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THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS/DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES COMMITTEE GRANT APPLICATION

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I.	Applicant/Organization: <i>Schonberger Memorial Lecture Fund (admin. by HISTORY)</i>
II. a.	Responsible Organization Officer: <i>VIRGINIA NEES-HATLEN</i>
b.	Title: <i>DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE and Assoc. Prof., ENGLISH</i>
c.	Campus Address (include EMail and Telephone): <i>207 Crossland 581-3477 VIRGINIA NEES ON FIRST CLASS</i>
III.	Summary of program requiring funding (title; featured artist(s); speaker(s); scheduled date (s): <i>"Challenging Empire: Iraq, The UN, and the 'Second Super Power.'" A lecture by Phyllis Bennis, Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies, to be given on Oct. 21, 2004.</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>2343</i>
b.	Amount committed by applicant organization:> <i>1233</i>
c.	Amount committed by/requested of (please indicate which) other funding sources:> <i>110</i>
d.	Amount requested of Cultural Affairs/DLS Committee:> <i>1000</i>
Signature of responsible organization officer/date: <i>Virginia Nees-Hatlen</i> <i>9-23-04</i>	
SIGNATURE DATE	

SPACE BELOW FOR COMMITTEE USE:

\$1000

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: TOM MIKOTOWICZ
C/O PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
200 ALUMNI HALL

September 22, 2004

PROPOSAL

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

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

About: **Distinguished Lecturer Funding** for Oct. 21, 2004, lecture by Phyllis Bennis:
"Challenging Empire: Iraq, the UN, and the 'Second Super-Power'."

Request

The Schonberger Memorial Lecture Committee is asking Cultural Affairs/DLS to share costs for the forthcoming lecture by Phyllis Bennis: "Challenging Empire: Iraq, the UN, and the 'Second Super-Power'." The lecture, to be given at 7:30 pm on Thursday, October 21, 2004, in the Minsky Hall, 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 \$2343. We are requesting \$1000 from the Distinguished Lecture Series to cover half of Phyllis Bennis' honorarium and half her travel. The Howard B. Schonberger Memorial Gift Fund is contributing \$1233. The UM History Department is paying \$60, and the Women in the Curriculum Program is contributing \$50 in-kind on publicity flyers, for a total of \$1343 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.

Ten 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 Intercommunity 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 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. Two 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.” Three years ago, the lecture was given 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. Four 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 place the momentous events happening in Iraq in a larger context of post WWII foreign policy and the relations between the U.S. and the U.N. in particular.

Phyllis Bennis’s Schonberger memorial lecture will be part of a visit that will include a Socialist and Marxist Luncheon Series talk on current events and policy in Palestine and Israel. Both talks will be expressions of her long interest in peace with social justice in the Middle East, her area of particular expertise.

In addition to appealing to large numbers of students and faculty members on campus, Bennis’s work is of particular interest to the larger community 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 Phyllis Bennis through her frequent appearances as a commentator on radio and TV, as well as through her books.

The Speaker

Phyllis Bennis is a Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, and Director of its New Internationalism Program. She is also a Fellow of the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam. Her areas of expertise include U.S. unilateralism and empire, the Middle East, particularly Israel-Palestine and Iraq, and U.S.-United Nations relations. Her newest book is *Before & After: U.S. Foreign Policy and the September 11th Crisis* (Interlink Publishing, September 2002). She is also the author of **Calling the Shots: How Washington Dominates Today’s UN** (Interlink, 2000). Earlier books include **From Stones to Statehood: The Palestinian Uprising**; **Altered States: A Reader in the New World Order**; and **Beyond the**

Storm: A Gulf Crisis Reader. She recently published two primers: *Understanding the U.S.-Iraq Crisis* and *Understanding the Palestine-Israel Conflict*.

Phyllis Bennis appears frequently as a commentator/analyst on U.S. and international television and radio programs, including "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS, the CBS "Morning Show," NPR's "Diane Rehm Show," and many others on CNN, BBC, Fox, CBC, and al-Jazeera TV. She has testified in numerous U.S. Congressional hearings on Iraq, Yugoslavia, and other issues. She has been a featured speaker at United Nations conferences on Palestine and other UN questions in Athens, Prague, New Delhi, Paris, Havana, Toronto, New York, Mongolia, and Madrid, as well as the World Federation of UN Associations in Luxembourg, the Indian International Center in New Delhi, the International Organization of Journalists in Vietnam, and other venues. She has addressed the European Parliament in Brussels as well as French and Swedish foreign ministry officials on expanding Europe's role in the Middle East, and the Dutch parliament on Iraq sanctions. She has lectured at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Berkeley, Bir Zeit University (West Bank), Georgetown, Jawarhalal Nehru University (New Delhi), MIT, Columbia University, American University, and many other universities. She regularly briefs UN- and Washington-based diplomats, journalists and parliamentarians. In 2002 and 2003 she was invited to address the UN General Assembly on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

Bennis' work has appeared in the *Baltimore Sun*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Le Monde Diplomatique* (Paris), TomPaine.com, *New York Newsday*, *Soera* (Amsterdam), *Papeles* (Madrid), *die Tageszeitung* (Berlin), the *Philadelphia Enquirer*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Middle East Report (MERIP)*, *The Nation*, *Middle East International*, *Mother Jones*, *Third World Resurgence* (Malaysia), and many other publications. She has contributed chapters for books including *Wrestling With Zion* (Tony Kushner & Alisa Solomon, eds.), *The Privatization of World Politics* (in German), *Challenges to the United Nations* (Erskine Childers, editor), *Democratization in the Global South* (Hazel Smith, editor), *Iraq Under Siege* (Anthony Arnove, editor), and several encyclopedias. She has drafted floor speeches and legislation at the request of Members of the U.S. Congress.

In early 1999 she participated in a six-week, 22-city speaking tour on Iraq sanctions and U.S. policy with former UN Assistant Secretary General and Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq Denis Halliday, who resigned his UN position to protest the effect of sanctions. Later that year she accompanied a group of congressional aides to Iraq to investigate the humanitarian effects of sanctions, in the first U.S. congressional visit since 1991. In 2002 she helped found and currently co-chairs the U.S. Campaign to End Israeli Occupation. In October 2003 Bennis helped to create the United for Peace and Justice coalition; she was a featured speaker at the Feb. 15, 2003, New York rally of half a million people when "the world said no to war." She has been a regular speaker and participant in international meetings of the global peace movement, including the Jakarta Peace Consensus, Italy's Perugia mobilization, Montreal's Eschaut a la Guerre, and other conferences in Berlin, Amsterdam, London, East Timor, and elsewhere. From September 2003, Bennis has served as co-chair of the non-governmental International Coordinating Network on Palestine under the auspices of the UN.

Budget

The gift account for the Schonberger lecture is slowly growing with annually solicited contributions, although the market downturn has affected the fund recently. The

Cultural Affairs Committee has provided partial support for all ten previous lectures (\$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 \$1233 of the total costs, budgeted at \$2343 (an estimate pending final costs for transportation). This figure includes all travel, meals, publicity, recording, and a reception (we understand that the last cannot be paid by the DLS fund). We have figured an estimated cost range for travel for Bennis, including arrival from Washington and departure for Philadelphia. She is making a number of stops on a complicated tour, and still making arrangements for a tentative trip to Portland before or after coming here. Until that plan is final and she tells us how other sponsors will be sharing the travel costs, we have to be flexible in this estimate.

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 Program (WIC) is contributing flyers worth \$50.

We are asking CA/DLS to contribute \$500 toward Bennis' \$1000 honorarium and \$500 (est.) for travel for a total of \$1000 (or less). If travel costs exceed our estimate, they will be paid by the Schonberger Fund.

	Costs	Contributions
Honorarium	1000	500 SMLF
Lodging	188 (2 nights, Sheraton)	188 SMLF
Transportation airplane ticket from Washington, D.C., returning to Philadelphia poss. busfare from Portland	500 (est.)	Additional travel SMLF
Meals	40 (dinner out) 15 (two lunches)	40 15 SMLF
Publicity		
Printing posters	175	175 SMLF
Flyers	50	50

			WIC
Postage	60	60	HTY
Sound System	30	30	SMLF
Videotaping	125	125	SMLF
Reception	150	150	SMLF
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Total Costs	\$ 2343	Contributions	1343
Total Contributions	\$ 1343	SMLF	1233
		History Dept.	60
		WIC	50
Total Requested of CA/DLS	\$1000		

The University of Maine

Howard B. Schonberger
Peace and Social Justice Memorial Lecturer

Thursday, October 21, 2004

Phyllis Bennis



Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies
Washington, DC

**"Challenging U.S. Support for Israel's Occupation of Palestine:
International Law and Human Rights"**

Socialist and Marxist Studies Luncheon Series
12:30 - 1:45 pm

Bangor Room, Memorial Union

"Challenging Empire: Iraq, the U.N., and the Second Super-Power"

Schonberger Lecture

7:30 pm, Reception Following
Minsky Auditorium, Class of 1944 Building

Phyllis Bennis is a journalist specializing in Middle East and United Nations issues. Formerly based at the U.N., she is now with the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, DC. She writes for *In These Times* and *The Nation*, and she is frequently heard on National Public Radio commenting on situations in the Middle East. Her recent books are *The Price of Imperial Folly* (2004), *Before and After: US Foreign Policy and the September 11th Crisis* (2002), and *Calling the Shots: How Washington Dominates Today's U.N.* (1996).

This program is sponsored by the Schonberger Lecture Fund, the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Fund, the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program, and the Departments of History and Philosophy.