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Welcome TO THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Welcome to the University of Kentucky and the Sixth Honors Education at Research Universities Conference. Eleven years ago, I had the great privilege to host the first HERU Conference at Penn State University's Schreyer Honors College and the imperative which compelled our Big Ten colleagues to convene that first meeting remains today. Honors education in research universities presents distinct opportunities and challenges and it is good for us to gather together in order to share best practices and build community. Built within larger universities, our Honors colleges and programs are designed to provide students with singular attention, distinct intellectual experiences, and opportunities to develop fully into their best selves.

The last few years have seen the rise in conflict on campuses, constrained budgets, and challenges to the importance of a college education and the value of the liberal arts. I believe, and I suspect you do as well, that such challenges make our work more vital than ever. It is incumbent upon us to not only demonstrate the value of education, but the importance of critical thinking and respectful deliberation. Thus, we have chosen as the theme of the 2024 HERU conference, "Dialogue, Debate, and Discourse: Having the Hard Conversations." Our keynote speakers Dr. Sigal Ben-Porath and Irshad Manji, will present on the value of the open exchange of ideas and disagreements and walk with us as we put this into practice ourselves. Honors should be the model of such free, open, and respectful engagement.

I want to offer my thanks to all those who have supported and enabled the concept of HERU to thrive and remain relevant for over a decade. I particularly want to thank the HERU24 planning committee and the faculty and staff of the Lewis Honors College who have made this conference possible. We are fortunate to have tremendous financial support as well. Dr. Robert DiPaola, the Provost of the University of Kentucky, has provided subvention of the conference, the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State has sponsored the opening reception, and InfoReady has sponsored one of the keynote lunches.

Finally, perhaps the most valuable time of any conference, is the opportunity to be in conversation with one another, in a session, in the hallway, or over a cup of coffee. I hope these few moments will support and encourage you in your work with our students, as we truly are shaping people who shape the world.

Yours,

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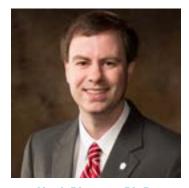
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HERU HISTORY



For a number of years, directors and deans of Honors Programs and Colleges in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), now the Big Ten Academic Alliance, met annually to discuss the best practices and challenges of Honors education. In 2008 and prior to joining the Big 10, the University of Maryland was invited to join the members of the CIC at this annual meeting. Maryland's addition was felt to be a great benefit to all, and so began the practicing of inviting a different peer institution to the annual meeting each subsequent year. While other Honors focused conferences and meetings have much to offer, it quickly became evident that none were fully meeting the specific needs of Research 1 institutions. Honors Programs and Colleges needed a way to expand their CIC-based annual meetings to allow the larger national Honors community at research institutions to meet and share best practices and scholarly work on to provision of enhanced educational experiences for high achieving students. Thus, Honors Education at Research Universities (HERU) was born.

A key decision, agreed upon by general consensus, was that effort would be made to keep HERU from becoming another society with a corresponding overhead, committees, and politics. Instead, the organization would be a biannual meeting with a "daisy-chain" structure of committees, passing along decision-making from one to another. For each conference, a new planning committee is created with the host serving as the chair of the committee. Each planning committee subsequently creates a subcommittee for site selection to select the location for the next conference. Finally, in a nod to its roots in the Big 10, it was also agreed that, as the founding members of HERU, each committee would always have representation from the CIC.

Pennsylvania State University hosted the inaugural HERU conference in 2013. Oregon State University was selected to host the second biennial conference in 2015, followed by the 2017 HERU Conference at Ohio State University, and the 2019 HERU Conference at the University of Utah. Then after the COVID pandemic delayed the normal conference cycle, the University of Houston held the 2022 HERU Conference. The University of Kentucky was selected for the sixth 'biennial' HERU conference to be held in 2024.

It was the hope of the founding committee and inaugural conference that HERU would be an opportunity for Honors peers to come together, sharing best practices and building relationships that benefit us all. Further, it was hoped that this structure would allow for the organic growth of HERU, responsive to changing needs without becoming imposing or cumbersome. In the end, HERU belongs to those who attend the conference and choose to participate.

Keynote Speaker DR. SIGAL BEN-PORATH





WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024, 12-1:30 PM WHERE: GATTON STUDENT CENTER, GRAND BALLROOM AB "DIALOGUE IN POLARIZED TIMES"

Dr. Sigal Ben-Porath is the MRMJJ University Professor of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, where she is also a member of the philosophy and the political science departments, and the faculty director of the SNF Paideia Program for civic dialogue. She was a fellow at Princeton University's Center for Human Values, The Institute for Advanced Studies, Tel-Aviv University's Safra Center for Ethics, and Harvard University's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics. Her recent books are *Cancel Wars* (Chicago 2023), *Free Speech on Campus* (Penn Press, 2017) as well as *Making Up Our Mind* (with Michael Johanek, Chicago 2019). She chaired Penn's Committee on Open Expression 2015-2019, and serves on the boards of the Teachers Institute of Philadelphia, Middlebury's Conflict Transformation Center, and Penn's Project for Philosophy for the Young. In recent years she offers guidance to college campuses on policy development and responses to controversies surrounding speech.

Dr. Sigal Ben-Porath

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Moral Courage Workshop

IRSHAD MANJI KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MORAL COURAGE WORKSHOP WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024, 4:45-6:15 PM

WHERE: GATTON STUDENT CENTER, GRAND BALLROOM AB

LUNCH AND A CONVERSATION
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024, 12-1:30 PM
WHERE: GATTON STUDENT CENTER, GRAND BALLROOM AB



Irshad Manji is Founder and President of the Moral Courage Project, which is building a global community of mentors who teach people how to discuss polarizing issues productively.

The recipient of Oprah's "Chutzpah Award" for boldness, Irshad is also a New York Times bestselling author. Her latest book is *Don't Label Me: How to Do Diversity Without Inflaming the Culture Wars*. (Fun fact: Chris Rock calls the book "genius." We don't yet know what Will Smith thinks of it.)

A prize-winning leadership professor at New York University for many years, Irshad now teaches with Oxford University's Initiative for Global Ethics and Human Rights.

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Submit your questions or comments for Irshad Manji by 10 AM on May 22 to be shared during the Lunch.

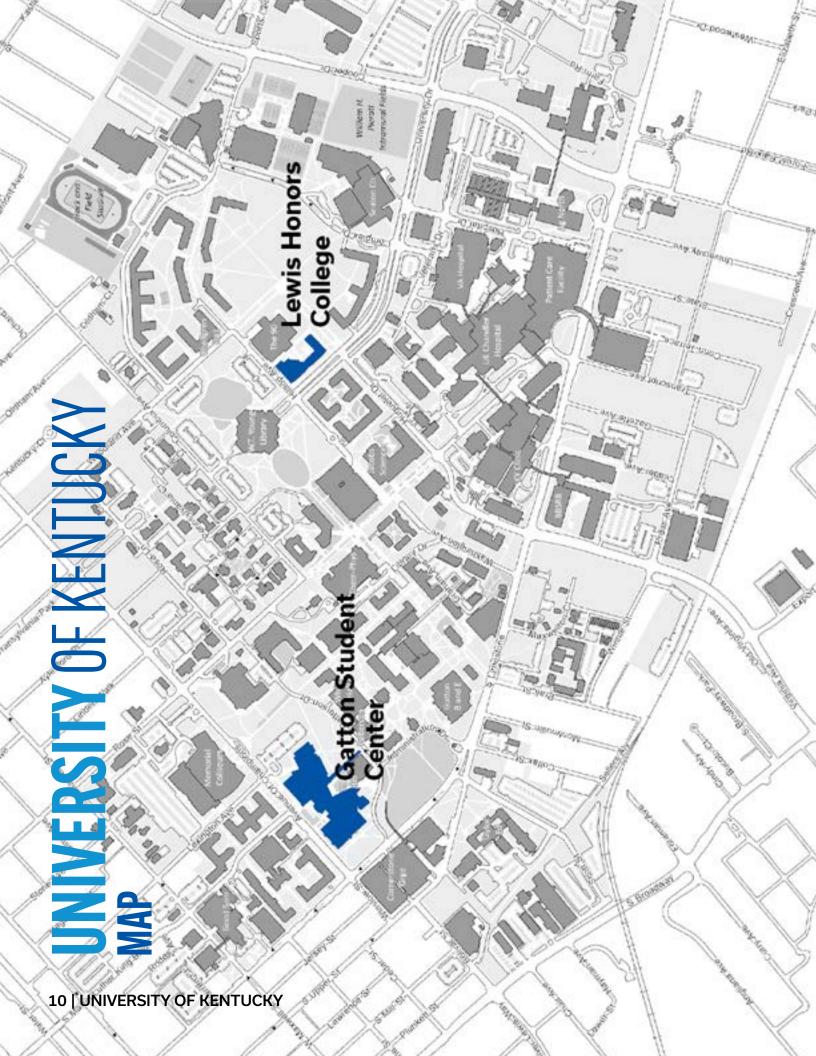


HERU 2024 SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday, May 20	6-8 PM	HERU Welcome Reception Sponsored by the Penn State Schreyer Honors College	21c Museum Hotel Lexington
Tuesday, May 21	7:30 AM	Registration Opens	Gatton Student Center Lobby
	8-8:30 AM	HERU Welcome	Gatton Student Center Grand Ballroom AB
	8:30-10 AM	Morning Sessions 1	See Page 12
BUS TRANSPORTATION	10-10:15 AM	Break	
7:15 AM	10:15-11:45 AM	Morning Sessions 2	See Page 13
Departs 21c Museum Hotel Lexington for Gatton Student Center 6:15 PM	11:45 AM-12 PM	Break	
	12-1:30 PM	Lunch and Keynote Speaker Dr. Sigal Ben-Porath Sponsored by InfoReady	Gatton Student Center Grand Ballroom AB
Departs Gatton Student Center for Lewis Honors	1:30-3 PM	Afternoon Sessions 1	See Page 14
College	3-3:15 PM	Break	
8:30 PM Departs Lewis Honors College for	3:15-4:45 PM	Afternoon Sessions 2	See Page 15
21c Museum Hotel Lexington	4:45-6:15 PM	"Moral Courage" Workshop by Irshad Manji Sponsored by the Office of the Provost	Gatton Student Center Grand Ballroom AB
	6:30-7:30 PM	Reception	Lewis Honors College
	7:30-8:30 PM	Dinner and Remarks by Conference Chair	Lewis Honors College

	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	Wednesday, May 22	8 AM	Registration	Gatton Student Center Lobby
		8:30-10 AM	Morning Sessions 1	See Page 16
	BUS TRANSPORTATION	10-10:15 AM	Break	
	7:45 AM	10:15-11:45 AM	Morning Sessions 2	See Page 17
	Departs 21c Museum Hotel Lexington for	11:45 AM-12 PM	Break	
	Gatton Student Center	12-1:30 PM	Lunch and a Conversation with Keynote Speaker Irshad Manji Sponsored by the Office of the	Gatton Student Center Grand Ballroom AB
	4:45 PM Departs Gatton		Provost	
	Student Center for James B. Beam Institute	1:30-3 PM	Afternoon Sessions 1	See Page 18
	6 PM	3-3:15 PM	Break	
	Departs James B. Beam Institute for 21c Museum Hotel	3:15-4:45 PM	Afternoon Sessions 2	See Page 19
	Lexington	5-6 PM	James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits Tour (reservation required)	
		6-8 PM	Optional Regional Meetings	





HERU 2024 SCHEDULE BY DAY/TIME

MONDAY, MAY 20

Time Session Room

6-8PM HERU Welcome Reception 21c Museum Sponsored by the Penn State Schreyer Honors College Hotel

Lexington

KEY

ADMIN LEADERSHIP
ADMISSIONS/RECRUIT
ADVISING
Advising
Advising

ASSESSMENT Assessment
DIALOGUE Dialogue

HIGH-IMPACT High-Impact Practices

PHILANTHROPY Philanthropy

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT Student Engagement

FOR A SUMMARY OF EACH PRESENTATION:



Session Time Room 8 - 8:30 AM HERU Welcome Grand Ballroom AB 8:30 - 10 AM Grand Morning Ballroom C Sessions 1 Positioning Honors Colleges as Campus Leaders in the Work of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 1. Institutionalizing Equity Among Honors College Faculty (Richard Badenhausen) 2. Centering Students in the Everyday Practices of DEI Work (Tara Tuttle) 3. Recruiting, Admissions, and Onboarding via an Access/ Inclusion Lens (Susan Dinan) 4. Curricular and Co-Curricular Reform in Support of DEI (Jason Hilton) Executive ADMIN LEADERSHIP Boardroom/ 375 CoHE Business Meeting and a Discussion on the Future of CoHE and HERU (Jonathan Williamson, Pat Akos, Sheila Amin, Heidi Appel, Bethany Blackstone, Lynda Coon, Jennifer Lease Butts) ASSESSMENT 331 1. Framework for and Benefits of Fellowship Assessment at Large, Research Universities (Ben Rayder) 2. How Faculty Fellowships Promoted Engagement and Participation (Ian Ringgenberg, Roy Cook) STUDENT ENGAGEMENT 330 AB 1. Building a Diversified External Engagement Approach in Honors (Kevin Stoller) 2. Intern Foundry: Growing a Cohort-Based Internship Program with a Community Partner (Rebecca Baskerville) 3. Design Intentional and Impactful Personal and Professional

HIGH-IMPACT Senate Room

"Reacting to the Past" as Honors Pedagogy (Jonathan Earle, Benjamin Alpers)

Development Programs (Dawn Rendell)

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Session Time Room 10:15 -Grand 11:45 AM HIGH-IMPACT Ballroom C Morning Sessions 2 Honors Career Development Best Practices (Tamika Tompoulidis, Louise Hancox) Executive Boardroom/ ADMIN LEADERSHIP 375 Roundtable ADVISING 331 1. Honors 101: Scaled Advising Courses for First-Year Honors Students in an Experiential Curriculum (Andrew Chapman) 2. Recognizing the Spirit of Honors Outside of Formal Honors Programs (Christine Evans) 330 AB Making Honors More Permeable (Andrea Radasanu) PHILANTHROPY SEC Room 1. How Philanthropy can Transform an Honors Community **Environment Given Limited Budgets (Sean Miller)** 2. Using Philanthropy to Anchor Institutional Exchange and Collaboration (Nicola Foote) HIGH-IMPACT Senate Room Active Engagement in Freshmen Seminars to Cultivate Critical Communication Skills (Carolyn Shaw, Kimberly Engber, Kelly McFall, Kevin Harrison)

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Time	Session	Room
12 - 1:30 PM	Lunch and Keynote Speaker Dr. Sigal Ben-Porath Sponsored by InfoReady	Grand Ballroom AB
1:30 - 3 PM Afternoon Sessions 1	PHILANTHROPY	Grand Ballroom C
	Building Bridges: The Dynamic Duo of Deans and Development Officers (Steven Lynn, Marcus Fogle)	
	DIALOGUE	Executive Boardroom/ 375
	Is there Honor in Debate?: An Exploration of Competitive Debate Programs Being Housed Inside Honors Colleges (Rob Glass)	
	HIGH-IMPACT	331
	 Honors Research Seminars: Group Mentored Research Experience for Honors Students (Justin Micomonaco) 	
	 Expanding the High-Impact Footprint: Opportunities for Growing Undergraduate Research in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at an R1 University (Robert Peaslee) 	
	ADMISSIONS/RECRUIT	330 AB
	 Honors Recruitment: Retention Strategies Beyond the May 1st Deadline (Carrie Connolly) 	
	How the Creation of the New Student Aid Counselor Position Supported Schreyer Scholars (Sean Miller)	
	 Best Practices for Incorporating Your Institution's CRM into Honors Recruitment (Jeremy Burns, Noah Pittman) 	
	ASSESSMENT	SEC Room
	Honors and Athletics: Analyzing a Decade-Long Relationship (Ryan Swanson)	
	HIGH-IMPACT	Senate Room
	Special Programs in Honors: High-Impact Learning, Challenges, and Opportunities (Peter Tschirhart, Claudia Röschmann, Heidi	

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TUESDAY, MAY 21

Time	Session	Room
3:15 - 4:45 PM Afternoon Sessions 2	ADMIN LEADERSHIP	Grand Ballroom C
	Building the Playbook: Systemizing How We Measure and Communicate the Honors ROI (Jonathan Williamson, Sheila Amin, Christian Brady, Lynda Coon)	
	STUDENT ENGAGEMENT	Executive Boardroom/ 375
	First-Year Honors Mentor Program at Iowa State University: Modules, Schedule, and Assessed Program Outcomes (Svitlana Zbarska)	
	HIGH-IMPACT	331
	 How to Identify an Interdisciplinary Model to Scale the Undergraduate Research Experience (Brett Say) 	
	 Preparing Honors Students for Transdisciplinary Collaboration (Paul Heilker) 	
	 Honors as a Platform for Undergraduate Research Excellence An Integrated Framework for Evaluating Undergraduate Research Experience Across Disciplines (Chaonan Liu, Jordan Meyer) 	
	DIALOGUE	330 AB
	Weaving Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging into the Fabric of Honors (Marta Esquilin, Bess German, Xochitl Delgado Solorzano)	
	HIGH-IMPACT	Senate Room
	Full-Circle Learning: Integrating High Impact Practices from Freshman Year to Capstone Projects (Tara Mock, Anne Franklin Lamar, W. Ross Bryan)	
4:45 - 6:15 PM	"Moral Courage" Workshop - Irshad Manji Sponsored by the Office of the Provost	Grand Ballroom AB
6:30 - 7:30 PM	Reception	Lewis Honors College
7:30 - 8:30 PM	Dinner and Remarks by the Conference Chair	Lewis Honors College

Time Session Room 8:30 - 10 AM Grand ADMISSIONS/RECRUIT Ballroom C Morning Sessions 1 Retention & Resilience Advising in Honors? A Choose-Your-Own Adventure Through a New Model for Reaching High Need, High Achieving Students (Jill Hernandez, Kelsey Kimzey) Executive Boardroom/ HIGH-IMPACT 375 Fostering Important Conversations Through Community Engaged Learning (Lindy Davidson) STUDENT ENGAGEMENT 331 1. Foundations of Scholar Success: A Peer-Led Course for Building Belonging and Academic Excellence (Lynette Yarger) 2. Fostering a Sense of Belonging and Connection Among Honors Students in a Research University (Amy Atkisson) 330 AB 1. Food for Thought: Expanding Perspective (Adam Williamson) 2. Difficult Conversations, Honors Education, and the Public Sphere (Tara Williams) Senate Room HIGH-IMPACT

> "Knowledge and Society": Reflecting on an Interdisciplinary First-Year Honors Seminar (Daniel Kirchner, Zada Komara, Sherelle Roberts, Kenton Sena)

Session Time Room 10:15 -Grand 11:45 AM HIGH-IMPACT Ballroom C Morning Sessions 2 How to be a Triple Threat in Honors Student Leadership Development (Shannon Blanton, Undré Phillips) Executive ADMIN LEADERSHIP Boardroom/ 375 1. Creating a Culture of Feedback (Hanna Holmquist) 2. Planning Strategically for Honors Education at Penn State (Tom Weber, Patrick Mather) **ASSESSMENT** 331 1. A Framework for Using Key Performance Indicators to Lead and to Share the Honors Story (Toni Doolen) 2. Honors by the Numbers: Using Data to Drive Program Assessments and Planning (Louise Hancox, Jennie Popp) ADMISSIONS/RECRUIT 330 AB 1. Designing Your Honors Pathway: Reimagining the First-Year Experience (Rae Mansfield) 2. Effectiveness of Pathway Program to Promote Access to Honors Education (Justin Micomonaco) 3. VIP Admissions in an R1 HSI: A Pilot for Inclusive Engagement (Jill Hernandez) PHILANTHROPY SEC Room Roundtable HIGH-IMPACT Senate Room Updating a Required Honors Course and Keeping Honors Relevant

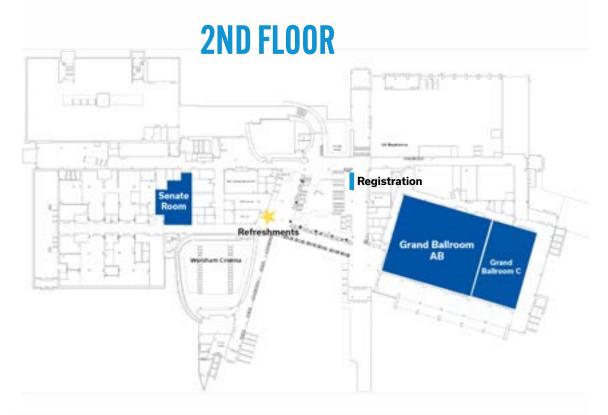
at the Same Time (Ryan Voogt, Pearl James)

Session Time Room 12 - 1:30 PM Lunch and a Conversation with Irshad Manji Grand Sponsored by the Office of the Provost Ballroom AB 1:30 - 3 PM Grand **ADVISING** Afternoon Ballroom C Sessions 1 Academic Advising: Renewed Perspective & Reconnecting to your "Why" (LaDonna Croffe) Executive PHILANTHROPY Boardroom/ 375 Making the Most of Mentoring Programs (Sean Goheen) 331 ADMISSIONS/RECRUIT Developing and Nurturing the Pipeline to Honors in Early Pathway Programs (Bess German, Moradeyo Olorunnisola, Lynette Yarger) HIGH-IMPACT 330 AB 1. A New Interdisciplinary Capstone Pathway at the UNC

- Charlotte Honors College: Capstone Students as Scholar-Teachers (Melinda Adnot, Andrew Keener)
- 2. From Rebranding to Enhancing User Experience: Transforming the Undergraduate Honors Thesis for Gen Z (Tamy Burnett)

Time	Session	Room
3:15 - 4:45 PM Afternoon	STUDENT ENGAGEMENT	Grand Ballroom C
Sessions 2	Multitasking is the Mind Killer (Lindsay Harper)	
	ASSESSMENT Roundtable	Executive Boardroom/ 375
	HIGH-IMPACT	331
	 From Middle-Earth to Appalachia: Teaching STEM in Honors (Kenton Sena) 	
	2. Gamification of Teamwork Learning: Levelling Up Serious Skills (Adam Watkins, Viashnavi Raparthi)	
	ADVISING	SEC Room
	Roundtable	
	ADMIN LEADERSHIP	330 AB
	Future of HERU: Current Planning Committee and Others Interested in Implementing HERU 2026 and Beyond	
	HIGH-IMPACT	Senate Room
	 National Networks for Your Honors Scholars! (Sheila Amin, Lynda Coon) 	
	 Hashing It Out: How We Created GSU's Undergraduate Research Council (William Nichols, Marc Reyes, Ashlie Swanson) 	
5 - 6 PM	James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits Tour (reservation required)	
6 - 8 PM	Optional Regional Meetings	

GATTON STUDENT CENTER MAP





JAMES B. BEAM INSTITUTE FOR KENTUCKY SPIRITS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 5-6 PM | RSVP REQUIRED

The James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits is the world's largest distilling institute. It includes a 30-foot column still as its centerpiece as well as a barrel warehouse capable of holding 660 aged bourbon barrels. It opened its doors in fall 2023 to give students hands-on experience in distilling in the heart of bourbon country. The institute was established in 2019 with a goal to train the next generation of distilling industry employees and provide a hub for research and development in the spirits industry.









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