

**LECTURES COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012-2013**

I. STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE FUNCTION

The Lectures Committee (www.secfac.wisc.edu/lectures/lectcomm/) considers requests for lectures of general interest that are not primarily supplementary to or extensions of programs of instruction provided by colleges, schools, or departments, recommends annually to the chancellor a budget for its activities, and exercises such control over the announcement of lectures as it deems necessary and desirable. It supports departments, academic programs and student organizations that bring distinguished lecturers to the UW-Madison campus. These university-wide lectures are intended to enrich the general intellectual and cultural life of the university community. The committee itself does not initiate lecture arrangements. Rather, it receives and acts on requests from eligible university groups that are interested in inviting outstanding speakers to the campus.

II. PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

During the 2012–13 academic year, the committee received a total of 74 applications for lecture support, 70 of which were supported and one was cancelled. Three lecturers spoke on two different topics. Appendix A presents information for each supported lecture; lectures are listed chronologically by the lecture's date.

The 70 supported applications drew a combined reported attendance of 6,014 persons, a decrease in attendance by 1,183 from 2011-12, and a mean of 81 attendees per supported application. Lectures were sponsored by a total of 63 different campus units. Lectures had 1-8 co-sponsoring units, in addition to the primary sponsor.

The committee's total expenditures for the year were \$66,308. Of this sum, \$49,040 was paid directly to lecturers as honoraria and travel expenses, \$16,123 was paid to sponsoring units to reimburse travel and per diem expenses, and \$1,145 (2%) was paid for lecture administrative costs (i.e., student hourly, postage, printing and poster distribution).

The table below compares committee activity from the most recent five years. The number of applications received and supported was down from 2011-12. The mean reported lecture attendance was down from last year, too. The mean lecture cost remained at historical levels.

	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Number of applications received	74	83	66	67	75
Number of applications supported	70	80	63	65	71
Mean reported lecture attendance	81	90	122	89	75
Number of different sponsoring units	63	61	52	56	62
Mean number of co-sponsoring units	3.6	2.9	2.8	3.1	2.9
Mean lecture cost	\$947	\$1,048	\$1,029	\$927	\$845

III. CURRENT ISSUES OR CONCERNS

The committee welcomes suggestions regarding use of the William K. Fitch Fund, which is available "to bring to Madison prominent business people to give lectures on the American free-enterprise system." None of the committee's supported lectures during 2012-13 met the criteria necessary to draw from this fund. Therefore, the William K. Fitch Fund continues to grow.

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IV. SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATIONS

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We gratefully acknowledge sources of financial support for university-wide lectures. For direct funding of lectures, the Anonymous Fund provided \$18,303 and the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest provided \$20,819. The Chancellor’s Office provided from the General University Fund \$26,041 for direct funding of lectures and \$1,145 for lecture administrative costs.

2012-13 Committee Membership

- Susan Dibbell (Consultant)
- Miles Epstein (Biological Sciences Division/Fall semester)
- David Hildner, Chair (Arts and Humanities Division)
- Jacklyn John (Academic Staff)
- Max Lagally (Physical Sciences Division)
- Elizabeth Larson (Social Studies Division)
- Sunita Nadendla (Student)
- Kathryn VandenBosch (Administration)

Appendix A

2012-13 Lectures by Sponsoring Unit

Date	Sponsoring Unit, (# of co-sponsors)	Attendance
Title		
Speaker		
1. 7/7/2012	Liberal Studies and the Arts	345
	<i>"Early American Vocal Music"</i>	
	Lawrence Bennett, Visiting Professor, Wabash College	
2. 8/7/2012	Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (2)	35
	<i>"Uyghur Neighborhoods and Nationalisms in Kazakhstan"</i>	
	Sean Roberts, Associate Professor and Director, International Development Studies Program, George Washington University	
3. 9/16/2012	South East Asian Sisters (1)	125
	<i>"Pilgrim Hill' - A film about rural isolation in Celtic Tiger era Ireland"</i>	
	Patrick Sutton, Guest Artist-in-Residence, Ireland	

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4. 9/17/2012 Human Development and Family Studies (7) 116
"Media, Children, and the Childhood Obesity Crisis"
Ellen Ann Wartella, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani Professor of Communication,
Professor of Psychology, Northwestern University
5. 9/20/2012 McPherson Eye Research Institute (3) 85
"Seeing in Depth"
Christopher Tyler, Head, Smith-Kettlewell Brain Imaging Center,
Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute, San Francisco, CA
6. 9/20/2012 Wisconsin Ecology (7) 120
"Observing global biodiversity in a time of change"
David Schimel, Chief Science Officer, Principal Investigator,
National Ecological Observatory Network
7. 9/21/2012 Wisconsin Ecology (7) 90
"Observational constraints on the climate sensitivity of ecosystem carbon storage"
David Schimel, Chief Science Officer, Principal Investigator,
National Ecological Observatory Network
8. 9/28/2012 Medieval Studies (2) 54
"Geoffrey Chaucer Hath a Blog: Humor, Html, and the Humanities"
Brantley Bryant, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Sonoma State University
9. 9/28/2012 German Department (2) 60
"The Modern Language Association Report of 2007: Genesis and Future Directions"
Michael Geisler, Professor and Vice President of Language Schools, Middlebury College
10. 9/28/2012 Botany (1) 130
"New approaches for correlated light and 3D Electron Microscopy applied to MULTISCALE CHALLENGES: Bridging Gaps in Knowledge and Understanding."
Mark Ellisman, Professor of Neurosciences and Bioengineering,
Director Microscopy & Imaging, University of California, San Diego
11. 9/28/2012 Dance Department (1) 305
"Where Patterns Collide - Math & Dance"
Karl Schaffer, Co-Director of Dr. Schaffer & Mr. Stern Dance Ensemble & of Math Dance
12. 10/3/2012 History Department Program in Gender and Women's History (2) 60
"Normal Life: Critical Trans Politics and the Limits of the Law"
Dean Spade, Assistant Professor of Law, Seattle University

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13. 10/11/2012 Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (1) 50
"Russian Politics: The Paradox of a Weak State"
Maria Mendras, Professor, Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po University,
Paris, France
14. 10/11/2012 Comparative Literature & Folklore Studies (3) 50
"The Humanities Today: Compared to What?"
Irene Santos, Professor of English, American Studies, and Feminist Studies,
University of Coimbra, Portugal
15. 10/12/2012 Department of Slavic Languages (1) 42
"Poetics Today: Some Burning Issues"
Alexander Zholkovsky, Professor, Slavic Languages & Literature & Comparative Literature,
University of Southern California-Santa Monica
16. 10/12/2012 Classics Graduate Forum (2) 50
"Transformation, Translation, and Transcendence: Ovid, Marvell, and Others"
Steven Hinds, Professor of Classics, University of Washington – Seattle
17. 10/12/2012 East Asian Languages and Literature (1) 89
**"Building Leisure out of National Trauma:
Tourism and Consumption along the Korean Demilitarized Zone"**
Suk-Young Kim, Associate Professor, UCLA - Santa Barbara
18. 10/25/2012 Economics Student Association (1) 200
"Economics Issues in the November Election"
Jeffery Liebman, Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University
19. 11/1/2012 Art History (2) 34
"The Medium is the Mirage"
Marget Long, Independent Artist, Old American Can Factory, Brooklyn, New York
20. 11/1/2012 Art History Grad Forum (3) 34
"The Art of the Queer Counterarchive"
Ann Cvetkovich, Professor of English, University of Texas at Austin
21. 11/1/2012 Department of Classics (2) 46
"Pindar and Cyrene"
Richard Neer, David B and Clara E Stern Professor, Department of Art History,
University of Chicago

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22. 11/8/2012 Material Culture Program (2) 25
"Humor in Cold Dead Type: Performing Artemus Ward's London Panorama Lecture in Print"
Jennifer Greenhill, Assistant Professor of Art History,
North American Art and Visual Culture, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
23. 11/10/2012 University of Wisconsin Press (1) 50
"Transitions: Gender, Sexuality, and Judaism with Joy Ladin and Michael Lowenthal"
Michael Lowenthal, Author, Lesley University
24. 11/13/2012 Spanish & Portuguese (4) 37
"Literature and the Question of Development in Mozambique"
Ungulani Ba Ka Khosa, Author, Mozambique
25. 11/14/2012 Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (7) 93
"Local Food as an Economic Recovery Strategy"
Kenneth Meter, President, Crossroads Resource Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
26. 11/15/2012 Chazen Museum of Art (1) 43
"'A Morbid Fear of Conventionalism': Rethinking the Victorian Landscape Watercolor"
Scott Wilcox, Chief Curator of Art Collections, Senior Curator of Prints and Drawings,
Yale Center for British Art
27. 11/16/2012 Department of Agriculture & Applied Economics (4) 48
"China's Food Security and Trade: Past Performance and Future Perspective"
Jikun Huang, Director & Professor, Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy,
Chinese Academy of Sciences
28. 11/19/2012 Department of Biomedical Engineering (1) 74
"The Consequences of Cell Promiscuity, or Whether Viruses Can Cause Cancer by Fusing Cells"
Yuri Lazebnik, Professor, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
29. 12/3/2012 Medical History and Bioethics (3) 54
"Escaping Melodrama: The US STD Experiments in Guatemala and the Difficulties for an Historian"
Susan Reverby, Professor, Wellesley College
30. 12/6/2012 Department of Theatre and Drama (1) 32
"Scenographic Activism and Aesthetics of Labor: Howard Bay and the Federal Theatre Project"
Christin Essin, Assistant Professor of Theatre, Vanderbilt University
31. 12/6/2012 Psychology Department (2) 100
"Integrating New Findings into the Complementary Learning Systems Theory of Memory"
James McClelland, Luce Stern Professor in the Social Sciences, Stanford University

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32. 12/7/2012 School of Music (2) 40
"Kurt Weill and the Art of Self-Borrowing"
Stephen Hinton, Avalon Foundation Professor in the Humanities, Stanford University
33. 12/7/2012 Center for SE Asian Studies (2) 47
"Writing Modern Vietnam: From Singularity to Plurality"
Christopher Goscha, Associate Professor, Université du Québec à Montréal
34. 2/5/2013 Tibetan Student Association of Madison (2) 40
"Self Immolation, the Changing Language of Protest in Tibet"
Tsering Shakya, Canada Research Chair in Religion and Contemporary Society in Asia,
University of British Columbia
35. 2/7/2013 Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (1) 17
"Strange Fruit: Bialik and Kishinev in the Spring of 1903"
Marcus Moseley, Associate Professor,
Department of German and Center for Jewish Studies, Northwestern University
36. 2/8/2013 Department of the History of Science (2) 45
"Visualizing Disease: Changing Perspectives in Pathological Iconography"
Domenico Bertolini Meli, Professor of History and Philosophy of Science, Indiana University
37. 2/13/2013 Second Language Acquisition (SLA) Graduate Student Organization (4) 40
"Functional Grammar in Support of English Language Learners' Literacy Development in Elementary Grades"
Mary Schleppegrell, Professor, University of Michigan
38. 2/27/2013 International Institute (2) 45
"Witchcraft, Intimacy and Trust - Africa in Comparison"
Peter Geschiere, Professor of Anthropology, Amsterdam School for Social Research
39. 2/28/2013 Department of History (3) 35
"Racial Representation of the Worst Sort: Southern Rhodesia's 1957 Franchise Commission, Citizenship, and the Problem with Polygynous Wives"
Luise White, Professor of African History, University of Florida
40. 2/28/2013 Department of Anthropology (6) 40
"(Re)Producing Human Evolution: Entangled anthropologies, cooperation, war, and peace In human beings"
Agustin Fuentes, Professor, University of Notre Dame
41. 3/1/2013 German and Dutch Graduate Student Association (3) 48
"Evolution and the Architecture of Grammar"
Michael Putnam, Assistant Professor of German and Linguistics, Pennsylvania State University

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42. 3/4/2013 Department of Biomedical Engineering (1) 68
"MR-guided Interventions and Thermal Therapy"
Jason Stafford, Associate Professor, University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center
43. 3/5/2013 Department of German (6) 90
"Speaking in Tongues"
Yoko Tawada, Author
44. 3/8/2013 PERMIAS (The Indonesian Student Organization) (3) 70
"The Gender Paradox: KAMMI Women and the Appeal of Conservative Islam"
Nancy Smith-Hefner, Associate Professor, Boston University
45. 3/9/2013 Filipino American Student Organization (6) 206
"Cultural Products, Producing Culture and Filipinos of Greater Philadelphia"
Eliseo Art Silva, Artist/Author
46. 3/15/2013 Department of Geography (3) 90
"Five Truths of Storytelling, Co-authorship and Alliance work"
Richa Nagar, Professor, University of Minnesota
47. 3/21/2013 Center for East Asian Studies (2) 35
"After the Quake: Social Media and Civil Society in Japan"
David H. Slater, Associate Professor of Culture Anthropology and Japanese Studies,
Sophia University
48. 3/21/2013 Department of Education Policy Studies (1) 60
"Federal Involvement in U.S. K-12 Education Since World War Two"
Maris Vinovskis, Professor of Public Policy, University of Michigan
49. 3/21/2013 Center for Integrated Design, Helen Louis Allen Textile Collection (2) 83
"Lia Cook: Weaving and Innovation"
Lia Cook, Professor of Art, California College of the Arts
50. 4/2/2013 Soil Science Department (3) 53
"Water, sanitation and hygiene in the 21st century: science gaps and opportunities"
Huw Taylor, Professor of Microbial Ecology, University of Brighton
51. 4/3/2013 Soil Science Department (3) 78
**"Breaking waterborne disease transmission routes in low-income countries:
Engineering in partnership"**
Huw Taylor, Professor of Microbial Ecology, University of Brighton

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52. 4/4/2013 Scandinavian Studies (2) 30
"Gender, Violence, and the Structure of Enigma in Gísla Saga"
Jeffrey Turco, Assistant Professor, Dept of German & Russian,
School of Languages & Cultures, Purdue University
53. 4/5/2013 French and Italian (2) 60
"New Excavations in the Early Fourteenth-Century Forms of Petrarch's 'Canzoniere'"
Carlo Pulsoni, Professor, University of Perugia, Italy
54. 4/11/2013 Department of English Modernisms and Modernities Graduate Colloquium (2) 24
"The Sensualists: Style and the Indian Modern"
Judith Brown, Associate Professor, Department of English, Indiana University
55. 4/11/2013 Language Institute (4) 43
"The Co-Operative Organization of Human Action"
Charles Goodwin, University of California-Los Angeles
56. 4/11/2013 Center For Excellence in Family Studies (4) 100
"Biological and Behavioral Effects of Compassion Training Relevant to Physical Health and Emotional Well-Being"
Charles Raison, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Family & Consumer Services,
University of Arizona Dept of Psychiatry, College of Medicine
57. 4/12/2013 Collaborative Center for Health Equity (1) 25
"Advancing American Indian Public Health Through Culture-focused Tobacco Control Efforts"
Patricia Henderson, Vice President, Black Hills Center for American Indian Health
58. 4/12/2013 Wisconsin International Law Journal (1) 128
"Comparative Perspectives on Social Justice Lawyering"
Andrew James Harding, Director of Centre for Asian Legal Studies,
National University of Singapore
59. 4/12/2013 Dance Department (1) 150
"Riot of Spring: A panel with Susan Cook, Molissa Fenley, and Li Chiao-Ping"
Molissa Fenley, Artist/Professor, Momenta Foundation
60. 4/16/2013 Human Development and Family Studies (8) 32
**"Engaging a Missing Community Asset:
Responsible Fatherhood Practice as a Family and Community Building Strategy"**
Kirk Harris, Senior Advisor- Fathers, Families and Healthy Communities;
Assistant Professor, UW-Milwaukee

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61. 4/17/2013 LGBT Campus Center, Division of Student Life (5) 320
"Out and About Month Keynote: An Evening with Alison Bechdel"
Alison Bechdel, All American Entertainment
62. 4/18/2013 European Studies Alliance, European Union Center of Excellence (3) 47
"Does Diversity Management Promote Diversity?"
Frank Dobbin, Professor of Sociology, Harvard University
63. 4/18/2013 Department of Communication Arts (2) 81
"What is Authorship in Cinema?"
Kent Jones, Director of Programming, New York Film Festival
64. 4/18/2013 Wisconsin Ecology (8) 85
"Ecology Restoration: The 'Is' and the 'Ought'"
Margaret Palmer, Professor, University of Maryland;
Director, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis
65. 4/19/2013 African Studies Program (2) 60
"Louis-Philippe Dalembert: écrivain vagabond, entre langues et cultures"
Louis-Philippe Dalembert, Poet, Novelist, Essayist, Short story writer, Journalist
66. 4/19/2013 Wisconsin Ecology (8) 97
"Process-based Restoration to Restore Freshwater Ecosystems"
Margaret Palmer, Professor, University of Maryland;
Director, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis
67. 4/22/2013 Department of Classics (4) 55
"The Invention of Roman Imperial Government"
Emma Dench, Professor of Classics and History, Harvard University
68. 4/25/2013 Department of Neuroscience (1) 80
"Thalamus Plays a Critical Role in Cortical Processing"
S. Murray Sherman, Maurice Goldblatt Professor and Chair of Neurobiology,
University of Chicago
69. 4/25/2013 UW Madison Geography Department (3) 116
"Geospatial People: The role of VGI, PPGIS, and Public Data in Changing Geographic Systems"
David Tulloch, Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University
70. 4/26/2013 University of Wisconsin Press (2) 25
"Goodbye Brazil: Emigres from the Land of Soccer and Samba"
Maxine Margolis, Professor Emerita of Anthropology, University of Florida

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71. 5/1/2013 Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies (3) 91
"My God is YHWH': The Stories of Elijah in the Book of Kings"
Steven McKenzie, Professor of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and
Spence L. Wilson Senior Research Fellow, Rhodes College
72. 5/2/2013 Curriculum and Instruction (1) 75
"Juvenile-In-Justice"
Richard Ross, Professor, University of California - Santa Barbara
73. 5/3/2013 Department of Forest & Wildlife (6) 200
"Restore or protect? When is cure better than prevention, if ever?"
Hugh Possingham, Professor, The University of Queensland
74. 5/6/2013 Department of Slavic Languages (2) 29
"Eventfulness: A New Field in Narratology"
Wolf Schmid, Professor of Slavic Literature, Institut fur Slavistik
75. 5/7/2013 Art History (2) 80
"Reconstructing Grant Wood's 'Sultry Night'"
Tripp Evans, Professor and Mary L. Heuser Chair in the Arts, Wheaton College
76. 5/9/2013 Department of Political Science (1) 40
"Subalternity, Representation and Violence in India"
Kanchan Chandra, Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, New York University
77. 7/23/2013 Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA) (1) 35
"Assessing the Islamic Revival in Central Asia"
Pauline Jones Luong, Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan