Welcome to the 2010 Annual Conference of the Humanities and Technology Association

The Humanities and Technology Association (HTA) is an interdisciplinary, scholarly society that was founded in 1978 to promote understanding of the cultural interactions of the humanities, technology, science, and engineering. It is especially concerned with defining how humanistic concerns interface with technological advances. From 1978 to 1999, HTA held its annual conference in the Atlanta area under the sponsorship of Southern Polytechnic State University. Since 2000, the conference has been held in different locations and under the sponsorship of different institutions. This year is the first time that the HTA Conference has been held at Bowie State University.

Located between Washington, DC and Baltimore, Bowie State University is Maryland’s oldest historically black institution of higher education. Founded in 1865 as a normal school, Bowie State is now a university within the university system of Maryland. Among the many departments within Bowie State University is the Department of History and Government, which is sponsoring the HTA 2010 Conference.

This year’s conference theme is “Technology and Development: The Human Benefits and Burdens.” From a variety of perspectives, including philosophical, historical, and cultural, conference presentations will examine the impact of technological development upon humans. The keynote address, “Using Technology to Promote Sustainable Development and Lasting Peace,” commences the conference presentations on Friday morning.
Conference Locations

Thursday Evening: The Comfort Inn, located at the junction of Rt. 197 and Rt. 301

Friday Sessions: Bowie State University, located off Rt. 197, just north of Rt. 564

Saturday Sessions: Bowie State University, located off Rt. 197, just north of Rt. 564

HTA Business Meeting: Ryon House, located on Eleventh Street which becomes Rt. 564

Saturday Evening: Belair Mansion, located on Tulip Grove Drive, just off Rt. 197

(Rt. 197 is the key road that links the various locations of the HTA 2010 Conference.)

4500 Crain Highway (Rt. 301) in Bowie, Maryland
Entrance to Bowie State University

14000 Jericho Park Road off Rt. 197, just north of Rt. 564

(All Friday’s events and, except for the HTA business meeting and the dinner at the Belair Mansion, all Saturday’s events are at the university. For parking and the location of conference sites, follow the posted signs.)

Key Conference Locations

Center for Learning and Technology (CLT)

All sessions are held in this building

The Wiseman Center

Friday’s lunch and dinner and Saturday’s lunch are in this building.
Welcome to HTA 2010

On behalf of the Department of History and Government I would like to welcome the Humanities and Technology Association (HTA) to the Bowie State University community. It is an honor to host the HTA 2010 Conference on our campus. The Department is supportive of research that explores the interface between the humanities and technology, and the theme of this year’s HTA conference—Technology and Development: The Human Benefits and Burdens—is of major interest to our History, Government, Geography, and Philosophy programs. The conference theme is also an important part of interdisciplinary studies on our campus. For this reason we have encouraged our faculty and students to attend the keynote address and some of the sessions. Our relationship with HTA is not new; some of our faculty have been members of HTA for over a decade and three of our faculty are on the editorial board of Humanities and Technology Review, the HTA journal which is currently hosted by our Department. We look forward to continuing this productive relationship and to an intellectually stimulating conference.

Thursday, 30 September 2010

Registration at the Comfort Inn
5:00 – 6:00 PM

Dinner at the Comfort Inn
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Welcome to the Conference
8:00 – 9:00 PM
Andreas Michel, President of HTA
George Sochan, Conference Chair

Friday, 1 October 2010

Conference Registration at CLT 102

Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00 AM
Refreshments available throughout the day
CLT 115
Keynote Address: “Using Technology to Promote Sustainable Development and Lasting Peace”

Raymond Gilpin, Ph.D.
Director of Sustainable Economies Center of Innovation
United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

Introduction: Stacey Franklin Jones
University Provost

Welcome to HTA 2010: Andreas Michel
President of Humanities and Technology Association

Lunch in Wiseman, Room 102
12:00 – 1:30 PM

2:00 – 4:00 PM Session

Sex and Technology
CLT 102
Moderator: William Lewis, Bowie State University

Grace Sikorski,
“Deconstructing and Reconstructing Gender: The Technology of Transmasculinity”

George Sochan, Bowie State University
“Sex Selective Abortion in India: A Society Bereft of Females”

Food and Technology
CLT 117
Moderator: William Lawrence, Bowie State University

George Acquaah, Bowie State University
“Making Food Biotechnology More Acceptable to Society”

Mario Fenyo, Bowie State University
“Paprika: East, West and South”

Dinner in Wiseman, Room 102
5:00 – 6:30 PM
Friday Night Events (Off Campus)

Washington DC After Dark Tour
7 – 10 PM
$43.95
(888) 878-9870

DC by Twilight Double-Decker Bus Tour
6:30 – 8:30 PM
$21.95
(888) 878-9870

UM Symphony Orchestra
8 PM
$27.00
(301) 405-ARTS

‘Pocket Opera’ Double Bill:
Casino Paradise and Trouble in Tahiti
$20 - $39
(202) 204-7763

National Symphony Orchestra
8 PM
$20 - $85
(202) 467-4600

“Sabrina Fair” at Ford’s Theater
7:30 PM
$15 - $55
(202) 397-7328

Saturday, 2 October 2010

Conference Registration at CLT 102

Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:30 AM
Refreshments available throughout the Day
CLT 115

8:30 – 10 AM Session

Technology, Theory and Application
CLT 117
Moderator: Roman Sznajder, Bowie State University

Dennis Weiss, York College, Pennsylvania
“Converging Technologies and Global Developments”

Wayne B. Hanewicz, Utah Valley University, Utah
“Singularity’s Future”

Per G. Norstrom, Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
“Technological Know-How from Rules of Thumb”

The MARC train, which has a station at the university, runs to Union Station in Washington, DC.
Technology and the Environment
CLT 119
Moderator: Andreas Woods, Bowie State University

Asaf Bar-Tura, Loyola University of Chicago, Illinois
“Knowledge, Ethics and Technology: An Argument for a Participatory Approach to Environmental Challenges”

Darrell Arnold, St. Thomas University, Florida
“Linking Practical and Theoretical Reason in the Wake of Environmental Risk”

10:30 – 12 PM Session

Transforming Society, Politics, and Culture through New Technology
CLT 117
Moderator: David Kaloustian, Bowie State University

Kareem A. Simpson, Book Mark! Online (business owner)
“Capitalizing on Advances in the Social Media: How the Shrinking of the Digital Divide is Making Information Access More Accessible”

Diarra Osei Robertson, Bowie State University
“New Era of New Tool: The Role of the Internet in Modern Political Movements”

Joseph Robert White, Holocaust Memorial Museum, D.C.
“Crossing the Digital Divide in Holocaust Studies: The Newly Opened International Tracing Service Documentation”

Technology, the Arts and Teaching
CLT 119
Moderator: Gina Lewis, Bowie State University

Howard S. Meltzer, Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York
“Music and Noise: Classical Music On-Line”

Nabila Hijazi, University of Maryland at College Park, MD
“Teaching and Learning with New(er) Technologies”

Eleanor D. White, Bowie State University
Dionne Nicole Curbeam, Coppin State University, MD
“A Quantitative Analysis of Faculty Concerns Regarding a Lecture Capture System at a Mid-Atlantic University”

Lunch in Wiseman, Room 102 (or 123)
12:00 – 1:30 PM

2:00 – 4:00 PM Session

The Impact of the Railroads
CLT 117
Moderator: Gerad Tikasingh, Bowie State University

George Sochan, Bowie State University
“Bowie, Maryland during the Railroad Era, 1870-1939: From Farming Community to Small Town”

Robert Rapczynski, The Huntington Heritage Society
Bowie, MD
HTA Business Meeting
4:30 – 5:30 PM
Ryon House in Historic Bowie
13125 Eleventh Street (just off Rt. 197)

Belair Mansion
Tour: 5:00 – 6:00 PM
Dinner: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
12207 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie
(off Rt. 197 between the Comfort Inn and Bowie State University)

Humanities and Technology Review

**Humanities and Technology Review** is the journal of the Humanities and Technology Association. *HTR* is published annually in the autumn and it offers a publication outlet for interdisciplinary articles on a broad range of themes addressing the interface between the humanities and technology. Beginning in 2010, *HTR* has begun to publish reviews on books that address topics within the interests of the HTA.

All submissions and queries about submissions should be sent to Dr. Fred Mills, editor, at fmills@bowiestate.edu. March 31, 2011 is the deadline for fall 2011 submissions.