Mark O. Hatfield Memorial Debates
February 28-March 1, 2015

On behalf of the staff and students of the Willamette University Debate Union and the Philomathean Society, I am happy to invite you to the annual Mark O. Hatfield Memorial debates. The Hatfield Memorial Debates will be held on our campus in Salem, Oregon on February 28-March 1, 2015.

The tournament will host an open competition in British Parliamentary debate based on the model of the World Universities Debate Council. Our intent is to provide a gracious and leisurely tournament where debaters have the time to engage in social activities as well as competition.

Tournament fees of $110 per 2-person team include the cost of lunch both days and coffee in the mornings (if numbers warrant breaking to quarterfinals, we will also provide snacks before finals on Sunday). To try to encourage a diversity of schools to attend our tournament, if you are traveling more than 500 miles we will waive the team fee for one of your teams. You must provide 1 judge for every 2 teams or portion thereof. If you are able to provide additional judges, we may be able to negotiate a reduction in your fees—Salem can be a difficult community in which to find experienced judges. Institutional judges are committed to judge one round past their team’s elimination from competition. The judging fee for uncovered teams is $125 per team. Please make checks payable to Willamette University.

We request a preliminary notification of your intention to enter by February 9 and the entry deadline will be February 20. Fees will be assessed on Feb 23, 2015. Drops after that deadline will receive only a partial reimbursement as we are required to cover catering costs, which will be assessed on the 23rd. Entries for the tournament will be accepted at forensictournament.net.

If you have any questions, please email Una Kimokeo-Goes at ukimokeo@willamette.edu. We hope to see you in March!