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## 2012-2013 Philosophy Colloquium Series

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## CULTURAL AFFAIRS/DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES GRANT APPLICATION

**PLEASE NOTE THE EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE FOR ELECTRONIC  
SUBMISSION**

I. Applicant/Organization: Philosophy Department

II. a. Responsible Organization Officer: Michael Howard

b. Title: Professor of Philosophy

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

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

The Philosophy Department is seeking funding support from the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series for its 2012-13 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 philosophical importance.

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| 1. "Nietzsche's Naturalism"<br>Richard Schacht, Professor of Philosophy, University of Illinois  | September 28, 2012 |
| 2. "Ordinary Virtue"<br>Susan Stark, Professor of Philosophy, Bates College  | November 8, 2012   |
| 3. "Do I Make a Difference? Me and My SUV"<br>Lawrence Simon, Professor of Philosophy, Bowdoin College                                 | November 15, 2012  |
| 4. Title TBA<br>Xu Bihui, Professor and Vice Director, Aesthetics Section, Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences | February 21, 2013  |
| 5. "Foucault and Feminism"<br>Jana Sawicki, Professor of Philosophy, Williams College  | March 21, 2013     |
| 6. "World Poverty and Human Rights"<br>Thomas Pogge, Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs, Yale University                | April 11, 2013     |

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.**

Michael Howard, 9/20/2012

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION VIA EMAIL TO:** [wMADDEN@maine.edu](mailto:wMADDEN@maine.edu)

For questions regarding the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series, please contact Wanda Madden at 1-1516

### Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Fund Budget Proposal Form

Applicant/Organization: Department of Philosophy  
 Responsible Officer: Michael Howard  
 Event Title: 2012-13 Philosophy Colloquium Series  
 Event Date: 6 events over the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 semesters

Total Program Budget: \$3600  
 Amount Committed by Applicant Organization: \$1800  
 Total Amount Requested from Other Funding Sources: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please List Sources & Amounts below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Amount Requested from CA/DLS Committee: \$1800 \*  
 Revenues, if any, expected (fees, ticket sales): \$0

Budget Breakdown of Expenses and funds to be used:	CADLS	Other
Honoraria/Services (explain below)	\$ _____	\$ <u>200</u>
<u>Honorarium for one talk</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Travel	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Lodging/Meals	\$ _____	\$ <u>50</u>
Advertising	\$ _____	\$ <u>**</u>
Printing	\$ _____	\$ <u>**</u>
Supplies and Materials	\$ _____	\$ <u>**</u>
Other (must specify below)	\$ _____	\$ _____

\*\*The Philosophy Department will provide in kind support for all printing and supply costs for the series.

Honoraria/Services (explain below) \$ 200 \_\_\_\_\_  
Honorarium for one talk \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Travel \$ 101 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
round-trip from Lewiston \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging/Meals	\$ 50	\$
Honoraria/Services (explain below)	\$ 200	\$
Honorarium for one talk		
Travel	\$ 100	\$
round-trip from Brunswick		
Lodging/Meals	\$ 50	\$
Honoraria/Services (explain below)	\$ 200	\$
Honorarium for one talk		
Travel	\$	\$
Lodging/Meals	\$ 50	\$
Honoraria/Services (explain below)	\$ 200	\$
Honorarium for one talk		
Travel	\$ 312	\$
round-trip driving from Williamstown		
Lodging/Meals	\$ 100	\$
Honoraria/Services (explain below)	\$	\$ 800
Honorarium for two talks for a major speaker		
Travel	\$	\$ 550

Lodging/Meals

\$ 237      \$ 200

Total Expenses from CA/DLS funds:      \$ 1800 \*



Total Expenses from other funds:      \$ 1800

(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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From:  **Christi Renzi** Wednesday, October 31, 2012 8:32:28 AM 

Subject: Cultural Affairs Grant

To:  Michael Howard

Attachments:  Report.format.doc / Uploaded File (26K)

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Michael,

I am pleased to inform you that your application for a Cultural Affairs Grant has been approved! The entire sum requested of the committee for your project was approved at the Committee's meeting on October 26th. Please complete the attached budget form and submit it to me either via email or by campus mail to receive your award funding. Congratulations again, and feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Christi Renzi

Administrative Specialist  
Office of the President  
200 Alumni Hall  
207-581-1512

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Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Grant Report Form

Applicant Organization: Philosophy Department  
Contact Name: Michael Howard  
Campus Address: 5 The Maples  
Phone: 1-3861  
E-mail: Michael.howard@umit.maine.edu

This grant supported a **philosophy colloquium series** with 4 invited speakers, and 5 public talks. Two speakers came to campus in the Fall, and two in the Spring.

**Summary of Programs and Attendance**

Event 1: **Professor Richard Schacht**, Philosophy Department, University of Illinois  
“**Nietzsche’s Naturalism**” (public lecture)  
September 28, 4 p.m.  
Weisz Room, The Maples

The audience consisted of around 15 students, faculty, and others from the community.

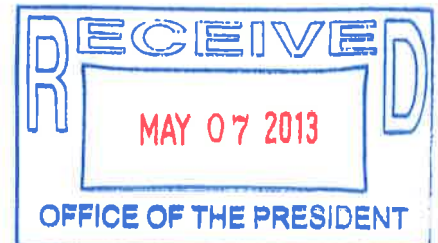
Event 2: **Professor Susan Stark**, Philosophy Department, Bates College  
“**Ordinary Virtue**”  
November 8, 4 p.m.  
Bangor Room, Memorial Union

The audience consisted of around a dozen students, faculty, and others from the community.

Event 3: **Professor William P. Seeley**, Philosophy Department, Bates College  
“**Mammals and Music among Others: Crossmodal Perception and Musical Expressiveness**” (public lecture)  
co-sponsored with the Philosophy Club  
March 18, 3:30 p.m.  
Donald P. Corbett Business Building

The audience consisted of about 20 students, faculty and others from the community, including some from the Music program.

Event 4: Philosophy Visiting Scholar, **Professor Thomas Pogge**, Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs, Yale University  
“**Poverty, Inequality and Regulatory Capture**” (1<sup>st</sup> public lecture)  
co-sponsored with Socialist and Marxist Studies  
April 18, 12:30 p.m.  
Bangor Room, Memorial Union



**“Tracking Poverty”** (2<sup>nd</sup> public lecture)

4 p.m.

Bangor Room, Memorial Union

The audience for each of these talks included students, faculty and community members, with particular interest from the School for Policy and International Affairs, and some regular attendants at the Socialist and Marxist Studies Luncheon Series. The first talk had an audience of around 40 the second around 30.

### **Promotion**

Each event was promoted through e-mail announcements, posted flyers (see attached), postings on the Philosophy Department website and Facebook page, and announcements in classes.

### **Modifications to program or budget made after award:**

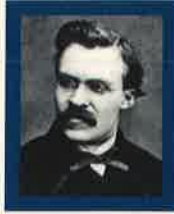
We originally anticipated 6 speakers. Three withdrew (Simon, Xu, and Sawicki), and one of these was replaced (with Seeley). There were also some savings because two speakers preferred to drive home early rather than stay for dinner, and Thomas Pogge drove instead of flying. So the total expense for the series is somewhat less than our original budget projection. The honorarium for Seeley was somewhat higher than what had been budgeted for Sawicki, because of co-sponsorship with the Philosophy Club. The club covered the cost of Seeley’s meal, and the poster design, printing, and distribution.

**Attached: a final budget, an Adjusting Entry form listing expenses, and GL printouts showing expenses.**



<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>CADLS</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Event 1; Richard Schacht</b>		
Honorarium	\$200 pd.	
Meal		
<b>Event 2: Susan Stark</b>		
Honorarium	\$200 pd.	
Round-trip from Falmouth	119.28 pd.	
<b>Event 3: William Seeley</b>		
Honorarium	\$500 to be pd. to Philosophy	
Round-trip from Brunswick	102.78 to be pd. to Philosophy	
Meal		\$15 (paid by Philosophy Club)
<b>Event 4: Thomas Pogge</b>		
Meals		\$30.53
Honorarium		1439.57
Travel reimbursement		329.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1122.06</b>	<b>\$1800</b>

(to be paid to Philosophy: \$602.78)



Friedrich Nietzsche

## Philosophy 2012-2013 Colloquium Series

Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.  
The <sup>W/2152</sup>Levinson Room (2nd Floor)  
The Maples

**Speaker:**  
**Professor Richard Schacht**  
**Philosophy Department, University of Illinois**

### **Title: “Nietzsche’s Naturalism”**

**ABSTRACT:**

Nietzsche, I contend and many agree, was a fundamentally “naturalistic” thinker. But there are many ways of thinking that can be called “naturalistic”; and it would be a mistake to suppose that any particular one of them is what he advocated and pursued—especially since there are some kinds of naturalism of which he himself is disdainful. So we need to consider what kind of naturalism Nietzsche’s is—particularly as it relates to the natural sciences. I argue that it is one that respects and draws upon these sciences but does not limit itself to reliance upon them and take all of its cues from them. It is not a *scientific* naturalism. I then discuss some types of human phenomena of which Nietzsche considers it important for us to be mindful and appreciative, both in the interpretation of human reality and in our understanding of the contours of his naturalism.

**If you have a disability that may require accommodation for this event, please contact Ann Smith in the office of Disability Support Service, 121 East Annex, 581-2319 (Voice) or 581-2311 (TDD).**

**If you have questions about the event, contact Prof. Michael Howard at: michael.howard@umit.maine.edu**



## Philosophy 2012-2013 Colloquium Series

Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.  
Bangor Room, Memorial Union

**Speaker:**  
**Professor Susan Stark**  
**Philosophy Department, Bates College**

**Title: “Ordinary Virtue”**

**ABSTRACT:**

An impressive body of psychological data casts serious doubt on our ordinary conception of the human agent, as someone who is responsible for her actions and an appropriate subject of praise and blame. Based on these studies, many psychologists and philosophers conclude that it is the situation and its unique set of psychological pressures that determines the individual's action. This view has come to be known as situationism. On the basis of this data, some philosophers have concluded that there is no such thing as enduring character traits that themselves determine an individual's actions. John Doris, for instance, has argued that character traits are local, rather than global. In addition to this critique of individuals, Doris and others have argued that there is no point in developing or refining moral theories based upon character, theories like virtue theory. Some virtue theorists, however, have attempted a response to this critique. But these virtue theorists have not yet explained how it is that the morally good person can be attuned to surprising factors, seemingly morally *irrelevant* factors, to still arrive at a correct understanding of what is morally required. Moreover, moral theorists want, not only an account of how the virtuous person arrives at such an understanding of what is morally required, but we also want an account of how the ordinary person can develop such as to also reach such an understanding. The aim of my paper is to provide both of these accounts and thereby show that virtue theory can withstand the situationist's critique.

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# Philosophy Colloquium Series

Presents:

“Mammals and Music among Others:  
Crossmodal Perception and Musical  
Expressiveness”

A Lecture by  
Professor William P. Seeley,  
Philosophy Department, Bates College



**When:** March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm

**Where:** Rm. 107 DPC Donald P. Corbett Business Building

For more information, contact Prof. Michael Howard, 581-3861,  
[michael.howard@umit.maine.edu](mailto:michael.howard@umit.maine.edu)

Sponsored by Philosophy Club and the UMaine Department of Philosophy



# 2012-2013 Philosophy Visiting Scholar

April 18<sup>th</sup>

**Thomas Pogge**  
**Professor of Philosophy and**  
**International Affairs**  
**Yale University**



**“TRACKING POVERTY”**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Bangor Room**

**Abstract:** Various indices are used to track poverty, development, and gender equity at the population level. Some of them – the UNDP’s Human and Gender-Related Development Indices, and the World Bank’s Poverty Index associated with the first Millennium Development Goal – have become highly influential. This paper argues that these prominent indices are deeply flawed and therefore distort our moral judgments and misguide resource allocations by governments, international agencies, and NGOs. Examination of these flaws reveals useful pointers toward developing better indices – though much interdisciplinary work will be needed before sound and practicable indices are actually available.

**“POVERTY, INEQUALITY AND REGULATORY CAPTURE”**

**Socialist and Marxist Studies Luncheon Series**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Bangor Room**

**Abstract:** One important driver of the persistence of poverty and increasing global inequality is supranational regulatory capture. Establishing this point leads to the conclusions (a) that much of today’s severe poverty constitutes a human rights violation committed through supranational rule design and (b) that the eradication of severe poverty requires mainstreaming the concern for the poor beyond the niche of development assistance. It also suggests that (c) the first Millennium Development Goal -- the aim to reduce the number of extremely poor and the number of chronically undernourished by 27 percent in the 1990-2015 period -- was/is grotesquely under-ambitious and that (d) these MDGs, not coupled with tasks or responsibilities of specific agents, were a wish list more than a set of serious goals. What we need post-2015 is the commitment to eradicate severe poverty fast and completely, coupled with clear responsibilities assigned to specific competent actors pledged to keep the effort on the announced glide path.

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