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CULTURAL AFFAIRS/DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES
GRANT APPLICATION

I. Applicant/Organization: Philosophy Department

II. a. Responsible Organization Officer: Michael Howard

b. Title: 2009-2010 Philosophy Colloquium Series

c. Campus Address (include Email and Telephone): The Maples, 1-3861, Michael.howard@umit.maine.edu

III. Summary of program requiring funding (title; featured artist(s); speaker(s); scheduled date(s):

The Department of Philosophy is seeking funding support from the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Fund for its 2009-2010 Philosophy Colloquium Series. This series of public talks will provide the opportunity for students, faculty, and community members both within and beyond the Department of Philosophy to hear and discuss stimulating lectures on a wide range of topics that are relevant both to the core themes of the department's philosophy curriculum as well as to current issues of ethical, political, social, and philosophic import. Some of the events enable collaboration and communication with other units on the campus and in the community.

1. "Darwin's 'Strange Inversion of Reasoning'"

October 15, 2009

Daniel C. Dennett,

Austin B. Fletcher Professor of Philosophy and Co-Director of the Center for Cognitive Studies, Tufts University

Professor Dennett, one of America's leading philosophers, is the author of *Darwin's Dangerous Idea* and many other books on evolution and the philosophy of mind. His talk, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will be a contribution to the Celebration of Darwin.

2. "A Conversation on Activism and Philosophy"

November 5, 2009

David Swanson, M.A., Philosophy

Author of *Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union*

David Swanson is co-founder of After Downing Street, seeking to enhance accountability of the executive branch of government. His visit is co-sponsored by the Maine Peace Action Committee, the Socialist and Marxist Studies Interdisciplinary Minor, and the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, with support from the Schonberger Lecture Fund. He has turned his graduate training in philosophy into a career as a public intellectual and activist.

3. "He Saw the Cities and He Knew the Minds of Many Men': Landscape and Character in Plato's Laws and Homer's Odyssey"

November 12, 2009

Patricia Fagan

Professor of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of Windsor

Professor Fagan specializes in classical languages, literature, and philosophy. Her talk will enrich the academic experience of students studying Ancient Philosophy, as well as those in Philosophy and Literature, and the talk should appeal to faculty and students in other departments focused on the study of literature and history.

4. "Spinoza: Religious or Philosophical Heretic"

November 19, 2009

Arnold Berleant

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Long Island University

Approved

Professor Berleant is the immediate Past President of the International Association of Aesthetics. He is the author of books and articles in philosophy, particularly in aesthetics, environmental aesthetics, and ethics. His talk will be co-sponsored by Judaic Studies.

5. Title TBA Date TBA
Chris MacDonald
Associate Professor of Philosophy, St. Mary's University, Nova Scotia

The philosophy honor society, Phi Sigma Tau, is planning to co-sponsor a speaker with the Philosophy Department during the second semester. Professor MacDonald is one who is being considered.

6. "Creativity and Creation in Early Daoism" February 11, 2009
James Behuniak
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Colby College

Professor Behuniak specializes in East Asian philosophy, American philosophy, and philosophy of religion. As there is no one at the University of Maine with a specialization in Chinese philosophy, his talk will add to the diversity of our series, and should be of interest to students and faculty in many other fields.

7. "What is Fair Trade?" April 2009
Philosophy Visiting Scholar Aaron James
Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Irvine

Professor James specializes in global justice, with a focus on fair trade. During his visit he will present two public talks. These should be of interest not only to philosophers but also faculty and students in economics, history, and other fields.

IV. Budget Proposal Form is attached.

Funding for current application is contingent upon submission of reports for any previous grant awards, including final budget and attendance figures.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION VIA EMAIL TO: wanda.maddencarr@maine.edu

Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Fund Budget Proposal Form

Applicant/Organization: Department of Philosophy
 Responsible Officer: Michael Howard
 Event Title: 2009-2010 Philosophy Colloquium Series
 Event Date: Fall 2009-Spring 2010 (see section III for dates)

Total Program Budget: \$4841
 Amount Committed by Applicant Organization: 1825
 Total Amount Requested from Other Funding Sources: 1216
 Please List Sources & Amounts below:
Phi Sigma Tau/Student Government 866
Schonberger Lecture Fund 300
Judaic Studies 50
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences N.A.
 Amount Requested from CA/DLS Committee: 1800 *
 Revenues, if any, expected (fees, ticket sales): _____

Budget Breakdown of Expenses and funds to be used: CADLS Other

1. Daniel Dennett

Honoraria/Services (explain below) \$ 0 \$ _____
paid by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (As this event may be partially funded by CA/DLS, I did not list a matching amount of funding.)

Travel \$ 0 \$ _____
paid by CLAS _____

2. David Swanson

Honoraria/Services (explain below)
 Paid by Schonberger lecture fund \$ 0 \$ 140
 Travel \$ 0 \$ 110
Round-trip driving from Portland to Bangor (Schonberger fund) _____
 Meals (Schonberger fund) \$ 0 \$ \$50

3. Patricia Fagan

Honoraria/Services (explain below) \$ 300 \$ 0
compensation for one major lecture _____
 Travel \$ 506 \$ _____
round-trip airfare, Detroit-Bangor _____

Lodging/Meals	\$ <u>100</u>	\$ _____
4. Arnold Berleant		
Honoraria/Services (explain below)	\$ <u>50</u>	\$ <u>50</u>
_Judaic Studies has pledged \$50 toward a modest honorarium if DLS will match it.		
5. Phi Sigma Tau Speaker Chris Mac Donald		
Honoraria/Services (explain below)	\$ _____	\$ <u>300</u>
_honorarium for talk _____		
Travel	\$ <u>534</u>	\$ <u>116</u>
_estimate for round-trip US airfare _____		
Lodging/Meals, 3 nights	\$ _____	\$ <u>450</u>
6. James Behuniak		
Honoraria/Services (explain below)	\$ <u>200</u>	\$ _____
_honorarium for talk _____		
Travel	\$ <u>60</u>	\$ _____
_mileage reimbursement from Waterville _____		
Lodging/Meals	\$ <u>50</u>	\$ _____
7. Philosophy Visiting Scholar Aaron James		
Honoraria/Services (explain below)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>500</u>
_two public lectures _____		
Travel	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>850</u>
_round-trip airfare, Irvine, CA, Bangor _____		
Lodging/Meals (3 nights)	\$ _____	\$ <u>450</u>
Printing (for this and the entire series)	\$ _____	\$ <u>25</u>
Total Expenses from CA/DLS funds:	\$ <u>1800</u>	*
Total Expenses from other funds:		\$ <u>3041</u>
(These two totals should equal the "Total Program Budget" listed above)		

*These amounts should be identical and should not exceed 50% of the total program/event budget. Please note that CA/DLS funds may not be used for receptions and do not normally fund UM employee wages. If

an award is granted based on this proposal, reimbursement of expenses will not exceed the total CA/DLS request and will be limited to the types of expenditures outlined above.

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Cultural Affairs Committee
and
Distinguished Lecture Series
c/o Wanda Madden-Carr
201 Alumni Hall
University of Maine

October 12, 2009

To: Michael Howard

From: Dorothy Croall & Dan Sandweiss, Co-Chairs

On behalf of the Cultural Affairs Committee and Distinguished Lecture Series, it gives us great pleasure to inform you that your proposal, 2009-2010 Philosophy Colloquium Series, has been awarded \$1800.00.

Please contact Wanda Madden-Carr at 1-1516 to discuss the procedures in place for the submission of financial expenses related to this award at your earliest convenience.

The following acknowledgement is required on ALL promotional material: *This event was supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series.*

Attached is a form for your use to summarize the benefits derived from this grant. This form should be submitted within 30 days after the conclusion of the event. Timely submission of your summary will be considered as part of any future funding requests.

The Cultural Affairs Committee members congratulate you and wish you much success on this project.

cc: Brenda Collamore



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2009-10 Philosophy Colloquium Series

FALL

October 15

Daniel Dennett, Professor of Philosophy, Tufts University, author of *Darwin's Dangerous Idea*

"Darwin's 'Strange Inversion of Reasoning'"

Sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as part of a Celebration of Darwin

4:00 p.m., Hauck Auditorium

November 5

David Swanson, author of *Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union*, in a conversation on activism and philosophy

4:00 p.m., Levinson Room, The Maples

November 12

Patricia Fagan, Professor of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of Windsor

"'He Saw the Cities and He Knew the Minds of Many Men': Landscape and Character in Plato's Laws and Homer's Odyssey"

November 19

Arnold Berleant, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Long Island University

"Spinoza: Religious or Philosophical Heretic?"

4:00 p.m., Levinson Room, The Maples
co-sponsored with Judaic Studies

SPRING (Complete schedule TBA)

February 11

James Behuniak, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Colby College

"Creativity and Creation in Early Daoism"

4:00 p.m., Levinson Room, The Maples

One more event, TBA

The Philosophy Colloquium Series is supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series.

Other Department News

2009-2010 Philosophy Colloquium Series Final Report

Applicant Organization: Department of Philosophy

Contact Name: Professor Michael Howard

Campus Address: The Maples

Phone: 1-3861

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Summary of Colloquium events

*funded by CA/DLS

1. "Darwin's 'Strange Inversion of Reasoning'", talk by Daniel Dennett, Prof. of Philosophy, Tufts University, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as part of a Celebration of Darwin, co-sponsored by the Philosophy Colloquium; Oct. 15, 4 p.m., Hauck Auditorium; **attendance around 200**, including faculty, students and others from the community. See attached Fall 2009 Series poster, event poster, and website for publicity. Announcements were also made on First Class.
2. "A conversation on activism and philosophy" with David Swanson, author of *Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union*, November 5, 4 p.m., Levinson Room, The Maples; **attendance 15**, primarily faculty and students in philosophy; cosponsored with support from the Schonberger Lecture Fund and the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, which provided travel and meal expenses for Swanson's visit. See attached Fall 2009 Series poster, event poster, and website for publicity. Announcements were also made on First Class.
3. *"'He Saw the Cities and He Knew the Minds of Many Men': Landscape and Character in Plato's Laws and Homer's Odyssey", a talk by Prof. Patricia Fagan, University of Windsor, November 12, 4 p.m., Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union; **attendance: 24**, students and faculty from Philosophy and some related disciplines such as history, literature, and classics. See attached Fall 2009 Series poster and event poster and website for publicity. Announcements were also made on First Class.
4. *"'Spinoza: Religious or Philosophical Heretic?'" a talk by Professor Arnold Bealeant, Long Island University, November 19, 4 p.m., Levinson Room, The Maples; cosponsored with Judaic Studies. **Attendance: 14**, including faculty and students from Philosophy and Judaic Studies, and people from the wider community with an interest in Jewish philosophy. See attached Fall 2009 Series poster and event poster and website for publicity. Announcements were also made on First Class.
5. *"'Creativity and Creation in Early Daoism,'" a talk by Prof. James Behuniak, Colby College, February 11, 4 p.m. Levinson Room, The Maples. **Attendance: 17**, including philosophy students and faculty and other interested people from the campus and community. See attached event poster and website for publicity. Announcements were also made on First Class.

Changes to the program and budget

The original plan was to have 7 speakers, not 5. One co-sponsor, Phi Sigma Tau, the Philosophy Honor Society did not bring a speaker this year. The seventh speaker was to have been the Philosophy Visiting Scholar, but the department funds available for this were frozen, due to College budget constraints. As is evident in the attached budget summary, we were unable to match \$1800, and consequently did not use the full grant from CA/DLS. Funds from the Philosophy Department, together with funding from cosponsors (\$794.27) were a little more than the \$605.16 used from the CA/DLS grant.

Note that we list no funding or costs for the talk by Daniel Dennett, as this was funded through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, with a separate grant from CA/DLS.

Total Program Budget:		\$1399.43
Amount Spent by Applicant Organization:		563.76
Total Amount Contributed from Other Funding Sources:		230.51
Please List Sources & Amounts below:		
Schonberger Lecture Fund; Peace and Justice Center		180.51
Judaic Studies		50
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	N.A.	
Amount used from CA/DLS grant of \$1800:		\$605.16*
Revenues, if any, expected (fees, ticket sales):		

Budget Breakdown of Expenses and funds to be used: **CADLS** **Other**

1. Daniel Dennett
Honoraria/Services (explain below) \$ 0 \$
 paid by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (As this event was partially funded by CA/DLS, I did not list a matching amount of funding.)

Travel \$ 0 \$
 paid by CLAS

2. David Swanson
Honoraria/Services (explain below)
Paid by Schonberger lecture fund \$ 0 \$ 180.51
Travel \$ 0 \$
 Round-trip driving from Portland to Bangor (Schonberger fund) 110
Meals (Schonberger fund) \$ 0 \$ 70.51

3. *Patricia Fagan
Honoraria/Services (explain below) \$ 300 \$ 0
 compensation for one major lecture
Travel \$ \$ 508.76
 round-trip airfare, Detroit-Bangor
Lodging/Meals \$ \$ 20

4. *Arnold Berleant
Honoraria/Services (explain below) \$ 50.16 \$ 50
 Judaic Studies contributed \$50 toward a modest honorarium. The remainder is travel reimbursement for round-trip driving from Castine.

5. *James Behuniak

Philosophy Colloquium Series
University of Maine
Fall 2009

THURSDAYS

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Daniel C. Dennett

Austin B. Fletcher Professor of Philosophy
Co-Director of the Center for Cognitive Studies
Tufts University



Darwin's “Strange Inversion of Reasoning”

October 15, 2009

3:30pm

Hauck Auditorium

Free and Open to the Public



LECTURES AND BOOKSIGNING DAVID SWANSON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

"Undoing the Imperial Presidency"

SOCIALIST AND MARXIST STUDIES
BANGOR ROOM, MEMORIAL UNION
12:30 P.M.

A Conversation on Activism and Philosophy

PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM
LEVINSON ROOM, THE MAPLES
4 P.M.

"Forming a More Perfect Union: Rights We've Lost and Rights We've Never Had"

PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER OF EASTERN MAINE
170 PARK STREET, BANGOR
7 P.M.



David Swanson is the author of the new book *Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union* by Seven Stories Press, which has been on the top ten politics books at Amazon.com since it was published. He has a

Masters degree in Philosophy from the University of Virginia. He has worked as a newspaper reporter and as a communications director, with jobs including press secretary for Dennis Kucinich's 2004 presidential campaign, media coordinator for the International Labor Communications Association, and three years as communications coordinator for ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now.

He is Co-Founder of AfterDowningStreet.org, creator of ProsecuteBushCheney.org, Washington Director of Democrats.com, a board member of Progressive Democrats of America, and a regular columnist for *The Black Commentator*. Swanson will have copies of his book available for signing after each event.

These events are supported in part by a grant from Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series, with additional support from Socialist and Marxist Studies, the Peace and Justice Center, the Philosophy Colloquium, Campus Activities and Events, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Maine Peace Action Committee. For more information contact Mike Howard, 581-3861, Michael.howard@umit.maine.edu.

2009-2010 Philosophy Colloquium Series

**"He Saw the Cities and He Knew the Minds
Many Men': Landscape and Character in
Plato's Laws and Homer's Odyssey"**

A talk and discussion presented by

Professor Patricia Fagan

Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures,
University of Windsor

Time: Thursday, November 12 at 4 p.m.

Location: Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union

If you have a disability that may require accommodation for this event, please contact An in the office of Disability Support Service, 121 East Annex, 581-2319 (Voice) or 581-2311. This event was supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lectur



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Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Colby College

February 11, 2010

4:00 p.m.

Levinson Room, The Maples

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