

HONORS PROGRAM FALL NEWSLETTER

University Honors Program

An Interview with Professor Matthew Marx

Harim Won

Harim: Hello Professor Marx, thank you for this interview. To start off, what do you do at UNO, and what is your background?

Professor Marx: I teach in the English Department, specifically composition, literature, and sometimes special topics in the Honors Program. I started as a transfer student at UNO in 1992, did some undergraduate coursework in England, and completed my graduate studies here. Including my graduate assistant years, I have taught at UNO for 19 years – practically half of my life, in fact! My area of specialty is British Literature from the Romantic Era to the present. My interest is particularly in poetry of that time period; however, I have branched into interdisciplinary topics, that is, making connections between different subjects such as psychology, history, religion, and even quantum mechanics.

H: What is your favorite part of teaching Honors students?

M: I would definitely say the depth of discussions. The most fun I have in any part of the day is in the classroom with students discussing really interesting topics. I enjoy getting to read their papers, in which they have had a chance to reflect on what we've discussed and provide brilliant analysis. I like to view the university as a sort of think tank where we can get together to think on deep topics. The least fun part of my job is going to meetings. [laughs]

H: What advice can you give to students, particularly freshman, to be successful in college?

M: Above all, I would say to make connections with others – with other students as friends of course, but also with your professors. The university is a great resource for students that many underutilize. Do not feel that you cannot approach professors, and don't be shy; take time to get to know them and other people in departments. If you are doing a paper on philosophy, drop by that department and ask questions! In the library, librarians are just waiting for students to ask them for help. Too many students feel that they are alone; they live in a simulation, walk around addicted to their technology, and do not truly talk to people. The experience of life is so much richer if you take that step and talk to people personally. As they say, 90% is just showing up!

H: Lastly, what is your spirit animal and why?

M: [laughs] Oh wow, I may have to think about that one... I feel that spirit animals have to be mythological, so definitely the phoenix. The reason being that they represent hope.

H: Wonderful, thank you again for your time Professor Marx!



Upcoming Events and Announcements

Honors Program Fall Blood Drive Success

Cristian Valquier

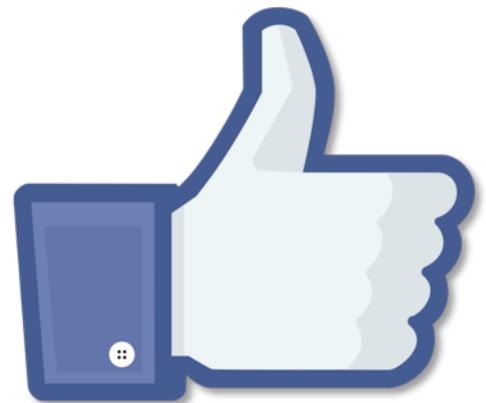
I would like to thank everyone who came out to help with the blood drive and for everyone who helped out throughout the process. We saw a lot of challenges. From being double booked and changing our date to Parking Services not letting us park in our reserved stalls that morning, it all worked out somehow! Despite these obstacles, we were able to pass our goal of 54, and received a total 69 out of a possible 70 units! Our blood drive was the first one held at the new Community Engagement Center building and again, I am grateful to each and every person that donated and helped make it a success!



Facebook Like Contest

Madison Nutter

The Honors Program will be holding a Facebook like contest from Monday, November 17th to Friday, December 12th! Every person that likes our page at www.facebook.com/UNOHonorsProgram will be entered for a chance to win a \$10 gift card with drawings being held on November 25th and December 5th. A final drawing will be held for a \$50 gift card! This is a great chance to promote the Honors Program and possibly win some cash, so be sure to like our page and tell your classmates in Honors courses to do the same!



If you would like to contribute a piece to next month's newsletter, contact us at unohonors@unomaha.edu! We can give you topics to consider, or you may present ideas of your own. Please make sure any submissions are emailed by Monday, December 1st.

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