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**THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS/DISTINGUISHED
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GRANT APPLICATION**

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I.	Applicant/Organization:	<i>Schonberger Peace + Social Justice Memorial Lecture Committee</i>	
II.	a.	Responsible Organization Officer: <i>Virginia Nees-Hatten</i>	
	b.	Title: <i>Director, Center for Teaching Excellence</i>	
	c.	Campus Address (include EMail and Telephone): <i>207 Crossland x13477 Virginia.Nees@umit.maine.edu</i>	
III.	Summary of program requiring funding (title; featured artist(s); speaker(s); scheduled date (s): <i>"Recovering the Sacred: The Power of Naming & Claiming." Lecture by Winona La Duke, Dec 6, 2005.</i>		
Expand in fuller detail, a supporting statement with <u>detailed, itemized budget</u>. Funding for current application is contingent upon submission of detailed budget and attendance report for any previous years' grants.			
IV.	a.	Total funding required for program:	\$ <i>4272</i>
	b.	Amount committed by applicant organization:	\$ <i>2139</i>
	c.	Amount committed by <i>HTY</i>	\$ <i>60</i>
	d.	Amount requested from other funding sources <i>WIC/WS</i>	\$ <i>60</i>
	e.	Amount requested of Cultural Affairs/DLS Committee:	\$ <i>2013</i>
Signature of responsible organization officer/date:		<i>Virginia Nees-Hatten</i> SIGNATURE	<i>9-26-05</i> DATE

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
C/O PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
200 ALUMNI HALL, CAMPUS

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PROPOSAL

Sept. 26, 2005

To: Cultural Affairs Committee
c/o Carole Gardner
200 Alumni Hall

From: Virginia Nees-Hatlen for the Schonberger Memorial Lecture Committee
Center for Teaching Excellence
210 Crossland Hall x13477

About: **Distinguished Lecturer Funding** for Dec. 6, 2005 Schonberger Lecture by Winona LaDuke on "Recovering the Sacred: The Power of Naming and Claiming"

Request

The Schonberger Peace and Social Justice Memorial Lecture Committee is asking Cultural Affairs/DLS to share costs for the forthcoming lecture by Winona LaDuke: "Recovering the Sacred: The Power of Naming and Claiming." The lecture, to be given at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, in 100 DPC, is free and open to the public, which in past years has been a substantial part of the audience for the annual event. We are anticipating total costs of \$4272. We are requesting \$2013 from the Distinguished Lecture Series to cover part of Winona LaDuke's honorarium, her travel, and the recording of the lecture. The Howard B. Schonberger Memorial Gift Fund is contributing \$2139. The UM History Department is paying \$60 in postage, and the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program is contributing \$60 in-kind on publicity flyers, for a total of \$2259 in matching funding.

Background

The Howard B. Schonberger Peace and Justice Memorial Lecture is partially funded by a University of Maine gift account in the Development Office. Donors to the Schonberger Gift Fund include the late Professor Schonberger's friends, colleagues, and family, as well as local community peace activists. The annual lecture series is charged to honor Professor Schonberger's service as an historian of 20th century American diplomatic history and as an activist in local and national struggles for peace and justice around the world. A committee composed of five UM faculty members and a community member active in peace organizations plans the lectures. All of the speakers have been national figures distinguished in scholarship as well as active in communities working for peace and social justice.

Eleven previous lectures have been well attended by the university community and by members of the greater Bangor/midcoast community, especially those who are engaged in continuing peace and justice work. The Bangor Peace and Justice Center and Peace through Inter American Community Action (PICA), for example, are two groups in

which Professor Schonberger played a major role; they are also sources for the lecture's audience. Last year, the lecture was given by Phyllis Bennis. Her title was "Challenging Empire: Iraq, the UN, and the 'Second Super-Power'." The audience in the Minsky Hall was approximately 175 people. Two years ago, the lecture was given by Rabbi Michael Lerner. His title was "Social Transformation and Psycho-Spiritual Healing: Strategies for Peace and Justice in the Era of George Bush and Ariel Sharon." The audience was approximately 250 people. Three years ago, the lecture was given by Dr. Joan Wallach Scott, Harold F. Linder Professor in the School of Social Science of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton since 1985. She spoke on the topic of "Feminist Reverberations: Critiques of Power and Forms of Resistance in the Age of Globalization" to an audience around 100 people. Four years ago, the lecture was given by Dr. Michael P. Johnson, Associate Professor of Sociology, Women's Studies, and African and African American Studies at Penn State. He spoke on the topic of "Gender and the Importance of Distinguishing among Types of Partner Violence." The audience was around 300 people. Five years ago, the lecture was given by John W. Dower, Elting E. Morrison Professor of History at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He spoke on the topic of "Embracing Defeat: Peace and Democracy in Post-war Japan," the subject of his most recent book, which had just won both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. The audience was between 175 and 200 people.

Program

Many past Schonberger lectures have focused on global or political topics; including feminist theory and women's issues as they relate to global change. In that tradition, the speaker this year will dissect interrelated political, philosophical, and social forces working against Native peoples, in the context of other human rights issues affecting marginalized cultures around the world.

Winona LaDuke's Schonberger memorial lecture will be part of a visit that will include a Women in the Curriculum Luncheon Series talk on current events, women's and human rights, and environmental policy, entitled "Motherhood, Politics, and the Environment."

Her visit will also include meeting with people from the Wabanaki Center and, we hope, from the local tribes. This will be arranged by John Bear Mitchell, Associate Director of the Wabanaki Center, who is her friend and who helped arrange the initial contact for this visit. He will continue to work with the Schonberger Lecture Committee on making contacts for LaDuke and on maximizing the audiences for her formal presentations.

In addition to appealing to large numbers of students and faculty members on campus, La Duke's work is of particular interest to the Native American and environmental communities in central and mid-coast Maine. Members of the local peace and social justice communities have already received publicity about the lecture, as will local media. Many will be familiar with Winona LaDuke as Vice-Presidential candidate on the Green Party ticket with Ralph Nader (in 1996 and 2000) and as one of the subjects

of Robert Shetterley's traveling exhibition of paintings of "Americans Who Tell the Truth," which is the current show in the Carnegie Gallery on campus.

The Speaker

Winona LaDuke is an Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe) enrolled member of the Mississippi Band of Anishinaabeg. She serves as Program Director of Honor the Earth, providing vision and leadership for the organization's Regranting Program and its Strategic Initiatives. She is the Founding Director of the White Earth Land Recovery Project, which has worked for two decades on land issues for Native peoples, including litigation.

In 1989, she received the Reebok Human Rights Award. She has been awarded the Thomas Merton Award (1996), the Ann Bancroft Award, Ms. Woman of the Year Award in 1997 (with the Indigo Girls, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers), the Global Green Award, and numerous other honors. In 1994, she was nominated by *Time* Magazine as one of America's fifty most promising leaders under forty years of age. La Duke and the White Earth Land Recovery Project recently received the prestigious international Slow Food Award for their work protecting wild rice and local biodiversity.

Ms. LaDuke has written extensively on Native American and environmental issues. Her books include adult and children's fiction (*Last Standing Woman*) and non-fiction (*All Our Relations; In the Sugarbush; The Winona LaDuke Reader*, essays and speeches, as well as fiction and poetry). Her latest book, *Recovering the Sacred* (Southend Press, 2005) is the source of her planned lecture here. Louise Erdrich has written of this book: "Thoughtful, tough, impressively informed, RECOVERING THE SACRED tells a profound story. To survive, we need to listen."

Budget

The gift account for the Schonberger lecture is slowly growing with annually solicited contributions, although the market downturn after 2001 affected the fund. The Cultural Affairs Committee has provided partial support for all eleven previous lectures (\$1000 in 2004; \$2000 in 2003; \$950 in 2002; \$650 in 2001; \$732 in 2000; \$1065 in 1998; the previous year \$633), and we hope they will continue until the fund is able to generate income that should fully cover our more expensive/distant speakers or perhaps endow a chair in Prof. Schonberger's memory.

The Schonberger Memorial Lecture Fund (SMLF) administered by the UM Development Office through the UM History Department, will be able to underwrite this year \$2139 of the total costs, budgeted at \$4272 (an estimate pending final costs for transportation). This figure includes \$1200 of the honorarium, meals, publicity, recording of the WIC lecture, and a reception (we understand that the last cannot be paid by the DLS fund). We are working with community groups who want to have her meet with them while she is here, so we are planning for her to be in town for three nights, and the Schonberger fund will undertake to cover these expenses .

Smaller amounts will be contributed by two campus units. \$60 for postage for publicity for the lecture will be contributed by the UM History Department (HTY); and the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program (WIC/WS) is contributing flyers worth \$60.

We are asking CA/DLS to contribute \$1300 toward LaDuke's honorarium, \$588 (or less) for travel, and \$125 for videotaping of one lecture for a total of \$2013 (or less). We have figured an estimated cost range for travel for LaDuke, including round trip travel from Duluth, Minnesota. She is making a number of stops on a complicated tour, and still making arrangements that may affect her travel and booking arrangements with us. We have included the highest possible airfare in our budget, so that DLS will pay less if she is able to book early.

	Costs	Contributions
Honorarium	2500	1200 SMLF
Lodging	282 (3 nights, Sheraton)	282 SMLF
Transportation roundtrip air from Duluth w/out 21 day advance booking est. from Hewins Travel	588	
Meals	60 (dinners) 22 (lunches) 15 (breakfasts)	60 22 15 SMLF
Publicity		
Printing posters	225	225 SMLF
Flyers	60	60 WIC/WS
Postage	60	60 HTY
Sound System	35	35 SMLF
Videotaping Two lectures	250	125 SMLF

Reception	175	175	SMLF
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Total Costs	\$ 4272	Contributions \$2259	
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Total Contributions	\$2259	SMLF	2139
		History Dept.	60
		WIC/WS	60

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Total Requested of CA/DLS	\$ 2013
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