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CULTURAL AFFAIRS/DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES
GRANT APPLICATION

I. Applicant/Organization: Gregory Zaro (Anthropology and Climate Change)

II. a. Responsible Organization Officer: Gregory Zaro

b. Title: Associate Professor of Anthropology and Climate Change; Chair of Anthropology

c. Campus Address: 5773 S. Stevens Hall; 581-1857; gregory.zaro@umit.maine.edu

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

Invited Speaker: Mesoamerican archaeologist Dr. Brett A. Houk will present a public lecture on his 20-plus years of archaeological research on Ancient Maya culture (3rd century BC – 10th century AD) in Central America. He is currently Associate Professor of Anthropology and Associate Chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Title: Ancient Maya Cities in the Eastern Lowlands: The Kingdoms on the Edge of History

When: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 @ 4pm

Where: Bodwell Area, Collins Center for the Arts

Abstract: Although not as well known as the Maya ruins in the heartland of Guatemala and Mexico, the ancient Maya cities of the eastern lowlands in the modern nation of Belize are part of an important urban tradition that thrived for nearly 1,000 years. Besides the longevity of the Maya urban tradition, ancient Maya cities are remarkable for their diversity in terms of size and layout. In this presentation, Dr. Houk summarizes the results of a multi-year study of Maya cities in Belize, highlighting such topics as the origins of Maya urbanism, the function of Maya cities as an integral component of the Classic-period system of divine kingship, and what we can learn from the differences between cities.

This public lecture will be held in the Bodwell area of the Collins Center for the Arts, which is also home to the Hudson Museum—known, among other qualities, for its Mesoamerican archaeological and ethnographic holdings, including an exceptional collection of ancient Maya artifacts. This lecture will enhance the understanding of these collections as well as support Mesoamerican research that is conducted on campus.

This event will be advertised across the UMaine campus and in the greater community through announcements on the web and through a printed flyer. Upper level undergraduate and graduate students will be encouraged to attend, as well as community members interested in Archaeology.

Funding is requested in support of travel costs, subsistence, and a small honorarium for Dr. Houk (support for lodging is not necessary; he will stay at Zaro's house). Both the Department of Anthropology and the Climate Change Institute have committed funds in partial support of this event, and the Collins Center for the Arts has reserved the Bodwell area as an appropriate venue for the lecture.

Biographical Sketch: Dr. Brett A. Houk is currently Associate Professor of Anthropology at Texas Tech University, where he has been since 2006. He earned a B.A., cum laude, in Anthropology from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, in 1990, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from The University of Texas at Austin in 1992 and 1996, respectively. He has over 20 years of experience in archaeological research in the lowland Maya region of Central America, with principle interests in ancient Maya urbanism. Since 1992, he has directed a variety of archaeological projects in the heart of the 260,000 acre Programme for Belize sub-tropical forest preserve in northwestern Belize, including a five year project at the site of La Milpa, Belize, one of the largest sites in the region. His work there, in collaboration with UMaine faculty and students, reexamined the growth and decline of this ancient Maya city, and particularly its decline in light of the collapse of Classic Maya society in the 9th and 10th centuries A.D. His current research has taken him to Chan Chich, where he is exploring innovative use of technology to better identify the earliest architectural signals of the institution of divine kingship. He is author of numerous scholarly articles, and is co-editor of *Ritual Violence and the Fall of Classic Maya Kings* (under review with University Press of Florida). His latest book project is *Ancient Maya Cities in the Eastern Lowlands: The Kingdoms on the Edge of History* (also currently under review with University Press of Florida).

IV. Budget Proposal Form must be 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: alisha.lukas@maine.edu

For questions regarding the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series, please contact Alisha Lukas at 1-1512.

Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Fund Budget Proposal Form

Applicant/Organization: Gregory Zaro (Anthropology and Climate Change)
 Responsible Officer: Gregory Zaro
 Event Title: Ancient Maya Cities in the Eastern Lowlands: The Kingdoms on the Edge of History
 Event Date: November 20, 2013

Total Program Budget: \$1167
 Amount Committed by Applicant Organization: \$500
 Total Amount Requested from Other Funding Sources: _____
 Please List Sources & Amounts below:
 Anthropology Department \$250
 Climate Change Institute \$250

 Amount Requested from CA/DLS Committee: \$667 *
 Revenues, if any, expected (fees, ticket sales): _____

Budget Breakdown of Expenses and funds to be used:	CADLS	Other
Honoraria/Services (explain below)	\$ <u>200</u>	\$ _____
<u>Honorarium</u>		
_____ _____		
Travel	\$ <u>450</u>	\$ <u>400</u>
<u>Airfare: Lubbock-Bangor-Lubbock, \$850</u>		
_____ _____		
Lodging/Meals	\$ <u>17</u>	\$ <u>100</u>
Advertising	\$ _____	\$ _____
Printing	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies and Materials	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (must specify below)	\$ _____	\$ _____
<u>subsistence per diem, \$39/day x 3</u>		
<u>(speaker will stay at Zaro's house)</u>		
_____ _____		

Total Expenses from CA/DLS funds: \$ 667 *
 Total Expenses from other funds: \$ 500
 (These two totals should equal the "Total Program Budget" listed above)

*These amounts should be identical and should not exceed 75% of the total program/event budget – see guidelines for further information. 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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1 message

Alisha Lukas <alisha.lukas1@maine.edu>
To: Gregory Zaro <gregory.zaro@maine.edu>

Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 8:43 AM

Dear Gregory,

The Cultural Affairs Committee has approved funding for your event, Ancient Maya Cities in the Eastern Lowlands, in the amount of \$500.00.

A concise summary of one page or less on the event and attendance must be submitted to the Committee, through me, within 60 days from the conclusion of your event, along with an Adjusting Entry, GL backup and corresponding receipts. Receipts submitted after this deadline cannot be reimbursed; if there are unavoidable extenuating circumstances, you must contact me before the deadline to request alternate arrangements. Please also attach copies of promotional material and publicity, including reviews.

Each member of the Cultural Affairs / Distinguished Lecture Series Committee (currently 12 members) shall be entitled to a total of two tickets per committee member, should yours be a ticketed event and should they wish to attend. Those requests will be made through me, to you.

We very much appreciate your ongoing partnership maintaining UMaine brand standards. Please see the following link for branding information for your event's promotional material: <http://umaine.edu/marketingandcommunications/brandstandards/>.

Please contact me with any questions.

Congratulations!

Alisha M. Lukas
Administrative Specialist 1
University of Maine
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Cultural Affairs/distinguished Lecture Series Grant Report Form

Applicant Organization: Department of Anthropology and Climate Change Institute

Contact Name: Gregory Zaro

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Phone: 581-1857

Email: gregory.zaro@umit.maine.edu

Summary of Program for which grant funds were rewarded, including a brief description, place where the program was held, and date and time:

Dr. Brett A. Houk, Associate Professor of Archaeology at Texas Tech University, visited the University of Maine campus on November 20-21, 2013. On Wednesday, November 20th, Dr. Houk delivered a public lecture titled *Ancient Maya Cities in the Eastern Lowlands: Kingdoms on the Edge of History*. The subject was well-received, evidenced by the number of questions immediately following the talk and by the informal post-event discussion. Prior to his talk, Dr. Houk was given a tour of the Hudson Museum's extensive Mesoamerican Palmer collection housed in the basement, to which he made several references throughout his lecture.

The lecture was held in the Bodwell Area of the Collins Center for the Arts on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, from 4-5pm.

How many people attended the event(s)? If possible describe the different audiences that this program served (i.e., UMaine Students, general community, teachers, etc.).

The lecture was attended by approximately 25 students, faculty, and staff.

How was the event Promoted? Please attach copies of promotional material.

The event was promoted electronically via listserves across campus, as well as via paper flyers. The event was also announced in relevant classes.

Please describe any modifications to program or budget made after award:

N/A

Ancient Maya Cities in the Eastern Lowlands: *Kingdoms on the Edge of History*

Public Lecture

by

Dr. Brett A. Houk

**Associate Professor of Anthropology
Texas Tech University**



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**Wednesday, November 20, 2013
4:00 p.m.**

**Bodwell Area,
Collins Center for the Arts**

If you have any questions, please call 581-1894

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