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A&M-TEXARKANA PROFESSORS PRESENT SPRING COLLOQUIA

The Middle East—The Violence of Faith
Dr. Walter Casey, professor of Political Science, presented the first Honors Program colloquium of the spring semester on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

The colloquium, which drew a large crowd, focused on the interaction of politics and religion in the modern Middle East from 1850 to the present.

Piano Compositions by African American Composers
On February 4, 2016, Dr. Doris Davis, Regents Professor of English, offered a lecture and performance of African American composers of this area. She focused on the music of Florence Price and William Grant Still, both of whom grew up in Little Rock, and performed the second movement of Price’s “Sonata in E Minor” for piano and Still’s impressionistic “Phantom Chapel.” Additionally, she played “Maple Leaf Rag” by Scott Joplin, who was from Texarkana, and Count Basie’s “One O’clock Jump,” arranged by Teddy Wilson. She emphasized the tremendous contributions that African Americans have made to American music.

Professor Morton to Give Joint Presentation on Videographic Criticism
Dr. Drew Morton, Assistant Professor of Mass Communication and Texas A&M University-Texarkana’s 2015 Scholar of the Year, will be giving a presentation entitled “The Rosebud Syndrome: Wealth in Film and a Discussion About Videographic Production” at noon on Thursday April 14th. The presentation will be sponsored jointly by the University’s Program for Learning and Community Engagement (PLACE) and Honor’s Program and is open to the public.

The presentation will take an unusual format. Morton will screen the latest video in his series of videographic criticism made specifically for PLACE’s theme of economic opportunity. Entitled “The Rosebud Syndrome: Wealth in American Film,” the six minute short features a collage of clips drawn from such films as Citizen Kane (1941), The Godfather (1972), and The Wolf of Wall Street (2013) that strive to illustrate how American films portray financial success, wealth, greed, and the American Dream. Following the screening, Morton will lead a wider discussion about the implications of the video and how it intersects with American ideology. The second part of the hour long talk will focus on videographic criticism and its publication. This unique format has brought the University prestige and accolades.
Connect with other Honors program students and join the Honors community. Like Texas A&M University-Texarkana Honors Program on Facebook for important dates and events. Find program requirements and resources on the Honors Program webpage.

Building a Community of Scholars

Do you have a great idea for a project or an interesting topic for a colloquium?

The Honors Program wants to hear from you!

The Honors Program is looking for students and faculty who want to present scholarly lectures or original research for the colloquium series.

Students who have completed Honors projects are encouraged to present their work through colloquia.

New faculty are invited to participate in the colloquia to introduce themselves and their research to faculty and to students.

For more information contact Dr. Craig Nakashian at craig.nakashian@tamut.edu or honors@tamut.edu
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If you are interested in having a greater representation of women in elected office and/or are considering a career in politics, policymaking, or public service, please apply to this weeklong residential summer institute.

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Who should apply?

- Undergraduate women enrolled in any Texas college or university for 2015-2016, or are graduating in May 2016;
- Texas residents attending out-of-state schools;
- All majors are welcome;
- Women of color and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

Click here for Application.

For questions, please contact Nancy Ewert, Program Coordinator
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Introducing Honor Program Student

Meet Kristen Childress  
**Major:** BSIS-Early Childhood-Grade 6  
**Hometown:** Atlanta, Texas  
**High School:** Queen City  
**Favorites:** Obsessed with Mexican food, LillaSyster Soap Company, and having McAlister lunch dates with my college friends. I love country and Texas country music.

Kristen continued an A&M family tradition when she chose to attend A&M-Texarkana. “My whole family are Aggies, so I thought I might as well follow the tradition. All A&M universities are wonderful and offer students so many opportunities.”

Her goals are to begin a career in teaching, live a long, happy life with her husband and dogs and start a family when “the good Lord wills us to.” Kristen and Dalton were married on June 6, 2015 at the “best little barn wedding” surrounded by family and friends. She describes the wedding to her best friend as the most memorable moment in life.

Kristen describes her family as the best support system a girl could ask for. Her grandparents are her biggest role models. “My papaw didn't have the easiest life growing up, but that never stopped him. He made a lot of lemonade out of life’s lemons. In everything my brother and I did they were our number one cheerleaders. They have the life and marriage that I hope to have.”
Learn More

Definition of COLLOQUIUM: usually an academic meeting at which specialists deliver addresses on a topic or on related topics and then answer questions relating to them

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