

CHARLES H. MONSON ESSAY PRIZE

The Office of Undergraduate Studies administers the Charles H. Monson Essay Prize. This award honors Charles H. Monson Jr., who was a distinguished member of the University Philosophy Department from 1958 to 1974. Professor Monson earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Utah, and received his Ph.D. from Cornell University. During his years at the University, he served as chair of the Philosophy Department and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. He received the University's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1970.

Professor Monson was a renowned teacher with a deep commitment to the understanding of social change. **In his honor, an annual prize is awarded to an undergraduate who writes an outstanding abstract and paper on social change. The abstracts are judged by a faculty panel made of three members of the Undergraduate Council. If you are chosen as the winner you are expected to produce an original piece of work that is five to twenty pages in length based on your abstract and research.** The Monson Prize winner will be announced at the Undergraduate Research Symposium luncheon in the Union Ballroom.

The \$600 cash award will be given at a special luncheon with the Monson family when the completed paper is presented before the end of spring semester.

The paper will consist of a thoughtful analysis on social change in a specific area of modern life. Possible topics for the paper include subjects such as: taxation, environmental protection, arts policy, economic growth, public transportation, welfare reform or health care.

Abstract submission for the Monson Prize can be made in the following ways:

- Submission of an abstract and registration form to the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Forms and submission instructions can be found at:

<http://www.ugs.utah.edu/urop/symposium/index.htm>

- If you are not participating in the Undergraduate Research Symposium, your abstract can be e-mailed as an attachment to: Jill Baeder, 132 Sill Center, J.Baeder@utah.edu. Please attach a separate cover sheet listing your name, e-mail address, and telephone numbers (cell phone, work, home, etc.) Please plan to attend the URS luncheon for the announcement of the winner.

The deadline to be considered for the Monson Prize is: February 28, 2008

Copies of the winning paper are kept in the Marriott Library, the Philosophy Department, and the Undergraduate Studies Office. The essay competition is open to all full-time undergraduate students at the University of Utah, regardless of discipline.