

March 2020

Dear Colleagues,

*We hope this correspondence finds you well. The staff at Lehman's Honors Programs wishes you all the best during this difficult period. We realize this is a very busy time for our faculty, given the serious Coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns and the shift to distance learning. As we continue to refashion our courses, we want to ensure that the Lehman Scholars Program (LSP) continues to offer outstanding interdisciplinary seminars for students. As such, we are asking you to submit a proposal to teach a LSP course.*

The LSP seminars provide a rewarding opportunity for you to share that special interest of yours that may not fit your departmental course offerings, and engage with an exciting and responsive group of Lehman students who are among the very best and most serious in our college. LSP regularly offer five seminars per term.

The program is in its 39th year and seminars are 3 hours, 3 credits, which may be given once or twice per week depending on the instructor's preference. The Seminars serve Lehman Scholars students and Macaulay Honors College (MHC) students at Lehman. The combination of these two populations of honors students has provided a remarkably dynamic and simulating arena for intellectual and scholarly inquiry, discussion, and writing about human issues in all fields. The Proposal Form focuses on information necessary to evaluate your interest and design. The program has no funds to support adjuncts teaching seminars; therefore, this notice is limited to full time faculty who would like to teach in the program for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to the LSP Program Assistant, Wanda Cortez, at [wanda.cortez@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:wanda.cortez@lehman.cuny.edu). Applicants will receive notification about their submission shortly thereafter. Questions relating to the proposals and/or the LSP, should be directed to Gary Schwartz at [gary.schwartz@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:gary.schwartz@lehman.cuny.edu).

### LSP FEATURES

Each Fall the Lehman Scholars Program admits twenty students directly from high school, and Lehman students who have completed 60 credits or fewer. Lehman Scholars accepted to the program in their first year accrue the benefits for the entirety of their careers at Lehman College, paralleling MHC. Lehman Scholars are required to select four interdisciplinary seminars, complete the intermediate year of a foreign language, and develop and produce a capstone project. Scholars have access to faculty members who serve as their dedicated academic and experiential advisors throughout their undergraduate careers.

Professor of Sociology Christopher Bonastia is the Associate Director of Honors Programs at Lehman College. Professor Bonastia advises Lehman Scholars and participates in curriculum development of the Honors Programs. He is the author of *Knocking on the Door: The Federal Government's Attempt to Desegregate the Suburbs* (Princeton, 2006), and *Southern Stalemate* (University of Chicago Press, 2012).

Professor Anna Purves of the Department of English serves as primary advisor to all students entering directly from high school. Professors Purves and Bonastia teach seminars in both LSP and MHC. In addition, Professor Purves teaches honors sections of ENG 111 and 121.

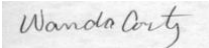
Sincerely,



Gary Schwartz  
Director



Christopher Bonastia  
Associate Director



Wanda Cortez  
Program Assistant



**LEHMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM ♦ SEMINAR PROPOSAL FORM**

**Semester:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department/Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

For Lehman Scholars students, seminar means a place where seeds are planted. Seminars are expected to be discussion sessions; they are not intended to be lecture performances.

**Title of seminar:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Day and Time requested:** 1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of seminar:**

**Sample readings:**

**Your reasons for offering your seminar:**

**How will students benefit from your seminar?**

**How will students be graded?**