Children Exhibit TBA
- *Learning from the Community TBA
- Ballot Discussion Panel with Representative John Stewart
October 24th 7-9 pm Room 300 of Halle library
- *AHSA Accounting Workshop TBA
- *November Service Project TBA
- *December Service Project TBA
- AHSA Election Meeting
November 2nd at 4:00pm Room 220 of Rackham

*Indicates projects which are still in the planning phase. Date and time to be announced. For information contact the office or send us an e-mail humanics@emich.edu

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