

LAISS Application Form (TEST)

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Short Answers

What Matters to you? 200 Words

Tell us about your favorite book? 300 Words

Long Response

Please answer ONE of the following prompts. 300 words maximum. *

1. A translation of Li Bai's famous work A Tranquil Night (《静夜思》) by Xu Yuanchong (许渊冲) reads: "Before my bed a pool of night/Can it be hoarfrost on the ground?/Looking up, I find the moon bright;/Bowing, In homesickness I'm drowned."

What is lost and made in the translation of literature or poems? You may analyze the works of different translators to support your argument.

2. How do you define happiness? How does happiness relate to satisfaction, sensation, service, or even suffering? What makes you happy? You may respond to any of the quotes/poems below, or formulate your own thoughts.

"Our happiness in daily life, the state of our physical health, and even how long we live are largely determined not by external events, but rather by the way we think about ourselves and the world around us." -- Catherine Sanderson, Professor of Psychology at Amherst College

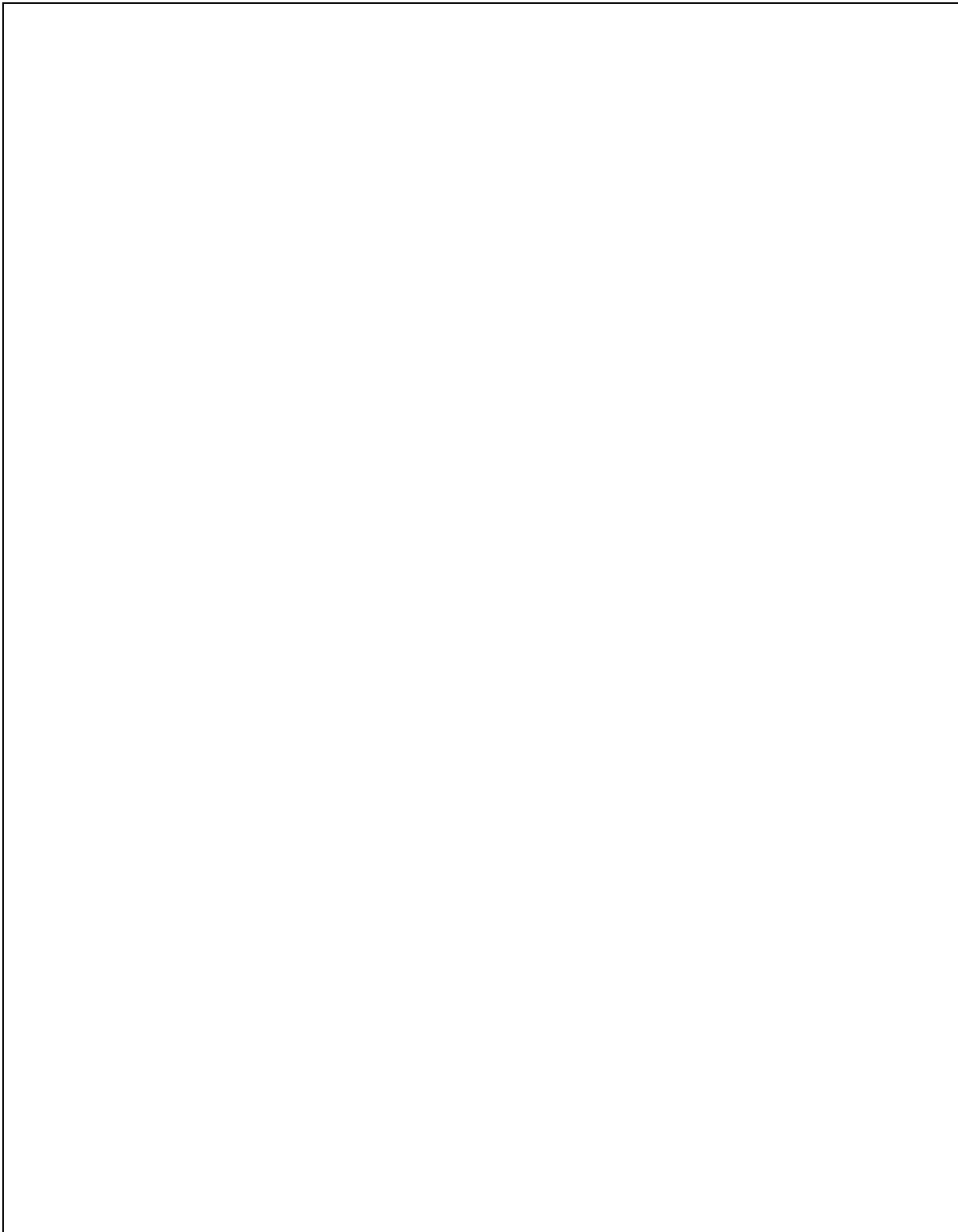
"The relationship between consumption and well-being is not a fixed mechanist relationship. Happiness is as much an inside job as it is an outside job." --Daniel Barbezat, Professor of Economics at Amherst College

"May happiness/pursue you//catch you/often, and,//should it/lose you,//be waiting/ahead, making//a clearing/for you." "Salute" by A.R.Ammons, quoted by President Biddy Martin of Amherst College in Class of 2012 Commencement Address

3. In Sonnet 18, Shakespeare writes: "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?", but on the very next line argues that the analogy fails to truly capture his lover's qualities. If you were to compare yourself to something else, be it an emotion, a food, or anything you desire, what would you choose? Why?

4. Respond to the following quotation:" we seek to live in our comfort zones...'Sorting' or segregating ourselves into such 'clusters' of the like-minded, in our real or self-selected online neighborhoods, we lull ourselves into a complacency and confine our diet of knowledge within these limitations, wrapped in 'information cocoons.' Soon, as in the words of our own poet James Merrill, 'we grow nonchalant' and 'pleased to be stirred by the drone of our own voices.' We slip, without a conscious realization, from mere respite among friends to the lassitude of unexamined belief, of error made easy, of conformity." Then Amherst College President Anthony W. Marx at 2010 Convocation Address

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