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CULTURAL AFFAIRS/DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES
GRANT APPLICATION

SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

I. Applicant/Organization: James W. Warhola, Department of Political Science
Howard Cody, Department of Political Science, and International Affairs Program

II. a. Responsible Organization Officer: James W. Warhola and Howard Cody

b. Title: James W. Warhola, Professor of Political Science
Howard Cody, Professor of Political Science and Director, International Affairs Program

c. Campus Address (include Email and Telephone): [same for both, above]

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james_warhola@umit.maine.edu , phone number: 581-1878
howard_cody@umit.maine.edu , phone number : 581-1868

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

Program Title: *"The Changing Role of Russia in the World: Menace or Opportunity?"*

Featured Speakers: **Dr. Thomas F. Remington**, Harvard University Davis Center (Scholar in Residence)
and Emory University (Professor of Political Science), and

Dr. Brian D. Taylor, The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs,
Syracuse University (Assistant Professor)

Scheduled Dates: December 4-5 and February 4-5

Location: All related events will be held on the University of Maine campus

IV. Budget Proposal Form must be attached: See attached *Budget Proposal*

Funding for current application is contingent upon submission of reports for any previous grant awards, including final budget and attendance figures.

\$1,150

Approved

Class of 1934 Cultural Affairs Fund

Administered by the CA/DLS Committee

Budget Proposal Form

Applicant/Organization: James W. Warhola & Howard Cody, POS Department,
International Affairs Program
Responsible Officer: same as above
Current Title: Warhola: Professor of Political Science
Cody: Professor of Political Science and Director,
International Affairs Program
Event Date: December 4-5 and February 4-5
Total Program Budget: \$2,300

Amount Committed by Applicant Organization: POS Dept.: \$400
I.A. Program: \$150

Total Amount Requested from Other Funding Sources: \$600

(Please List Sources & Amounts below:

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences : \$400
Office of International Programs: \$200)

Amount Requested from CA/DLS Committee: \$1,150 *

Revenues, if any, expected (fees, ticket sales): - none: all events will be
public and free -

Budget Breakdown of Expenses and funds to be used:

	<u>'34</u>	<u>Other</u>
<u>Honoraria/Services (explain below)</u>	\$500	\$500
\$500 honorarium, each to Dr. Remington and to Dr. Taylor		

<u>Travel</u>	<u>\$430</u>	<u>\$ 430</u>
Boston-Orono-Boston (Remington, by car): \$220		
Syracuse-Bangor-Syracuse (Taylor, airline): \$640		

Lodging/Meals	\$ 220	\$ 220
Advertising	\$ _____	\$ _____
Printing	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies and Materials	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (must specify below)	\$ _____	\$ _____

Total Expenses from CA/DLS funds: \$ 1,150*
Total Expenses from other funds: \$ 1,150
(These two totals should equal the "Total Program Budget" listed above)

*These amounts should be identical and should not exceed 50% of the total program/event budget. 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.

Description of the Program

We propose to bring two highly regarded scholars of Russian political affairs to the University of Maine to share their expertise with the University community, and the general public, regarding the changing role of Russia in world affairs. Accordingly, we anticipate broad appeal of this program.

Since the latter 1990s Russia has experienced consistently vibrant macro-economic growth that has enabled it to resume a position of critical political and military significance in world affairs. This has been largely enabled by Russia's vast natural resources, particularly in the energy sector, by its looming geo-strategic presence, and by its historical self-perception as a great power. Under president Vladimir Putin (2000-2008) and his successor Dmitry Medvedev, Russia has increased military spending six fold, has expanded its control of critical energy resources to Europe, Turkey, and elsewhere, and has also exhibited an increasingly bold projection of military force. The conflict in Georgia in August of this year is perhaps the clearest case in point. Yet the nature and direction of relations between Russia and its neighbors is far from clear, even though the authoritarian character of the political regime in Russia has come ever more clearly into focus since the Putin presidency began in 2000. It is clear, however, that the role of Russia in world affairs is almost certain to increase as energy (and perhaps also water) resources shape geo-political realities with increasing force in the contemporary era. The presently strained relations between Russia and the West, and particularly between Russia and the United States, raise numerous questions about our respective futures, and in various domains (security, economic, cultural, etc.). The proposed program is designed to bring two world-class scholars to the University of Maine community to share their expertise with us.

The program will involve several lectures and symposia by each of the featured speakers; our present intent is to have Dr. Remington on campus in December, and Dr. Taylor in February, although we may schedule them to visit concurrently for a two-or-three day program, depending upon the outworking of their respective schedules for this year. Each of these scholars has expressed eager interest in coming to the University of Maine to participate in the proposed program.

Our proposed guest speakers are each highly accomplished scholars; **Dr. Thomas F. Remington** is presently **Scholar-in-Residence at the Harvard University Davis Center** while on leave from Emory University, where is Professor of Political Science; **Dr. Brian D. Taylor** is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the **Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University**. Each has published widely on Russian political affairs, and is highly regarded in the scholarly community. Funding from the "Class of 1934 Cultural Affairs Fund" will enable this program to work, and we thus respectfully request such support. Thank you.

Class of 1934 Cultural Affairs Fund

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Cultural Affairs Committee

and

Distinguished Lecture Series

c/o Wanda Madden-Carr

201 Alumni Hall

University of Maine

October 17, 2008

To: James Warhola & Howard Cody

From: Dorothy Croall & Dan Sandweiss, Co-Chairs

On behalf of the Cultural Affairs Committee and Distinguished Lecture Series, it gives us great pleasure to inform you that your proposal, *The Changing Role of Russia in the World: Menace or Opportunity?*, has been awarded \$1150.

Please contact Wanda Madden-Carr at 1-1516 to discuss the procedures in place for the submission of financial expenses related to this award at your earliest convenience.

The following acknowledgement is required on ALL promotional material: *This event was supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Affairs/Distinguished Lecture Series.*

Attached is a form for your use to summarize the benefits derived from this grant. This form should be submitted within 30 days after the conclusion of the event. Timely submission of your summary will be considered as part of any future funding requests.

The Cultural Affairs Committee members congratulate you and wish you much success on this project.

cc: Deborah Grant

Cultural Affairs / Distinguished Lecture Series Grant Report Form

Applicant Organization: Department of Political Science and the International Affairs Program

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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

The program was entitled "*The Changing Role of Russia in the World: Menace or Opportunity?*", and involved bringing two outstanding scholars to the University of Maine, namely **Dr. Thomas F. Remington**, Harvard University Davis Center (Scholar in Residence) and Professor of Political Science at Emory University, and **Dr. Brian D. Taylor**, Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

The program involved a series of lectures, and discussions, all open to the public, on December 8 (Thomas Remington) and February 11-12. All events were held on the University of Maine campus. A summary listing of events, with the approximate number of attendees, is thus:

December 8, 2008:

- Lecture / Discussion by Thomas Remington, in POS 241: 40 students attended
- Public, Evening Lecture by Thomas Remington: about 75 people attended

February 11-12, 2009:

- Wednesday, Feb. 11: lecture / discussion by Brian Taylor, primarily to the class, POS 337: Politics in Eurasia, but open to the public; approximately 40 people attended
- Wednesday Evening lecture / discussion by Brian Taylor, followed by extensive commentary from Thomas Remington; about 30 people attended
- Thursday morning presentation / panel discussion by Drs. Taylor and Remington, approximately 25 people attended.

How was the event promoted? All the events were advertised on various "FirstClass" folders (including the "Announcements and Alerts", the CLAS discussion forum), in the Bangor Daily News, and were announced widely in POS and other classes on campus. (see attached flyer)

Please describe any modifications to program or budget made after award

No substantial modifications were made after the award. Nonetheless, as it turned out, Dr. Remington's travel expenses were well under budget (he requested no reimbursement), as were those of Dr. Taylor. The final dates were shifted slightly (from December 4-5 to December 8), but otherwise the program proceeded as planned. A budget is attached.

December 8, 2008 and February 11-12, 2009

- POS Dept.: \$400
- I.A. Program: \$100
- CLAS: \$400
- OIP* \$250
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- Cultural Affairs/
Dist. Lect.Series: \$1,150
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\$2,300

"The Changing Role of Russia in the World"

featuring:

Dr. Brian D. Taylor,

The Maxwell School* of Syracuse University

Dr. Thomas F. Remington,

Goodrich C. White Professor of Political Science, Emory University

Senior Fellow, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies,

Harvard University

Visiting Professor of Government, Harvard University

Events:

Wednesday February 11, 3 - 4 p.m.

***"Civilian-Military relations in Russia and the
former Soviet countries"***

Location: 219 Little Hall, U. Maine

Wednesday Evening, February 11: 7 - 8:30 p. m.

"Russia Resurgent: Implications for Global Security "

Dr. Brian Taylor

Location: Buchanan Alumni House, College Avenue, Orono

Thursday, February 12: 11 - 12:15

***"US-Eurasian relations, International Security,
and the War on Terrorism"***

Commentary by Drs. Remington and Taylor, followed by discussion and audience Q & A

Location: 100 Neville Hall, University of Maine

These events are supported in part by a grant from the

Cultural Affairs / Distinguished Lecture Series

of the University of Maine

* The Maxwell School of Syracuse University was named the ***"#1 Graduate School of Public Affairs" in the US*** by U.S. News & World Report (March 2008)