

Lectures Committee Annual Report for 2013-2014

Statement of Committee Function

The University Lectures Committee 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.

Past Year's Activities

During the 2013–14 academic year the committee received a total of 72 applications for lecture support, 70 of which were supported and two were cancelled or not funded. The attached report 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 5,995 persons, a decrease in attendance by 19 from 2012-13, and a mean of 86 attendees per supported application. Lectures were sponsored by a total of 61 different campus units. Lectures had 211 co-sponsoring units, in addition to the primary sponsor.

The committee's total expenditures for the year were \$49,292.36. Of this sum, \$20,714.48 (42%) was paid directly to lecturers as honoraria and travel expenses, \$27,261.35 (55%) was paid to sponsors to reimburse travel and per diem expenses, and \$1,316.53 (3%) 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. Two fewer applications were received and the same number of applications were supported from 2012-13. The mean reported lecture attendance was up from last year.

	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10
Number of applications received	72	74	83	66	67
Number of applications supported	70	70	80	63	65
Mean reported lecture attendance	86	86	90	122	89
Number of different sponsors	61	63	61	52	56
Mean number of co-sponsors	3.0	3.6	2.9	2.8	3.1
Mean lecture cost	\$704*	\$947	\$1,048	\$1,029	\$927

*The mean (average) lecture cost was \$243 less. \$70,951.10 in support was approved by the Lectures Committee (mean of \$1,013.59 per lecture). Outstanding support is still being processed.

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Current Issues or Concerns

The committee is currently working on a “green and open” initiative (GO lectures) that would allow applicants to choose to use funds for distance technology support rather than travel and that would allow applicants to request additional funds for live captioning of events. We will be piloting the live captioning in fall 2015. We recognize this may reduce the number of lectures funded and are looking for other sources that may support captioning. We also are examining the possibility of recording and creating a searchable database of lectures to extend their availability to the university and local community.

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 2013-14 met the criteria necessary to draw from this fund. Therefore, the William K. Fitch Fund continues to grow.

Summary/Recommendations

We gratefully acknowledge sources of financial support for university-wide lectures. For direct funding of lectures in 2013-14, the Anonymous Fund provided \$15,000, the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest provided \$25,000, and the Chancellor’s Office (General University Fund) provided \$27,756.

2013-14 Committee Membership

Clifford Cho (Biological Sciences)
David Hildner (Arts and Humanities)
Jacklyn John (Academic Staff)
Max Lagally (Physical Sciences)
Elizabeth Larson, chair (Social Studies)
Jeffrey Ehlers (Student)
Kathryn VandenBosch (Administration)

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2013-14 Lectures by Sponsoring Unit

Date	Sponsoring Unit, (# of co-sponsors)	Attendance
Title		
Speaker		
1. 9/5/2013	Chazen Museum of Art (1)	297
"We Are All a Collage: Romare Bearden, Toni Morrison, Duke Ellington"		
Robert G. O'Meally, Zora Neale Hurston Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University (\$1,479.00 from the Anonymous Fund)		
2. 9/10/2013	Biomolecular Chemistry (1)	63
"Uyghur Neighborhoods and Nationalisms in Kazakhstan"		
John Michael Edwardson, Professor of Molecular Pharmacology and Director of Studies in Medicine, University of Cambridge (\$1,000.00 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
3. 9/16/2013	Human Development and Family Studies (5)	36
"What Does it Mean to Be "Well"? Conceptualization and Measurement for Individuals and Families Living under Chronic Economic and Political Constraints"		
Brian K. Barber, Professor of Child and Family Studies and Adjunct Prof. of Psychology, University of Tennessee (\$1350.22 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
4. 9/19/2013	Department of Botany (2)	50
"Hair's the Thing: Diversity and Evolution of Metabolism in Trichomes of Tomatoes"		
Robert L. Last, Barnett Rosenberg Professor, Michigan State University (\$1,264.00 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
5. 9/26/2013	McPherson Eye Research Institute (4)	65
"Incredible Eyes: The Visual World of Mantis Shrimps"		
Thomas Cronin, Professor, University of Maryland- Baltimore County (\$854 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
6. 9/26/2013	Molecular Archaeology Group- Student Association (8)	150+
"Reading the Residues: Molecular and Isotopic Signatures from Human Prehistory"		
Dr. Richard Evershed, Professor of Biochemistry, University of Bristol (\$1,473 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
7. 9/27/2013	Classics Graduate Forum (5)	52
"Observational constraints on the climate sensitivity of ecosystem carbon storage"		
Arlene Saxonhouse, Caroline Robbins Collegiate Professor of Political Science and Women's Studies, University of Michigan (\$1,296 from the Anonymous Fund)		
8. 10/1/2013	Wisconsin Ecology- The Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies (3)	169
"Climate Change Impacts on Ecosystems: Consequences and Implications at Local Planetary Scales"		
Peter B. Reich, Professor, University of Minnesota (\$1,375 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		

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9. 10/3/2013	LGBT Campus Center (5) "The End of San Francisco: Radical Queer Activism and Art" Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore, Author and Activist, Seattle, WA (\$1,590.67 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)	65
10. 10/8/2013	Spanish and Portuguese Department (1) ""An Update on the Plague: The AIDS Global Humanitarian Crisis." A work in progress by Spanish Award Winning Playwright Emilio Williams." Emilio Williams, Playwright and Artistic Director of "The Chicago Theater Sweatshop", Chicago, IL (\$895 from the Anonymous Fund)	73
11. 10/10/2013	Communication Arts (3) "Sparkle, Glitter, Shine: The Postfeminist Luminosity of Contemporary Girls' Media" Mary Celeste Kearney, Professor, University of Notre Dame (\$956.96 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)	74
12. 10/16/2013	Classics Department (1) "Towards a Sociology of Aristotle's Poetics" Martin Revermann, Associate Professor of Classics and Theatre Studies, University of Toronto (\$1,154 from the Anonymous Fund)	48
13. 10/24/2013	Global Legal Studies Center (3) "Social Movements in France in the 1970s" Liora Israel, Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris and Centre Maurice Halbwachs (\$1,120 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)	30
14. 10/29/2013	Global Health Institute (4) "From One to Many: The BRAC Experience in Scaling Up Health Programs and Its Possible Relevance to Other Health Interventions" Richard Cash, Senior Lecturer, Harvard School of Public Health, Visiting Professor, Public Health Foundation of India, Harvard School of Public Health (\$774.52 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)	54
15. 10/29/2013	Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies (3) "Philosophy and Literature: The Ancient Quarrel" Rebecca Goldstein, Philosopher and Novelist, Dartmouth College (\$1,294.56 from the Anonymous Fund)	50
16. 11/1/2013	Global Studies (2) "Global Health and Human Rights: A Practitioner's Perspective" Peter Drobac, Associate Physician, Brigham and Women's Hospital; Director, Partners in Health-Rwanda (\$1,102 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)	48

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17. 11/1/2013	Department of Anesthesiology (2)	127
"Clinical Studies of the Pathophysiology of Impaired Consciousness"		
Nicholas Schiff, Associate Professor, Weill Cornell Medical College (\$1,064 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
18. 11/7/2013	Anthropology (3) 50	
"Global Digital Outlaws"		
Carolyn Nordstrom, Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame (\$1,120 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
19. 11/6/2013	International Student Services (2)	250
"Sexual Violence in Areas of Armed Conflict"		
Zainab Hawa Bangura, Special Representative to the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, United Nations, United Nations, New York City, NY (\$740 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
20. 11/7/2013	Center for Visual Cultures (3)	44
"Feeling (Un)timely: the Anachronic and Synchronic as Modes of Becoming"		
Elizabeth Freeman, Professor of English, University of California-Davis and Editor of GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies (\$1,081 from the Anonymous Fund)		
21. 11/7/2013	Department of Animal Sciences (3)	98
"Challenges of Recovering One of Our Country's Most Endangered Birds: The California Condor"		
Mike Wallace, Conservation Program Manager, Zoological Society, Institute for Conservation Research, San Diego, CA (\$875 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
22. 11/8/2013	University of Wisconsin Press (1)	46
"Dispensing Justice? The Work of Thai Police Investigators"		
Dr. Duncan McCargo, Professor, Columbia University/University of Leeds (\$760 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
23. 11/12/2013	Department of Scandinavian Studies (4)	80
"Dressing Swedish: From Artur Hazelius to Lisbeth Salander"		
Lizette Graden, Chief Curator, Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle, WA (\$515 from the Anonymous Fund)		
24. 11/15/2013	French and Italian (2)	100
"R/Evolutions: Queer Changes in the Arab World"		
Abdellah Taïa, Writer (\$2,011.00 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		

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26. 11/20-21/2013	Max Kade Institute (2)	64
Lecture 1: "The Metamorphosis of a Reunified Berlin: Public Commemorations of the 50th Anniversary of JFK's Visit to Berlin and the 25th Anniversary of the Fall of the Wall." Lecture 2: "The Forgotten Minority: The Urban Germans of the Confederate States during the American Civil War."		
Andrea Mehrländer, Executive Director, Checkpoint Charlie Foundation-Berlin (\$912 from the Anonymous Fund)		
27. 11/25/2013	Department of Biomedical Engineering (1)	80
"Regenerative biomaterials: clinical impact today and ideas for tomorrow"		
Jennifer Elisseeff, Jules Stein Professor, John Hopkins University (\$1,028 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
28. 12/2/2013	Center for Child and Family Well-Being (2)	38
"Families Coping with Ambiguous Loss: Loved Ones Gone Missing in Body or Mind"		
Pauline Boss, Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota (\$1,193 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
29. 12/3/2013	Department of History (2)	500
"10 Lessons for Surviving a Zombie Attack"		
Max Brooks, Author, New York, New York (\$1,601 from the Anonymous Fund)		
30. 12/5/2013	Department of East Asian Languages and Literature (3)	110
"The Grand Prospect Garden and Its Visual Representations in the 19th Century"		
Wei Shang, Du Family Professor of Chinese Culture, Columbia University (\$990 from the Anonymous Fund)		
31. 1/29/2014	Religious Studies (6)	144
"What Happened to Paul and Why It Matters to Christians, Jews, and the Media"		
Robert Orlando, Creative Director, Nexus Media and Independent Film Writer-Director, Princeton, NJ (\$1,015 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
32. 2/13/2014	Center for east Asian Studies (1)	32
" The Air of the City: Toward an Environmental History of Heat in Tokyo"		
Scott O'Bryan, Associate Professor, East Asian Languages and Culture, Indiana University-Bloomington (\$759 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
33. 2/18/2014	Department of Medical History & Bioethics (1)	100
"Beneficial' Exploitation?: The Perplexing Case of Organ Sales"		
Jennifer Hawkins, Trent Scholar in Bioethics, Trent Center and Associate Research Professor, Department of Philosophy, Duke University (\$1,065 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		

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34. 2/20/2014	English Graduate Student Association (2) "Words, Images and War: Joe Sacco and the Work of Comics Journalism" Hillary Chute, Neubauer Family Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, University of Chicago (\$832.13 from the Anonymous Fund)	N/A
35. 2/20/2014	Material Culture Student Focus Group (6) "The Theme of Loss in Cinema" Guy Maddin, Film Maker (\$982 from the Anonymous Fund)	104
36. 3/3/2014	Phi Alpha Theta (5) "Copley's American War " Jane Kamensky, Harry S. Truman Professor of American Civilization, Brandeis University (\$936.88 from the Anonymous Fund)	N/A
37. 3/6/2014	The Center for Visual Cultures (2) "Of Small Spaces Forgotten" Swati Chattopadhyay, Professor of History of Art and Architecture, University of California-Santa Barbara and Editor of the Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians (\$1,048.54 from the Anonymous Fund)	24
38. 3/6/2014	Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection (1) "Seven Fibers that Changed the World " Patrice George, Associate Professor, Fashion Institute of Technology (\$903.75 from the Anonymous Fund)	96
39. 3/6/2014	Department of Anthropology (1) "Chorotegan Archaeology on Mesoamerica's Southern Frontier" Geoffrey G. McCafferty, Professor, Department of Archaeology, University of Calgary (\$1,131 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)	60
40. 3/7/2014	Center for Child and Family Well-Being (2) "Promoting Health and Well-being Through Shared Family Meals" Barbara Fiese, The Pampered Chef Endowed Chair in Family Resiliency, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL (\$606.75 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)	52
41. 3/13/2014	Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (2) "Evolution of the U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan: Shaping Prospects for Afghanistan's Future" Christopher D. Kolenda, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Dept. of Defense (\$888.57 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)	N/A

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43. 3/27/2014	Department of Political Science (4)	33
"The Republican Imperialism of Julius Caesar"		
Rex Stem, Associate Professor of Classics, University of California-Davis (\$986 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
44. 3/28/2014	Department of Geography (3)	215
"The Everywhere War"		
Derek Gregory, Peter Wall Distinguished Professor of Political Geography, University of British Columbia (\$1,056.00 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
45. 4/3/2014	Korean-American Student Association (3)	73
"Flow, Rhyme and Storytelling: Language of Marginality in K-Pop"		
Young-mee Yu Cho, Associate Professor, Rutgers The State University of New Jersey (\$1,039.00 from the Anonymous Fund)		
46. 4/4/2014	Wisconsin International Law Journal (1)	100
"Justice, Reconciliation and the Masculinist Way: What Role for Women in Truth Commissions?"		
Penelope Andrews, Dean and President of Albany Law School (\$975 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
47. 4/4/2014	Entomology Graduate Student Association (1)	N/A
"Semiochemical Crosstalk Among Species of Longhorned Beetles"		
Lawrence Hanks, Professor of Entomology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL (\$346.00 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
48. 4/5/2014	Global Legal Studies Center (4)	65
"Negotiating a Feminist Convention: The European Convention on Preventing and Combatting Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence"		
Christine Chinkin, Professor of International Law, London School of Economics, visiting Faculty University of Michigan (\$622.63 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
49. 4/5/2014	Trans-Asia Graduate Student Conference (5)	56
"The Religious Life of Hunan"		
David Mozina, Assistant Professor, Theology Department, Boston College (\$868.50 from the Anonymous Fund)		
50. 4/8/2014	Department of History (4)	50
"A Critical History of Socio-Political Modernity: Foucault, Marx and the Project of Human Emancipation"		
Jacques Bidet, Professor Emeritus, University of Paris-Nanterre (\$1,479.00 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
52. 4/10/2014	Genetics/Crow Institute for the Study of Evolution (2)	60
"Evolution and Ecology on Oceanic Islands"		
Brian McNab, Professor Emeritus, University of Florida (\$767.00 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		

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53. 4/11/2014	Department of Community & Environmental Sociology (6) "Health Justice & Social Justice: Can We Lurch Toward Equity?" H. Jack Geiger, Arthur C. Logan Professor Emeritus of Community Medicine (\$942 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)	135
54. 4/11/2014	Graduate Academic Music Student Association (2) "Riot at the Rite: Racial Exclusion and the Foundations of Musical Modernism" Tamara Levitz, Professor of Musicology, University of California-Los Angeles (\$973 from the Anonymous Fund)	60
55. 4/11/2014	SLAG(Second Language Acquisition Graduate Student Organization)(4) "Applied Linguists in Language Departments: Crossing Borders Through the Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes" Judith Liskin-Gasparro, Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Iowa (\$656.20 from the Kemper K. Knapp Fund)	120
56. 4/17/2014	Ph.D. Program in Second Language Acquisition (4) "Content Based Instruction in Foreign Language Education" Michael Bryam, Professor Emeritus, Durham University (\$1,136.83 from the Kemper K. Knapp Fund)	50
57. 4/17/2014	Communication Arts (3) "Picturing Freedom: Black Visuality in the Transatlantic Home" Jasmine Nichole Cobb, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Communication Studies, Northwestern University (\$385 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)	40
58. 4/18/2014	Department of Dairy Science (1) "Mammary Gland Physiology and Metabolism" Rupert Bruckmaier, Professor of Veterinary Physiology, University of Bern, Switzerland (\$1,544.00 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)	N/A
59. 4/18/2014	Center for Southeast Asian Studies (4) "The Real American War in Vietnam" Dr. Nicholas Turse, Author, managing editor of TomDispatch.com, Nation Institute Fellow (\$521.00 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)	62
60. 4/21/2014	African Languages and Literature (4) "New Developments in African Cinema: Alain Gomis, Appoline Traore, William Ousmane Mbaye" Manthia Diawara, Professor of Comparative Literature and Africana Studies (\$549 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)	40
61. 4/21/2014	Human Development and Family Studies (9) "Creating Positive Futures: The Secrets of Human Resilience" Arnold Sameroff, Prof Emeritus, Psychology & Center for Human Growth and Development, Univ of Mich (\$1,016.25 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)	73

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62. 4/25/2014	Persatuan Mahasiswa Indonesia di Amerika Serikat (PERMIAS) (3)	42
"Complicating Senses of Gender and Islam in East Java through Music and Dance"		
Christina Sunardi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Ethnomusicology, University of Washington (\$538 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
63. 5/1/2014	Department of Neuroscience (2)	70
"The organization and evolution of dorsal stream sensorimotor networks in primates"		
Jon Kaas, Distinguished Centennial Professor of Psychology, Vanderbilt University (\$1,150.00 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
64. 5/2/2014	Department of History of Science (3)	60
"Empire of Curiosities: Hans Sloane, the British Museum and the Collection of the World"		
James Delbourgo, Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University (\$689.00 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		
65. 5/5/2014	Biomedical Engineering (1)	115
"Engineering microenvironments to regulate forces, form, and multicellular function"		
Christopher Chen, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Boston University (\$878.50 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
66. 5/7/2014	Department of Horticulture (1)	75
"The birth of organic agricultural research in the United States"		
Roger Blobaum, Professor and Chair of Horticulture, Blobaum & Associates (\$1,289.00 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
67. 5/9/2014	Gender and Women's Studies (1)	21
"The Golden Lever for Politics: Feminist Emotion and Women's Agency"		
Teresa Langle de Paz, Director of Women's Knowledge International, Foundation of Culture of Peace (\$520.80 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
68. 5/9/2014	Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology (6)	180
"Science serving society: reflections on 4 years at the helm of NOAA"		
Jane Lubchenco, Valley Professor of Marine Biology, Oregon State University, Oregon State University (\$1,348.14 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
69. 5/13/2014	Living Environments Laboratory, WI Institutes of Discovery (6)	N/A
"Virtual embodiment: Implications and applications of self-avatars in immersive virtual environments"		
David Borland, Senior Visualization Researcher, Visiting Faculty; Duke University (\$1,559.20 from the Lectures Committee General Fund)		
70. 7/15/2014	Department of Liberal Studies and the Arts	N/A
"Poetry in Motion: Italian Renaissance Epics and the Crisis of New Worlds"		
Jane C. Tylus, Professor of Italian, Comparative Literature, New York University (\$669.00 from the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Fund)		