February 29, 2019

Dear Junior Psych Major:

This is the time to begin thinking about whether you want to do a thesis next year. I am attaching a description of the honors program and the research interests of the faculty. If you think you might be interested in doing a thesis, read this material and then discuss your thesis interests with faculty members whose research interests match your own. If you are going abroad in the spring, you need to contact the relevant professors prior to your departure; if you’re not going abroad, these conversations can wait until next semester. In either case, before the application deadline, you need to develop a shared understanding with each relevant professor of what topic you would work on together (you do not need to figure out the specific project/design).

Once you have talked with all relevant professors, fill in the form below and send it to Isabel Margolin, idmargolin@amherst.edu, by 9:00 a.m., March 7th, 2019, which will allow us to make thesis assignments in time for preregistration for the fall of 2019. Your responses on this form will tell us which professors and projects you are most interested in so that we can optimize best matches. We strongly encourage you to list three professors, since each professor has limited space and might not be able to take all people who list them first. If you list fewer than three options, we will assume you’d rather not do a thesis than work with anyone you did not list.

Thank you,

Amy Demorest

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Your name: ________________________________________________

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Second choice: Professor: __________________________ A phrase/sentence describing the topic:
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Third choice: Professor: __________________________ A phrase/sentence describing the topic:
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