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The Floating Dungeon

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THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS/DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES COMMITTEE GRANT APPLICATION

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I. Applicant/Organization: <i>Schonberger Memorial Lecture Committee</i>
II. a. Responsible Organization Officer: <i>Virginia Nees-Hatten</i> b. Title: <i>Director, Center for Teaching Excellence + Assoc. Prof. of English</i> c. Campus Address (include EMail and Telephone): <i>207 Crossland 581-3477</i> <i>Virginia - Nees@umit.maine.edu</i>
III. Summary of program requiring funding (title; featured artist(s); speaker(s); scheduled date (s): <i>"The Floating Dungeon: The History of the Slave Ship." A lecture by Dr. Marcus Rediker on October 11, 2007.</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>3403</i> b. Amount committed by applicant organization:> <i>2063</i> c. Amount committed by/requested of (please indicate which) other funding sources: <i>HTX/WT</i> <i>140</i> d. Amount requested of Cultural Affairs/DLS Committee:> <i>1200</i>
Signature of responsible organization officer/date: <i>[Signature]</i> <i>3-28-07</i> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> SIGNATURE DATE </div>

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PROPOSAL

March 28, 2007

To: Cultural Affairs Committee
c/o President's Office
200 Alumni Hall

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

About: **Distinguished Lecturer Funding** for October 11, 2007, 7:30 pm Schonberger Peace and Justice Memorial Lecture by Dr. Marcus Rediker on "**The Floating Dungeon: The History of the Slave Ship.**" **Place: 100 Nutting Hall.**

Request

The Schonberger Peace and Social Justice Memorial Lecture Committee is asking Cultural Affairs/DLS to share costs for the forthcoming lecture by Professor Marcus Rediker, "The Floating Dungeon: The History of the Slave Ship," drawn from his forthcoming book *The Slave Ship: A Human History*, to be published in 2007 by Viking Penguin, New York. The lecture, to be given at 7:30 pm on Thursday October 11, in 100 Nutting, 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 \$3403. We are requesting \$1200 from the Distinguished Lecture Series to cover part of Professor Rediker's honorarium. The Howard B. Schonberger Peace and Justice Memorial Gift Fund is contributing \$2063. The UM History Department is paying \$65 for stationery and postage, and the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program is contributing \$75 for publicity materials, for a total of \$2203 in matching funding.

Background

The Howard B. Schonberger Peace and Social 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 academic or public scholarship as well as active in communities working for peace and social justice.

Thirteen 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 Peace and Justice Center of Eastern

Maine 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 Dahr Jamail, an independent journalist who spoke on his perspective on Iraq and the U.S. occupation there. The audience in 100 DP Corbett was approximately 185, including many students and community members. Two years ago, the lecture was given by Winona LaDuke, and it was attended by about 300 people, including a substantial group from Indian Island drawn by the theme of her talk on "Recovering the Sacred: The Power of Naming and Claiming." Three years ago, 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. Four 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. Each lecture, while drawing a consistent core of people who knew and worked with Prof. Schonberger, also has drawn in new audience members, depending on the topic.

Program: "The Floating Dungeon: The History of the Slave Ship"

As is clear from the titles of recent lectures in the paragraph above, many past Schonberger lectures have focused on global political topics, the fate of indigenous peoples, and the interconnections between the U.S. and the rest of the world. The committee has always tried to provide rich perspectives on current issues and events that affect the U.S. or over which the U.S. has considerable influence, including perspectives of academic researchers, journalists, scholar-activists, and knowledgeable leaders from communities struggling for peace and justice here and around the world. Professor Schonberger's work in international affairs and U.S. diplomatic and military affairs, with an emphasis on understanding the roles and consequences for people who are affected by the decisions of political, economic, and military leaders, is thus a thread we return to again and again.

Also woven through the series has been a strong connection to historical perspectives on issues in today's world, and this coming year's speaker returns the series to its disciplinary home in history—and also provides ways to illuminate the connections between new and old worlds, past and present, as well as highlighting the achievements and sufferings of subordinate groups without access to power and literacy who often provided the labor through which others acquired wealth. By focusing on the slave ship, Dr. Rediker illuminates the complex interdependencies of race, class, work, and religion while exploring the conventions and evolving practices of the transatlantic slave trade, which over more than two centuries carried at least 16 million Africans to the western hemisphere and affected all of the countries and peoples involved in ways that continue to resonate for Africa, Europe, and the Americas. Brown University, for example, is now in the news because it is just beginning to come to terms with its founders' sources of wealth in the trade.

Speaker

Dr. Marcus Rediker is Professor of History at the University of Pittsburgh, where

he has taught since 1994. Before that, he taught at Georgetown University. He is the author of *Villains of All Nations: Atlantic Pirates in the Golden Age* (Boston: Beacon Press, and London: Verso, 2004); *Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea: Merchant Seamen, Pirates, and the Anglo-American Maritime World, 1700-1750*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987; 2nd edition to be published in 2008); (with Peter Linebaugh) *The Many-Headed Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners, and The Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic* (Boston: Beacon Press and London: Verso, 2000). He was a contributing author (with Herbert G. Gutman and others) to *Who Built America? Working People and the Nation's Economy, Politics, Culture, and Society*, Volume 1: *From Conquest and Colonization through Reconstruction and the Great Uprising of 1877* (New York: Pantheon Books, 1989); and he co-edited (with Cassandra Pybus and Emma Christopher) *Many Middle Passages: The Oceanic Voyage as Social Process* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2007).

Dr. Rediker is the recipient of numerous prizes, including: The 2001 International Labor History Book Prize, presented by the International Labor History Association for the best work in labor history published in 2000); the 1992 Keith Matthews Prize, Canadian Nautical Research Society (for best work in maritime history) for (with other contributors) *Jack Tar in History: Essays in the History of Maritime Life and Labour*; the 1988 John Hope Franklin Prize, presented by the American Studies Association (for the best interdisciplinary work in American Studies published in 1987) for *Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea*; and the 1988 Merle Curti Award in Social History, presented by the Organization of American Historians (for the best work in American social history published in 1986-87) for *Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea* (Co-winner). He is a Distinguished Lecturer for the Organization of American Historians (for 2002-2008). He has been a fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies (2005-2006) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (2005-2006); held the Andrew Mellon Fellowship in the Graduate Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh in 1990-1991, and a Guggenheim Fellowship (1989-90). Over the years, he has been an invited distinguished lecturer at many institutions.

Professor Rediker's work has contributed to a very important paradigm shift in how we understand the history of politics, society, and culture in "the west." By recovering data on connections between continents that impacted North America in the last 500 years, he has also helped to shift the conversation in U.S. history from continental state-based history to a much richer Atlantic model, illuminating the contributions of subordinate groups to our material and political realities today.

His topic is sure to generate considerable interest on and off campus. His books are widely sold and reviewed, and his work is accessible to non-specialists. The talk is sure to draw History faculty and students (graduate and undergraduate), International Affairs majors and their faculty advisors, students and teachers of African-American history and culture, and student members of the Maine Peace Action Committee. We expect that the large community that sustains the annual Martin Luther King breakfast, including the local chapter of the NAACP, will be an important component of the audience for this lecture. Moreover, members of a number of local peace and justice

groups have attended the Schonberger lecture each year, and we are hopeful that their interests in social justice will engage them with Dr. Rediker's topic.

Dr. Rediker has agreed to give a talk at the Marxist-Socialist Lunch earlier in the day of the lecture, and he will also be meeting with graduate students during his visit. We believe these events will attract even more people to the evening lecture. While in Orono, and if time will permit, he may also give a talk in the History Department about transatlantic history. We expect a solid turnout from both the University and the surrounding communities for his Schonberger Memorial Peace and Social Justice Lecture.

Budget

The History Department solicits contributions to a gift account for the Schonberger lecture annually when it announces the lecture, and the fund has grown over the years, although the capital has recently been growing more slowly as a number of donors have died or retired. As his generation reaches retirement age, fewer of our speakers now actually knew Howard Schonberger, so we aren't seeing speakers donate their honoraria to the fund, as did sometimes happen in the early years. This, too, has slowed the fund's growth. The Cultural Affairs Committee has provided partial support for previous lectures (e.g. \$800 in 2006; \$2013 in 2005; \$1000 in 2004; \$2000 in 2003) and enabled us to keep ahead of inflation. We hope this support will continue until the fund is able to generate income that should fully cover our more expensive and distant speakers in the future.

The Schonberger Memorial Lecture Fund (SMLF), administered by the UM Development Office through the UM History Department, will be able to underwrite this year \$2063 of the total costs for Professor Rediker's lecture, budgeted at \$ 3403 (an estimate pending final costs for transportation). This figure includes \$1500 for an honorarium, estimated travel, meals, publicity, recording of the Schonberger lecture and the Marxist-Socialist lecture, and a reception (we understand that the last cannot be paid by the DLS fund).

Smaller amounts will be contributed by two campus units toward designing and mailing the publicity for the public community: \$65 will be contributed by the UM History Department (HTY); and the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program (WIC/WS) is contributing \$75.

We are asking CA/DLS to contribute \$1200 toward Dr. Rediker's honorarium. The Schonberger Memorial Lecture Fund will pay all travel, lodging, and program expenses, as well as host a reception after the talk. Dr. Rediker may come to Orono on a tour that includes other venues. Depending on these arrangements, travel costs may vary, but we are sure that matching costs will equal or exceed the \$1200 requested from CA/DLS.

Please see next page for details.

	Costs	Contributions
Honorarium	1500	300 <i>SMLF</i>
Lodging	200 <i>est.</i> 2 <i>nights</i>	200 <i>SMLF</i>
Transportation <i>Roundtrip air from Pittsburgh</i> <i>with 21 day advance booking</i> <i>estimated.</i>	800 <i>est.</i>	800 <i>SMLF</i>
Meals (2 days)	78 <i>per diem</i>	78 <i>SMLF</i>
Publicity Printing posters	225	225 <i>SMLF</i>
Flyers and fundraising letter—production and copying	75	75 <i>WIC/WS</i>
Stationery & postage	65	65 <i>HTY</i>
Sound System	35	35 <i>SMLF</i>
Videotaping Two lectures	250	250 <i>SMLF</i>
Reception	175	175 <i>SMLF</i>

Total Costs	\$ 3403	Contributions	\$ 2203
Total Contributions	\$ 2203	SMLF	\$ 2063
		History Dept.	65
		WIC/WS	75
Total Requested of CA/DLS	\$ 1200		

Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series Grant Report Form

Applicant Organization: Schonberger Lecture Committee

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Summary of Program for which grant funds were awarded, including a brief description, place where the program was held; and date and time:

Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007, at 7:30 pm in 100 DP Corbett.

"The Floating Dungeon: A History of the Slave Ship." A lecture by Dr. Marcus Rediker, Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Rediker talked about and illustrated the thesis of his recent book about the slave ship, *The Slave Ship: A Human History* (Viking Press, 2007), that the terrors of the slave trade and its victims' response to them had profound and complex effects on the development of African American and American culture. He supplemented what is already known about the horrific statistics about death in the "Middle Passage" with detailed information from primary sources not previously used that puts those deaths in the larger framework of systematic terror that affected African captives and sailors alike.

How many people attended the event(s)? If possible describe the different audiences that this program served (i.e. UMaine Students, general community, teachers, etc.).

About 250 people attended this lecture, including UM students and graduate students, faculty from many UM departments, members and friends of the Schonberger family, and members of the Bangor/Downeast community interested in African-American history and/or active in peace and justice circles.

How was the event promoted? Please attach copies of promotional material.

See attached flyer and letter to past contributors to the Schonberger Lecture Fund. There was also a larger poster for display off campus, but all of them were distributed and we cannot locate a copy.

September 14, 2007

Dear Friends:

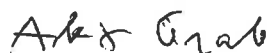
We are writing to all of you who have contributed to the Howard B. Schonberger Peace and Social Justice Memorial Lecture Fund in the past. Our first reason for writing is to let you know about this year's lecture--the sixteenth. As the enclosed flyer details, Marcus Rediker, Professor of History at the University of Pittsburgh, will give two presentations on campus.

Rediker is taking time out from a very busy schedule this fall from promoting his new book, The Slave Ship: A Human History (Viking Penguin, 2007), to speak on our campus. He has made a fascinating set of contributions to the shipping history of the Atlantic, bringing a class analysis to an understanding of the lives of pirates, slaves, and others on the bottom rungs of the social ladder in the 18th and 19th centuries. Villains of All Nations: Atlantic Pirates in the Golden Age (Beacon Press, 2004) and The Many-Headed Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners, and the Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic (Beacon, 2000/2001) have enjoyed a wide following and have been translated into not only European languages but also Korean. All three books will be available for sale by the University Bookstore.

Reported to be a very engaging speaker, Rediker has been chosen as a Fellow by the National Endowment for the Humanities (2005-2006) and a Distinguished Lecturer by the Organization of American Historians (2002-2008). He is also a prolific author whose books have won the International Labor History Prize (2001), the John Hope Franklin Prize (American Studies Association, 1988), and the Merle Curti Award in Social History (Organization of American Historians, 1987).

As you may remember, the lecture fund was begun by Howie's parents, now also deceased. The fund has grown, quickly at first with many donations like yours and then more slowly. The income from the fund now pays well over half the costs of the yearly event with the rest coming from University funds for lectures. Faced with declining University revenues in general, we would like the fund to grow so that it can provide all the money necessary for the event. If you would like to make an additional donation, it would be most appreciated by the Schonberger Lecture Committee. Checks made out to the University of Maine and noted for the Schonberger Lecture should be sent to the History Department, 5774 Stevens Hall, University of Maine, Orono ME 04469-5774 (attention Suzanne Moulton).

The large audiences which turn out every year for these impressive and engaging speakers have benefited from your gift, and on their behalf we thank you.



Alex Grab
Committee Member
Professor of History



Ann Schonberger
Committee Member
Director of Women's Studies

University of Maine

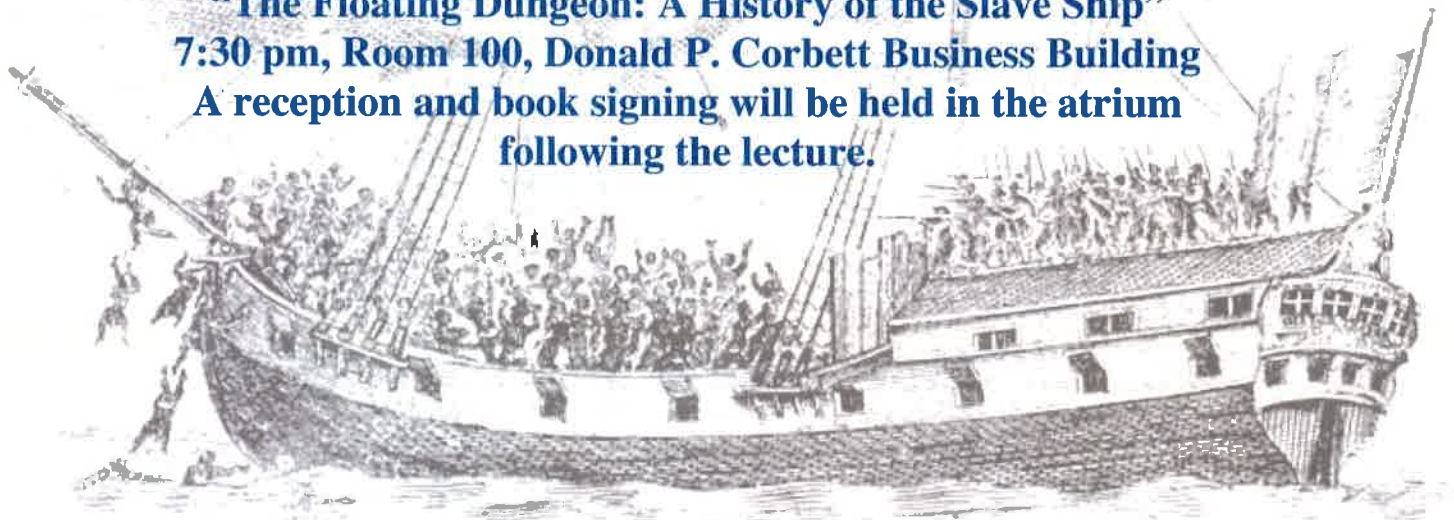
Howard B. Schonberger
Peace and Social Justice Memorial Lecturer

Dr. Marcus Rediker
Professor of History
University of Pittsburgh

Thursday, October 11, 2007

**“Written in Blood and Fire:
‘Primitive Accumulation’ and the History of Civilization”**
12:30 - 1:45 pm, Bangor Room, Memorial Union
Part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Luncheon Series

“The Floating Dungeon: A History of the Slave Ship”
7:30 pm, Room 100, Donald P. Corbett Business Building
**A reception and book signing will be held in the atrium
following the lecture.**



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