

The Honorable Mention

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Nonsense, Non-Science, and Science: From Aliens to Creationism



scientific knowledge of the American people. Media reporting adds to the problem of scientific illiteracy by treating sympathetically and giving credence to statements/views with no scientific basis. In his opinion, the government can ignore or misuse science because policies are often not subject to scrutiny by people with proper scientific knowledge; when policies are scrutinized the opinions of experts are often ignored for political reasons. He cited examples such as a continued funding of missile programs that have been shown to fail.

For more information about Dr. Krauss please visit: <http://www.phys.cwru.edu/~krauss/>

On Monday, March 31, Dr. Lawrence Krauss spoke. Krauss was brought to campus through a collaborative effort of the Honors Program, General Education, Behavioral Sciences Department, Biology, Geology and Environmental Sciences department and the Provost's Office.

Krauss is the Ambrose Swasey Professor of Physics, Professor of Astronomy, and Director of the Center for Education and Research in Cosmology and Astrophysics at Case Western Reserve University. In addition to his academic responsibilities Krauss has authored seven popular books including the international best seller *The Physics of Star Trek*.

Dr. Krauss is currently leading the effort by scientists to defend the teaching of science in public schools and to help define the proper limits of both science and religion.

His discussion centered around the lack of



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Stress Reliever Night

By Heidi Bretz

Freaked out about finals?

Join us at the Honors House for a fun-filled de-stressor

night on **Monday, April 21 from 5-7.**

Comfort food, coloring, and your favorite Disney Classics will be provided to transport you back to a simpler time free of worries and stress. So if you're feeling overwhelmed, or just want to have some fun, stop by the **Honors House** and have a wonderful stress-free night!



Breakfast for Dinner

By Beth Wynkoop

We have a waffle iron and an espresso machine at the honors house so we're going to put them to good use!!!

Friday, April

11th, the Honors Council would like to invite you to the Honors House, from **6-9 PM**, where we will be enjoying waffle sticks and espresso! While we fill our stomachs with delicious breakfast, we're going to be playing card games, board games and Apples to Apples! This is sure to be a fun-filled night for all, so bring a friend and come hang out with us!

R.S.V.P. Optional --- but feel free to e-mail Beth Wynkoop at "ewynkoop@capital.edu" if you feel the need to do so, or if you have any suggestions!



April Gallery Hop

By Katie Golovin



Join the Spring Celebration at the Columbus Short North Gallery Hop on **Saturday April 5th.** The Honors Program will once again be shuttling people down and back from the Short

North District. Meet at the **Public Safety Parking Lot at 3:15, we will depart at 3:30.**

If at all interested contact kgolovin@capital.edu or mherold@capital.edu.

The theme this time is green! April is the month of spring appreciation so come see many artists who focus on the color green and the beautiful landscape that surrounds us. As always come and enjoy worldwide art exhibitions and modern sculpture alongside coffee and great music. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!**

Annual Honors Barbeque

By Amanda Porter

Join the Honors Program for the annual end of the year BBQ Sunday, **April 20 at 4:00 pm in the SS Quad (between SS and Cotterman).** Stop by for strip steaks, veggie burgers, salad, chips, fruit and drinks. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other Honors Program members and a chance to meet Honors Program faculty.



We're on the web! <http://www.capital.edu/honors>

Li-Young Lee to read at Capital

On **Thursday, April 25, at 2:00 p.m. in Kable Chapel**, poet Li-Young Lee will be reading his work. His reading is sponsored by the Honors Program.

Li-Young Lee was born in 1957 in Jakarta, Indonesia, to Chinese parents. His father had been a personal physician to Mao Zedong while in China, and relocated the family to Indonesia, where he helped found Gamaliel University. In 1959, the Lee family fled the country to escape anti-Chinese sentiment and after a five-year trek through Hong Kong, Macau, and Japan, they settled in the United States in 1964.

He is the author of *Behind My Eyes* (Norton, 2008); *Book of My Nights* (2001), which won the 2002 William Carlos Williams Award; *The City in Which I Love You* (1991), which was the 1990 Lamont Poetry Selection; and *Rose* (1986), which won the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Poetry Award.

With regard to Lee's work, the poet Gerald Stern has noted that "what characterizes [his] poetry is a certain humility... a willingness to let the sublime enter his field of concentration

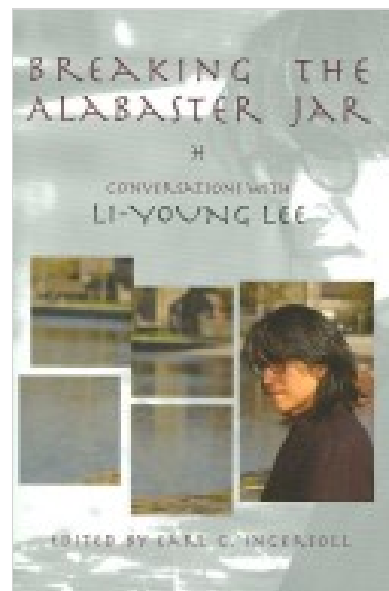
and take over, a devotion to language, a belief in its holiness."

He has been the recipient of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as a Guggenheim Foundation fellowship. In 1998, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from State University of New York at Brockport.

He lives in Chicago, Illinois, with his wife, Donna, and their two sons.

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Still time for GRE Preparation

2008 Spring GRE workshops (one remaining – all three will be repeated in September)

LC02 (the classroom with the SmartBoard)

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Friday, April 4, GRE Quantitative Test preparation

Also, there's an Interview preparation panel (sponsored by Tau Pi Phi) on April 3, 7:00, Schneider Multipurpose Space.

Contact Erin Anderson
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On the corner of Francis and Mound, across from the Capital Center.

House Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00, Friday: 9:00-12:00

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