Seuss Project Launches between CHC and the Springfield Museums

A new collaboration has been launched between Commonwealth Honors College and the Springfield Museums. The Seuss Project begins in the Spring 2016 semester with the new course HISTORY 391WH: Social Responsibility in Museums and offers ongoing opportunities for CHC students. The course, taught by Elizabeth Sharpe, explores how museums are increasing their relevancy in the 21st century by transforming themselves into agencies of social responsibility. A key feature of the class will be an in-depth study of the Springfield Museums in downtown Springfield, Massachusetts, which includes two art museums, a science museum, a history museum, and the Dr. Seuss Sculpture Garden.

When the Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum opens in late 2016 it will honor the life and work of Springfield native Theodor Seuss Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss). The museum and its exhibitions will complement the existing Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden to promote literacy, teamwork, and creative thinking.

Honors students who want to work on and off campus to support the opening of the museum and are interested in any of these areas should consider enrolling in HISTORY 391WH or arranging independent study in Spring 2016:

- Literacy
- Engineering
- Computer science (specifically, web development)
- Public policy
- Nonprofit fundraising
- Museum management
- Art
- Public history

Students interested in independent study should send an email to reception@honors.umass.edu and include "Dr. Seuss Project" in the subject line.