



Huber Debates Tournament Invitation, November 9-10, 2024

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

The Huber Debates will be held in person at the University of Vermont campus in Burlington, VT on November 9-10, 2024.

Robert (“Doc”) Huber coached debate at the University of Vermont for over 45 years, winning several national titles. He was a debate innovator, and he was named by the National Communication Association one of the academic organization’s outstanding members of the 20th century. He arranged for the endowment of the Lawrence Debate Union and the Lawrence Professorship. We hold this tournament whenever we can to salute his commitment to debate. In addition, the tournament commemorates Doc’s successor, Alfred “Tuna” Snider, who passed away in 2015.

We are excited again to once again be joined by guests from the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, including Eben Twazihirwa Mnzava, Dominic Mwakifulefule, Rogathianus Ndyanabo Fabian, Careen James Ndika, Khadija Mikidadi Hamza, Murumba Mary, Rutik Patel, Caleb Gilbert Lyangwa, Taqiyyah Mohamed Hassan, as well as Kenyan debaters, Michelle Wangari Waruguru and Victoria Kendi. Their participation is thanks to an collaboration between the University of Vermont’s Lawrence Debate Union and the UDSM Debate Union.

Tournament Directors: Helen Morgan Parmett, Justin Morgan Parmett

Convenors: Neil Rohan, Agnes Shales, Sam Farley

CA Team: Eben Mnzava, Kitana Hudgens, Rachel Kussick, Edwin Owusu, Brendan Stern

Equity Team: Isabel Birney, Maggie Pierce, Ariel Schuck, Skye Whalen

Tab Director: Will Silberman

REGISTRATION & ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

We will be using Forensic Tournaments for registration this year. Click here to register:
<https://forensicstournament.net/HuberDebates/24>

Please note the status defined for teams at the tournament: Novice (in their first year of debate at the university level). Rookie (in their first year of debate, no prior debating experience in high school or middle school). ESL/EFL (English as a second or foreign language speaker)

Final registration is due by **November 1, 2024**. If you have any changes to your institution's registration after this period, please contact Will Silberman at will.reilley-silberm@laverne.edu. Changes to your registration on the day of the tournament, contact Will.

Registration is limited to 80 teams and will close once that limit has been reached. Teams registering after the limit has been reached will be placed on a waiting list and notified if other teams drop.

Please make sure to include the **dietary restrictions and accessibility accommodation** requirements for each of your teams in your registration. Or, you can also reach out ahead of the tournament to arrange accessibility accommodations by emailing Neil Rohan at Neil.Rohan@uvm.edu.

REGISTRATION FEES & PAYMENT

Fees \$65 per person attending (including participants, judges, and observers). Checks should be payable to the University of Vermont, with "Debate" in the memo. Our federal ID # is 03-0179440. Our Vermont registration certificate # is 10113.

Information on how to pay by credit card will be forthcoming ASAP.

FORMAT

The tournament will feature competition in the British Parliamentary debate format. The tournament will include 5 preliminary rounds of debate and break to quarter-final elimination rounds (numbers permitting) in addition to novice, rookie, and ESL finals, numbers permitting.

CODE OF CONDUCT

We will apply and enforce the University of Vermont Code of Students Rights and Responsibilities. Please inspect this document.

<http://www.uvm.edu/policies/student/studentcode.pdf>

JUDGING/COMPETING IN AN INTERPRETED AND CAPTIONED ROUND

Please note the following accessibility accommodations and considerations for participating in an interpreted and captioned round:

1. All speeches should take place at the podium to ensure sightlines and mic'ed access for the captioners.
2. State your names when you speak so the captioner can label the text.
3. Time limits for rounds apply to all debaters but interpreted speech will NECESSARILY have lag. Debaters using ASL should stop signing at the mark but NOT be penalized for interpretation that goes well after the 'bell'.
4. Interpreting and Captioning will both have errors. The best interpreters and the best captioners will still have errors and there is no way around this. Interpreters will correct the interpretation mid-stream if minimal, explicitly when significant and as a last resort may interrupt the proceedings to clarify or correct the interpretation.
5. Please award those seconds back to the debaters who are on the clock.
6. Strive not to speak especially fast or slow, both are hindrances to accuracy.
7. To Hearing debaters, judges and colleagues, it is tempting to turn towards to voice you hear when using an interpreter but at all times look at the person you are actually addressing.

JUDGING

Judging will be according to the N-1 rule. There are VERY FEW hired judges available at \$100 per judge.

TOURNAMENT HOTEL

There will be a hotel block at the Best Western Windjammer in South Burlington, VT. Rooms are available to participating teams for \$129/night. Reservation can be made by calling the hotel directly at 1-800-371-1125 or clicking the following link:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.46013.html?groupId=4A0GG8J5

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: All rooms will be held until **October 20, 2024**.

The hotel has few accessible rooms. We ask that anyone needing accommodations reach out to the sales manager directly to make the arrangements, and the hotel will honor the discounted rates. Please contact Sarah Hammitt at 802-651-0638. Sarah's email is shammitt@Windjammergroup.com.

TOURNAMENT LOCATION & PARKING

The GA for the tournament will be in Innovation Hall on UVM's campus. All parking on campus is open to visitors and free on weekends. Campus map:

<https://www.uvm.edu/map/>

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to teams placing and top speakers in open, rookie, and novice, and top ESL speakers.

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY November 4

- 8:30-9 AM Check in and breakfast served
- 9:00 AM Disqualification of absent teams
- 9:00 AM Briefings
- 10:00 AM Release draw and motion for Round 1
- 12:00 PM Release draw and motion for Round 2
- 1:45 PM Lunch served
- 3:00 PM Release draw and motion for Round 3
- 5:00 PM Release draw and motion for Round 4

SUNDAY November 5

8:30-9 AM Check in and breakfast served
9:00 AM Disqualification of absent teams
9:15 AM Release motion for Round 5
11:30 AM Announcement of team and judge breaks
11:45 AM Open Quarter-final and ESL Final Round Motions Released
1:45 PM Lunch served & Awards Ceremony
3:00 PM Open Semi-final, Novice Final, and Rookie Final Rounds Motions Released
5:00 PM Open Final Round Motion Released (Open)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen', with a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Helen Morgan Parmett
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Edwin W. Lawrence Forensic Professor of Speech
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