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2006-2007 Philosophy Colloquium

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Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Budget Proposal Form

Applicant/Organization: Department of Philosophy
 Responsible Officer: Professor Douglas Allen
 Event Title: Philosophy Colloquium Series for 2006-2007
 Event Date: November 2006 - April 2007

Total Program Budget: 3890.00
 Amount Committed by Applicant Organization: 1800.00
 Total Amount Requested from Other Funding Sources: 200.00
 Please List Sources & Amounts below:
Political Science, English, Economics,
Honors, International Programs

 Amount Requested from CA/DLS Committee: 1890.00 *
 Revenues, if any, expected (fees, ticket sales): 000.00

Budget Breakdown for CA/DLS Request:
 Honoraria/Services (explain below) 1650.00
(See attached information for honoraria
and following categories.)
 Travel 1460.00

 Lodging/Meals 580.00

 Advertising 150.00

 Printing 200.00

 Supplies and Materials _____

 Other (must specify below) _____

 Total Request: 1890.00 *

*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.

Philosophy Colloquium Series for 2006-2007

The following Philosophy Colloquium presentations have been organized to emphasize interdisciplinary topics and approaches. These programs will allow the Philosophy Department to reach out to other departments and programs on campus. Many of the programs also have broad public appeal. After summarizing the individual programs and presenting the budget, cvs and other background information on each of the speakers are provided to show their diverse backgrounds and outstanding accomplishments.

Nov. 2: Professor Patricia Fagan "Myth and Education in Republic 3: Tradition and Subversion in the Purified City." Patricia Fagan is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Languages, Literature, and Cultures at the University of Windsor in Canada. Co-editor of *Socrates in the Apology*, she is an outstanding teacher who is a finalist for Best Ontario Lecturer 2006.

Nov. 9: Professor David Pettigrew, "The Ethical Implications of Heidegger's Thought." David Pettigrew is Professor of Philosophy at Southern Connecticut State University and an expert on contemporary European philosophy. His visit to UMaine was initiated by Professor James Warhola of Political Science, who was familiar with his impressive work on human rights and genocide in Eastern Europe. His campus visit will include a lecture on "The Task of Justice: Witnessing Genocide in Bosnia."

Late Nov. or early Dec.: Arnold Berleant, "Aesthetics and Community?" Arnold Berleant, Professor Emeritus at Long Island University, now lives in Castine. Active in both philosophy and music, he is the past President of the International Association of Aesthetics and the author of six books and numerous scholarly articles.

January: Douglas Allen, "The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi." Doug Allen, Professor of Philosophy at UMaine, is a past President of the International Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy and received the Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award and the Distinguished Maine Professor Award. Author of eleven books, he is now completing a book on the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi for the twenty-first century.

February: Kirsten Jacobson, "The Philosophy of Maurice Merleau-Ponty." Kirsten Jacobson is a new Assistant Professor of Philosophy at UMaine. She is a specialist on 19th and 20th Century Continental Philosophy and on Environmental Philosophy. Her interdisciplinary dissertation, which used the approach of French philosopher Merleau-Ponty, focused on how we experience human spatiality and with analysis of agoraphobia, hypochondria, and other disorders.

March: Iwao Hirose, "Rawls's Notion of the Separateness of the Person." Japanese philosopher Iwao Hirose, a research fellow at University College, Oxford University, has recently moved to Harvard. He specializes in ethical theory, political philosophy, and the philosophy of economics.

April: Bhikhu Parekh, "Gandhi and Inter-Religious Dialogue and Tolerance."
 As the 2007 Philosophy Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Bhikhu Parekh is the big name in our series. Educated in India and an influential figure in the United Kingdom, Professor Parekh is a world-renowned author of numerous books. These include *Rethinking Multiculturalism*, *Global Terrorism*, and *Gandhi's Political Philosophy*. He is also a member of the House of Lords and is an influential public figure in England working on issues of multi-ethnic relations, violence, and mutual understanding. He will come to UMaine for several days and will meet with classes and deliver one or two additional public lectures.

Budget Information

Philosophy Colloquium Series for 2006-2007

Bhikhu Parekh	RT Travel from London, England (with tax)	820.00
	Housing for 3 nights	200.00
	Meals for 3 days	100.00
	Honorarium	<u>900.00</u>
		2020.00
Patricia Fagan	RT Travel from Windsor, Ontario	390.00
	Housing	0
	Meals for 3 days	100.00
	Honorarium	<u>300.00</u>
		790.00
David Pettigrew	Honorarium	200.00
Iwao Hirose	RT Travel from Boston	250.00
	Housing for 2 nights	120.00
	Meals for 2 days	60.00
	Honorarium	<u>250.00</u>
		680.00
Kirsten Jacobson		0
Douglas Allen		0
Publicity		200.00
Total Expenses		\$3890.00
Total Income	Philosophy Dept. for Visiting Scholar	1800.00
	Co-sponsoring Departments	<u>200.00</u>
	Total	2000.00
Request from Cultural Affairs/DLS		\$1890.00

Report to The Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Committee

From: Professor Douglas Allen for the Department of Philosophy

Re: Philosophy Colloquium Series for 2006-2007

A grant of \$1890 from the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Committee enabled the Department of Philosophy to organize a remarkably full and active 2006-2007 Philosophy Colloquium Series. We contributed \$3000 (\$2000 from Philosophy and \$1000 from cosponsors). Most of the colloquia were interdisciplinary, and several other departments and programs helped to cosponsor individual presentations. We received excellent media coverage. The following is a list of each of the 9 programs in the 2006-2007 series along with attendance figures. Attached series flyers and other material provide additional information about the series

Nov. 1: Prof. Anna Lännström, Stonehill College, "Responding to Terror: An Aristotelian Approach. Cosponsored by Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Student Honors Society). Attendance: 35.

Nov. 2: Prof. Patricia Fagan, Univ. of Windsor, "Myth and Education in Plato's *Republic* 3: Tradition and Subversion in the Purified City." Attendance: 40.

Nov. 9: Prof. David Pettigrew, Southern Conn. State Univ., "The Ethical Implications of Heidegger's Thought" and a second presentation on "The Task of Justice." Total attendance: 75.

Nov. 30: Prof. John Russon, Univ. of Guelph, "The Element of Everyday Life: Three Lessons from Ancient Greece." Attendance: 35.

Feb. 1: Prof. Arnold Berleant, Long Island Univ., "Aesthetics and Community." Attendance: 40.

Feb. 8: Prof. Douglas Allen, UMaine, "Gandhi's Philosophical Approach: Violence, Nonviolence, and Peace Education." Attendance: 35.

Feb. 22 Prof. Kirsten Jacobson, UMaine, "The Experience of Home and the Space of Citizenship." Attendance: 35.

March 29: Dr. Iwao Hirose, Oxford and Harvard, "Rawls's Notion of the Separateness of the Person" and a second presentation on "Primary Health Care and the Market Mechanism." Total attendance: 85.

April 12: Prof. Bhikhu Parekh, Univ. of Hull, London School of Economics, House of Lords, 2007 Philosophy Distinguished Visiting Scholar, "Gandhi's Legacy: Is Gandhi's Philosophy Still Relevant?" and a second presentation on "Mahatma Gandhi and Karl Marx." Total attendance: 160.

On behalf of the Department of Philosophy, I would like to thank the Cultural Affairs/DLS Committee for assistance in making this such a successful series of high quality, challenging, diverse, and relevant programs.

Philosophy department revamps Colloquium Series with new grant

By Maeghan Naimie
For The Maine Campus

The philosophy department's Colloquium Series has been in place here at the University of Maine for more than 20 years. It is one of the most active department series on campus, but hasn't been as prominent over the past two years, which makes this one very special.

Doug Allen, professor of philosophy, is coordinator of the Colloquium Series this year.

"A key factor in whether we can offer a series is funding, since the department has a very limited budget," Allen said. "For this academic year, we applied for a Cultural Affairs-Distinguished Lecture Series Committee grant, and we were informed that our Philosophy Colloquium Series grant was funded in late October. It is amazing that we were then able to offer four programs with outside speakers in November. We'll offer five programs during the spring semester."

Every year, a different philosophy department faculty member gets the responsibility of choosing who will speak in this arena. This way, they can avoid repetition of the same material. However, a few guests have been invited to speak more than once.

Allen has been working with the newly awarded grant to bring in several internationally renowned scholars and public figures. He is very excited about being able to head and revive such an important series on the campus this year.

"We try to organize the Philosophy Colloquium Series so

that the programs are not only philosophically stimulating and extend the educational experience of our students outside the classroom, but also so that the programs are interdisciplinary and reach out to others in the university community," Allen said. "Some of our individual programs are co-sponsored with other departments. As you go through the topics, you can see the interdisciplinary nature of presentations as they bring out connections between philosophy and the classics, English, political science, history, economics, art and music, peace studies and other fields."

Every semester there are between three and five presentations on different topics pertaining to philosophy to the UMaine campus.

"We usually have about six to eight speakers a year in the series. Faculty members in the department put together a list of names of people we know or think would be interesting to hear talk. We have limited funding, so we try to bring people who can get here relatively inexpensively," said Roger King, chair of the department of philosophy at UMaine.

The first speaker was chosen by members of the philosophy honors society Phi Sigma Tau. On Nov. 1, Professor Anna Langstrom talked about the Aristotelian approach to thinking about terrorism.

The second part of this year's series took place on Nov. 2, about the textual connections between Book 3 of Plato's "Republic" and Homer's "The Odyssey." The speaker for this presentation was

professor Patricia Fagan, who teaches in the department of classics, literature, and cultures at the University of Windsor in Canada.

On Nov. 9, professor David Pettigrew from Southern Connecticut State spoke in the Colloquium Series and also in the political science department on the ethical implications of Heidegger's philosophy.

Every spring semester, the department's visiting scholar also takes part in the series.

"This person usually gives a couple of talks, meets with the students in the philosophy capstone course, and spends time providing some feedback on the research work of the faculty member who organizes the series for that year," King said. "So the visiting scholar benefits one particular person in the department each year, but also addresses students and other faculty on campus."

In late November or early December, Professor Arnold Berleant of Long Island University will be presenting "Aesthetics and Community?" In January, professor Allen will present "The Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi." The February speaker will be Kirsten Jacobson, presenting "The Philosophy of Maurice Merleau-Ponty." March will bring Japanese philosopher Iwao Hirose on "Rawl's Notion of the Separateness of the Person." The final presentation will be in April with the Philosophy Distinguished Visiting Scholar Bhikhu Parekh, on "Gandhi and Inter-Religious Dialogue and Tolerance."

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM

PROFESSOR JOHN RUSSON

**"THE ELEMENTS OF
EVERYDAY LIFE:**

Three Lessons from Ancient Greece."

THURSDAY NOV. 30 4:00 P.M.

Levinson Room, The Maples, UMaine

John Russon is Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario. He is the author of Human Experience: Philosophy, Neurosis and the Elements of Everyday Life, which won 2005 Canadian Philosophical Association Award for Best New Book in Philosophy. He is also the author of two books on Hegel's philosophy: Reading Hegel's Phenomenology and The Self and Its Body in Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit. He is a specialist in Ancient Philosophy and in 19th and 20th Century European Philosophy.

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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM

PROFESSOR PATRICA FAGAN

“MYTH AND EDUCATION IN
REPUBLIC 3:

Tradition and Subversion in the
Purified City.”

THURSDAY NOV. 2 4:00 P.M.

Levinson Room, The Maples, UMaine

Patricia Fagan is Assistant Professor in the Department of Languages, Literature, and Cultures at the University of Windsor in Canada. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in Classics. Her areas of specialization are classical Greek and Latin Poetry and Ancient Philosophy. Co-editor of *Socrates in the Apology*, she is an outstanding teacher who is a finalist for Best Ontario Lecturer 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY,
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, and
PEACE STUDIES PROGRAM

BHIKHU PAREKH

**“GANDHI’S LEGACY:
Is Mahatma Gandhi’s
Philosophy Still Relevant?”**

THURSDAY APRIL 12 7:00 P.M.

Bangor Room, Memorial Union, UMaine

Professor of Political Philosophy, Bhikhu Parekh, is the 2007 Philosophy Distinguished Visiting Scholar. Educated in India and an influential figure in the United Kingdom, he is world-renowned author of numerous books. A member of the House of Lords, he is also an influential public figure working on issues of multi-ethnic relations, violence, and mutual understanding. On Thursday, April 12, he will also give a lecture on “Mahatma Gandhi and Karl Marx” at 12:30 p.m. in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union, UMaine.

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