On Thursday, April 14th, Dr. Drew Morton, Assistant Professor of Mass Communication and Texas A&M University-Texarkana’s 2015 Scholar of the Year, screened the latest video in his series of videographic criticism made specifically for University’s Program for Learning and Community Engagement (PLACE) 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, Dr. Morton 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 focused on videographic criticism and its publication. This unique format has brought the University prestige and accolades. Dr. Morton has given talks across the world about the ground-breaking format - ranging from Colombia to Canada - and has been an artist in residence at several Universities. Moreover, Morton is a co-founder and co-editor of *[in]Transition*, the first openly peer reviewed academic journal devoted to the format. The journal, which is a co-production of NYU Press’s *MediaCommons* and the Society of Cinema and Media Studies’ (SCMS) Cinema Journal, recently won an Award of Distinction in the 2015 SCMS Anne Friedberg Innovative Scholarship Competition.

The event was cohosted by PLACE and the University Honors Program.

**Don’t forget to schedule your Honors advising session!**

You will need your PIN authorization number to register for summer and fall classes. Contact the Honors Program staff now at honors@tamut.edu.
Honors Program student Chris Kinney explains his project

Join the Honors Program in recognizing our students original work. The Honors Program Spring Showcase is scheduled for Thursday, April 28th from noon-1:00 pm in the 3rd floor Atrium. Snacks will be provided.

The Honors Program students would like to say “Thank You” to Dr. Emily Cutrer for hosting the dinner on April 13th. Everyone enjoyed the evening!

THANK YOU, DR. CUTRER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Monday, April 25, Kyle Price Colloquium, Eagle Hall, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Thursday, April 28, Honors Program Showcase, 3rd floor Atrium, noon-1:00 pm
NCHC is excited to announce the opportunity for innovators and difference makers to apply for up to $1,000 and be recognized at the 2016 NCHC Annual Conference in Seattle.

Think Geek presented NCHC with a gift of $5,000 to encourage ideas that impact change in the world, whether for specific communities, demographics or applications.

The challenge is as limitless as your imagination. Have you created a gadget, an app, a widget or a process that made something traditional—well, less traditional? More efficient? Simpler? Cooler? Has your creation sparked a movement that makes you feel like a superhero?

Now, for the details.

1. Submit a one page essay: it must include the description of your innovation, how it changed your world (big or small), and what role technology played in designing and implementing the innovation. Innovation and creativity are a must—please submit only original, non-trademarked working concepts from your own gray matter.

2. Create a 2-3 minute video, highlighting your innovation at work. Testimonials, visuals, special effects are all welcome. Submit with your essay.

3. Submit a statement from your honors director that provides confirmation that you are enrolled at your honors college.

4. **DEADLINE: AUGUST 15, 2016.**

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IF YOU HAVE DONE SOMETHING ALREADY, AWESOME! BUT IF YOU HAVE A BURNING IDEA AND WANT THE SUMMER TO DEVELOP IT, THERE’S STILL TIME! THERE’S NO BETTER MOTIVATION THAN A DEADLINE WITH CASH ON THE LINE!

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR INNOVATION!

Winners will be notified by September 1, 2016 and recognized at the 2016 NCHC Annual Conference in Seattle. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five submissions: $500 to you and $500 to your honors college, as well as an opportunity to present or demo your innovation on the national stage at the Seattle Conference!

Good luck, and happy geeking!