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LECTURE SERIES COMMITTEE

GRANT APPLICATION

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I. Applicant/Organization: Laurie Osher/Plant, Soil & Environmental Sciences

II. a. Responsible Organization Officer: Laurie Osher
 b. Title: Estuary and Coastal Processes Seminar Series Travel Funds
 c. Campus Address (include EMail and Telephone): Laurie@maine.edu, 581-2957, 115 Deering Hall

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

Title: Estuary and Coastal Processes Seminar Series Travel Funds
 Speakers: See attached list of speakers
 Scheduling and Date: Every Friday of Fall Semester 2003

Expand in fuller detail, a supporting statement with detailed, itemized budget. 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:	7600
b. Amount committed by applicant organization:	500
c. Amount committed by/requested of (please indicate which) other funding sources:	5200
d. Amount requested of Cultural Affairs/DLS Committee:	1700

Signature of responsible organization officer/date: Laurie J Osher 3/28/03
SIGNATURE DATE

SPACE BELOW FOR COMMITTEE USE:

\$1,700

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

Title: Estuary and Coastal Processes Seminar Series Travel Funds

Summary:

Estuaries are the place where fresh water and seawater environments converge. Despite the importance of this ecosystem, this university does not have a course addressing estuary studies. To fill this curricular void, I have organized a seminar series entitled "Estuary and Coastal Processes" for the fall of 2003. The series will feature prominent estuary scientists and managers from around the nation. There will also be one scientist from Northern Europe who studies estuaries in there that are very similar to those here in Maine. Funds to support this program have already been pledged by the Vice President for Research, the Dean of Natural Science Forestry and Agriculture (NSFA) and by a number of academic units in NSFA. This proposal requests funds to cover less than half of the projected travel costs for the invited speakers.

Background:

The University of Maine is both a Land Grant and a Sea Grant institution. It is known to have excellent programs in environmental sciences. Within this broad category, the University of Maine's programs focus primarily on the ecosystems that are most common here in Maine. For example, 90% of the state is forested. It follows that many of the University's programs address forestry issues including forest ecosystem studies, forest management, and forest products research and marketing. Another of the state's natural resources is the coastline and its location on the Gulf of Maine. The University's School of Marine Sciences and Darling Marine Center are known around the country for their world-class ocean scientists.

However, the University is lacking a community of faculty members that address issues pertaining specifically to one of the most vulnerable and important environments in the state: our estuaries. There are some faculty members in the School of Marine Science whose research sometimes includes collection of samples in estuaries, but there is not one estuary specialist on campus. Consequently, while there are many courses on forestry and on marine science topics, there are no regularly scheduled courses at this university that focus on estuaries.

Seminar Series Design:

Speakers will spend two days (Thursday and Friday) at the University of Maine. One UM faculty member and one graduate student will host each visit. The faculty host will host dinner on the first night of the speaker's visit. The dinner will provide an informal opportunity for members of the campus community to meet the speakers.

Members of the UM community will also have opportunities to meet with the speakers during the day by appointment. Appointments can be scheduled either by contacting the hosts or by accessing the guest's calendar on the seminar web site. The Friday 10:00 AM seminars will be open to the entire campus community. An informal discussion, also open to all, will take place following the seminar. Undergraduate students will be invited to lunch with the speakers at noon each Friday.

Speakers, Topics and Affiliations:

Guest Speaker	Proposed Topic	Affiliation
Trish Holden	Fecal Coliform in Coastal Lagoons	Environ. Sci., UC Santa Barbara
To be determined	To be determined	EPA Atlantic Ecology Division
Kathleen Leyden	Coastal Program Manager	State Planning Office
Joseph Kelley	Origin & Evolution of NE Estuaries	Geology, University of Maine
Evamaria Koch	Hydrodynamic Processes in Sea Grass Beds	Environ. Sci. University of Maryland
Linda Blum	Organic Matter Accretion in Salt Marshes	University of Virginia
Karen McKee	Peat Formation in Mangrove Ecosystems	USGS Wetlands Research Laboratory
Karen Young	Environmental Monitoring of Casco Bay	Director, Casco Bay Estuary Program
Hilary Neckles	Responses to Nutrient Enrichment	USGS Patuxent Wildlife Center
Linda Deegan	Stable Isotopes in Estuary Food Webs	Woods Hole Marine Biological Lab
Michelle Dionne	Salt Marsh Restoration	Wells National Estuarine Reserve
Marianne Holmer	C Preservation in Sediments	University of Southern Denmark
Deirdre Mageean	Residential Expansion in Coastal Areas	University of Maine

Women in the Curriculum:

The seminar series creates a structure that will bring prominent women in science, environmental policy and management to campus almost every week in the fall semester. The presence of these guests will improve the academic climate for women on this campus by identifying women as the primary players in the field of estuary research. The UM faculty members that host the speakers will have increased visibility as a result of their participation in this series. The speakers have been paired with hosts that have similar interests, backgrounds and/or are colleagues.

Seminar Schedule, Speakers, Hosts, Host Department and Connections:

Date	Speaker	Faculty Host	Dept.	Speaker/Host Connections
5-Sep	Holden	Jean MacRae	C&EE	Microbiology & Env. Engineering
12-Sep	TBA	Katherine Webster	Biology	EPA is Potential Funding Source for KW
19-Sep	Leyden	Kathleen Bell	REP	Environmental Policy, Maine Policy
26-Sep	Kelley	TBA	Geology	Quaternary Geology, Sedimentary Records
✓ 3-Oct	Koch	Lee Karp-Boss	SMS	Hydrodynamic Processes - Coauthors
✓ 10-Oct	Blum	Kathy Boettcher	BMB	Microbial Processes in Marine Systems
✓ 17-Oct	McKee	Cyndy Loftin	Wildlife	GIS of Forested Ecosystems
24-Oct	Young	Sharon Tisher	REP	Environmental Management & Policy
31-Oct	Neckles	Susan Brawley	SMS	Algae and Marine Primary Producers
✓ 10/23 7-Nov	Deegan	Ione von Herbing	SMS	Potential for future collaborations
14-Nov	Dionne	Sara Lindsay	SMS	Undergraduate program student placement
✓ 21-Nov	Holmer	Laurie Osher	PSE	Potential for future collaborations
5 - Dec	Mageean	NSFA Dean Weirisma	UM	The date is penciled into his calendar

Student Assistant Coordinators:

Two undergraduate student coordinators will be employed help coordinate the seminar series and keep the seminar web page up-to-date. If possible, both of these students will be upper level undergraduate students. These students will share the work of posting flyers announcing the seminars, purchasing and putting out snacks at the seminars, filming the speakers, organizing the lunches for undergraduate students, announcing the lunches and encouraging undergraduate women in science to attend.

Laurie Osher: Cultural Affairs/ Distinguished Lecture Series Proposal

Budget:

Estimated Expenses:

Travel (itemized in the middle 3 columns of the table below)	\$3425
Food (itemized in the last 3 columns of the table below)	\$2275
Student Coordinators: (15 hrs/wk x \$9/hr x 14 weeks)	\$1800
	\$7500

Traveler	Start of Travel	Plane	Car	Hotel	Dinner	Snack	Lunch
Trish Holden	Santa Barbara, CA	\$500	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$25	\$50
TBA	Narragansett, RI	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$25	\$50
Kathleen Leyden	Augusta, ME	\$0	\$40	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$50
Joseph Kelley	Orono, ME	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$25	\$50
Evamaria Koch	College Park, MD	\$250	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$25	\$50
Linda Blum	Charlottesville, VA	\$250	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$25	\$50
Karen L. McKee	Lafayette, IN	\$350	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$25	\$50
Karen Young	Portsmouth, NH	\$0	\$60	\$50	\$100	\$25	\$50
Hilary Neckles	Augusta, ME	\$0	\$40	\$50	\$100	\$25	\$50
Linda Deegan	Woods Hole, MA	\$250	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$25	\$50
Michelle Dionne	Wells, ME	\$0	\$60	\$50	\$100	\$25	\$50
Marianne Holmer	Denmark	\$1,000	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$25	\$50
Deirdre Mageean	Orono, ME	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$25	\$50
		\$2,425	\$200	\$800	\$1300	\$325	\$650

Travel Total →

\$3,425

Food →

\$2,275

University and College Support Pledged:

Vice President for Research	\$500
Dean, NSFA	\$500
Geology and Environmental Science	\$500
Conservation Biology Speakers Fund	\$500
School of Marine Science	\$100
Resource Economics and Policy	\$100
Plant Soil and Environmental Science:	\$500
	\$2700

Other Potential Funding Source:

Women in the Curriculum Grant Academic Climate Proposal	\$3000
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Cultural Affairs/DSL Fund Request:

Requesting less than half of travel and hotel costs ($\$3425/2 = \1712.5)	\$1700
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Web pages for more information on the speakers:

Atlantic Ecology Division-EPA: <http://www.epa.gov/aed/>

Blum, Linda: <http://www.evsc.virginia.edu/faculty/people/blum.shtml>

Deegan, Linda: <http://ecosystems.mbl.edu/staffweb/ldeegan/>

Dionne, Michelle: <http://ecosystems.mbl.edu/pie/contact%5Cdionne.htm>

Holden, Trish: <http://www.bren.ucsb.edu/people/usernew.asp?user=holden>

Holmer, M: http://www.biology.sdu.dk/hjemmesider/vips/holmer_marianne/dk/vip.html

Kelley, Joe: <http://www.ume.maine.edu/iceage/Research/Contrib/html/contrib9.html>

Koch, Evamaria: <http://www.hpl.umces.edu/koch/index.htm>

Leyden, Kathleen: <http://www.state.me.us/mcp/contact.html>

Mageean, Deirdre: <http://www.ume.maine.edu/%7Erep/facstaff/mageean.htm>

McKee, Karen: <http://www.nwrc.usgs.gov/about/web/mckee.htm>

Neckles, Hilary: <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/neckles.htm>

Young, Karen: <http://www.cascobay.usm.maine.edu/part.html>

Cultural Affairs Committee
including the
Distinguished Lecture Series
200 Alumni Hall
University of Maine

April 9, 2003

To: Laurie Osher

From: Kathleen March & François Amar, Co-Chairs

On behalf of the Cultural Affairs Committee, including the Distinguished Lecture Series, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that your proposal, Estuary and Coastal Processes Seminar Series, has been awarded \$1,700.00. **Please contact Wanda Legere at 1-1516 before your event takes place to arrange for disbursement of award funds.** Note: Reception and University of Maine System payroll expenses are not reimbursable through this award.

Please note that acknowledgment of the *Cultural Affairs Committee* is required on all promotional materials. **A budget report must be submitted at the conclusion of your event and will be considered for future funding requests.** It is assumed that projects are completed within 12 months, therefore, any remaining balance will be returned to the Committee account for further distribution unless otherwise notified.

The Committee notes that it does not fund more than 50% of the amount for any given program. It also asks applicants to consider the most reasonable honoraria possible, as there may not be funding for the higher amounts.

We, the members of the Cultural Affairs Committee, congratulate you and wish you much success on this project.