Lyman Briggs Goes to Washington
Field Trip to AAAS 2011 and the Smithsonian
Friday Feb. 18 – Sunday Feb. 20, 2011
Dr. Jim Smith, Trip Coordinator

Trip Description
A group of LBC students will be going to Washington, DC on Friday Feb. 18, 2011. We will leave early Friday morning on an MSU bus (w/ WiFi) and drive to DC. We will spend Friday and Saturday nights at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Washington, approx. 2-3 blocks from the White House. On Saturday (Feb. 19), we will attend the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) at the Washington Convention Center (4-5 blocks from the hotel). This is the largest meeting of the year for this Society, which publishes the journal Science. Check out the AAAS Saturday Program to get an idea of what you might see. On Saturday (Feb. 19), we also have access to the National Mall and the museums of the Smithsonian, and a group of us will take a guided tour of the new Hall of Human Origins at the National Museum of Natural history. Early Sunday morning, a group of us will attend a symposium at the AAAS meetings that has been co-organized by Dr. Smith. Our bus will depart to head back to Michigan at noon on Sunday (Feb. 20).

The trip cost for the weekend is $100.00, which includes round-trip bus travel to Washington DC, two nights at the Hilton Garden Inn (triple occupancy), and the registration fee for the AAAS Meetings at the Washington Convention Center. Admission to the Smithsonian Museums is free of charge. The trip has been made possible, in part, by a generous donation from the Lyman Briggs Arts Enrichment Fund.

We will be traveling on an MSU bus that can hold 40 people plus the driver. I anticipate that we will take 38 students, plus 1-2 faculty. Unfortunately, we must limit the trip to Lyman Briggs students.

You will be expected to eat breakfast on your own before departure and to provide funds for your own meals while we are on the road and while we are in Washington DC.

Trip Itinerary (subject to change)

Friday Feb. 18, 2011

7 – 7:30 am (EST)    Board the Bus

7:30 am              Depart MSU

8:30 pm              Arrive Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Washington

Evening              Dinner on your own
Saturday Feb. 19, 2011

All day       AAAS Meetings
All day       Smithsonian Museums
2:00 pm       Tour of the Hall of Human Origins at the National Museum of Natural History (contact Dr. Smith for sign-up)
All day       National Mall
Evening       Dinner on your own

Sunday Feb. 20, 2011

Early Morning AAAS Meetings
8:00 – 9:30 am AAAS Symposium - Humans Without Borders: Evolutionary Processes at Work in Humans and Their Relatives
Early Morning Smithsonian Museums
Early Morning National Mall
11:00 am      Check out of Hotel
11:30 am – 12:00 pm Board the Bus
12:00 pm      Depart Washington DC
1:00 am (Mon. 2/21) Arrive East Lansing

Trip Sign-up

Sign up for the trip by bringing $100 to Denise Poirier (E-28 Holmes). She will put your name on the sign-up sheet and give you a receipt for your $100.

Trip Organizer: Dr. Jim Smith, email: jimsmith@msu.edu

Bus Driver: Mike Lane, email: mlane200@comcast.net