

**LECTURES COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007-2008**

Role of the Committee

The Lectures Committee ([www.secfac.wisc.edu/lectures/lectcomm/](http://www.secfac.wisc.edu/lectures/lectcomm/)) 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.

Supported Lectures

During the 2007-2008 academic year, the committee received a total of 78 applications for lecture support, 71 of which were supported, 0 were denied and 7 were withdrawn or canceled. Appendix A presents information for each supported lecture; lectures are listed alphabetically by the lecture's primary sponsoring unit.

The 71 supported applications drew a combined reported attendance of 6,619 persons, with a mean of 89 attendees per lecture. Lectures were sponsored by a total of 65 different campus units. The typical lecture had 1 to 5 co-sponsoring units, in addition to the primary sponsor.

The committee's total expenditures for the year were \$65,422.75. Of this sum, \$63,204.91 (97%) was paid directly to lecturers as honoraria or to reimburse travel and per diem expenses, and \$2,217.84 (3%) paid for lecture administrative costs (i.e., postage, printing and poster distribution).

Comparisons with Recent Years

The table below compares committee activity from the most recent five years. The number of applications received and supported was down from the previous year. The highest level of applications received in the past five year was in 2006-2007 when the level was 95. The mean reported lecture attendance was also up from recent years. The mean lecture cost remained at historical levels.

	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
Number of applications received	78	95	69	77	82
Number of applications supported	71	88	62	69	69
Mean reported lecture attendance	89	87	75	80	83
Number of different sponsoring units	65	71	51	59	59
Mean number of co-sponsoring units	3.5	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.1
Mean lecture cost	\$890	\$895	\$918	\$886	\$925

Recognition of Support

We gratefully acknowledge sources of financial support for university-wide lectures. For direct funding of lectures, the Anonymous Fund provided \$20,797.28 and the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest provided \$19,802.09. The Office of the Chancellor provided from the General University Fund \$22,605.54 for direct funding of lectures and \$2,217.84 for lecture administrative costs.

Lastly, the committee continues to welcome 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 2007-2008 met the criteria necessary to draw from this fund. The balance of this fund continues to accrue; the market value at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year was \$200,638.00.

2007-2008 LECTURES COMMITTEE

Mark Covalski, chair (Social Studies Division)

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Jeanette Roberts (Administration)

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Appendix A

2007-2008 Lectures by Sponsoring Unit

<b>Sponsoring Unit (# of co-sponsors)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1. Agroecology Program (9) Merchant, Carolyn, Professor of Environmental History, Philosophy, and Ethics, UC Berkeley “Partnership with Nature”	4/23/2008	80
2. Agroecology Program (4) Hopmans, Jan, Professor and Chair, University of California-Davis “Sustainability of Irrigated Agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley: A Historical and Future Perspective with Climate Change”	9/13/2007	51
3. Agronomy, Department of (1) Sinclair, Thomas, Visiting Professor, University of Florida “The ‘Renewal’ components of Bioenergy: Water and Nitrogen”	4/22/2008	58
4. American Indian Studies Program (2) Lonetree, Amy, Assistant Professor of American Studies, University of California “Visualizing Our Stories: Museums, Decolonization, and Telling the Hard Truths”	4/9/2008	50
5. Anthro Circle (5) Orlove, Benjamin, Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, University of California-Davis “Retreating Glaciers and Advancing Concepts: Considering Adaptation to Climate Change in Highland Peru”	3/27/2008	60
6. Anthropology, Department of (3) Friedman, Jonathan, Professor, University of Lund “Kafka, Blade Runner and the Global Condition: Anthropology and the Demystification of the Global System”	3/3/2008	50
7. Art, Department of (1) Hirsch, Marianne, Professor, Columbia University “‘This is it, this is it. Only it’s completely different.’ Narratives of Return”	10/29/2007	100
8. Art History, Department of (3) Kupfer, Marcia A., Adjunct Professor, John Hopkins University “The Body in the Map, the World Embodied: Reflections on the Medieval Figuration of Space”	9/26/2007	55
9. Art History Graduate Forum (5) Copeland, Huey, Professor of Art History, Northwestern University “‘If Niggers Could Fly’: Glenn Ligon and Other Runaway Subjects”	10/18/2007	85
10. Botany, Department of (1) Stohlgren, Thomas J., Branch Chief/Supervisory Research Ecologist, USGS Fort Collins Science Center “Modeling Species Range Shifts in Response to Climate Change”	1/25/2008	122

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11. Chazen Museum of Art (1) 5/7/2008 29  
Davis, Janet M., Associate Professor, American Studies and History, University of Texas at Austin  
“Wondrously Wild and Wicked: Circus Day USA”
12. Classics, Department of (3) 4/24/2008 80  
Miles, Margaret, Professor of Art History and Classics, UC-Irvine  
“Art as Plunder: Then and Now”
13. Classics, Department of (1) 11/1/2007 45  
Milnor, Kristina, Associate Professor of Classics, Bernard College  
“...Or By Someone Else of the Same Name: Pompeian Graffiti, Anonymity, and The Author Effect”
14. Communication Arts, Department of (5) 4/10/2008 65  
Ramírez Berg, Charles, Professor of Film Studies and University Distinguished Teaching Professor,  
Department of Radio-Television-Film, University of Texas  
“Manifest Myth-Making: Texas History in the Movies”
15. Comparative Literature, Department of (4) 4/14/2008 75  
Karmi, Ghada, Research Fellow and Assistant Lecturer, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies,  
University of Exeter  
“Israel’s Dilemma in Palestine and the One-State Solution”
16. Comprehensive Cancer Center (3) 5/2/2008 30  
Joe, Jennie, Dr., Director Native American Research and Training Center, Department of  
Family and Community Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Arizona  
“Challenges in Sustaining Community-Based Participatory Research: Lessons Learned from  
Academic-Tribal Partnerships”
17. Consumer Science, Department of (6) 3/6/2008 75  
Vitt, Lois A., Ph.D., Founding Director, Institute for Socio-Financial Studies  
“Politics, Money, and the American Middle Class”
18. Cultural Diversity in Healthcare, Center for the Study of (1) 4/23/2008 15  
South-Paul, Jeanette, Professor, University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine, Department of  
Family Medicine  
“Building Capacity for Community-Based Research”
19. East Asian Languages and Literature, Department of (1) 2/4/2008 55  
Lamarre, Thomas, Professor of East Asian Studies, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec  
“Full Limited Animation”
20. East Asian Studies, Center for (2) 10/8/2007 90  
Wang, David, Edward C. Henderson Professor of Chinese Literature, Harvard University  
“The Lyrical in Epic Time: The Music and Poetry of Jiang Wenye”
21. English, Department of (6) 11/30/2007 75  
Wicke, Jennifer, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, University of Virginia  
“The Bananas of Modernity: Global Commodities and Modernism’s World Exchange”

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| 22. English, Department of (2)  | 10/26/2007 | 30  |
| Strohm, Paul, Anna S. Garbedian Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University<br>“Conscience: From *Piers Plowman* to Henry VIII”  |            |     |
| 23. English, Department of (1)  | 3/3/2008   | 35  |
| Hughes, Linda, Addie Levy Professor of Literature, Texas Christian University<br>“American Imprints: Transatlantic Print Culture and the British Canon”   |            |     |
| 24. Entomology, Department of (3)   | 3/14/2008  | 70  |
| Hunter, Mark, Professor, University of Michigan<br>“Strange Fruit in the Garden of Eden: How the Quality of Plants Drives the Ecology of Life”  |            |     |
| 25. Environmental Studies, Gaylord Nelson Institute for (4)   | 10/24/2007 | 120 |
| Shepard, Peggy, Executive Director of WE ACT, West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.<br>“Environmental Justice, Health and Sustainability: An Urban View”   |            |     |
| 26. Environmental Studies, Gaylord Nelson Institute for (4)   | 4/9/2008   | 160 |
| Gelobter, Michel, CEO and Founder of Cooler, Former President of Redefining Progress<br>“Environmental Justice and Climate Change”  |            |     |
| 27. Folklore Program (2)  | 9/26/2007  | 85  |
| Määttänen, Erkki, Film-maker, Writer, Producer and Director, Finnish Broadcasting Company<br>“Finnish American Folk Culture: Three Films and a Performance”   |            |     |
| 28. Forest and Wildlife Ecology, Department of (5)  | 4/22/2008  | 110 |
| Meine, Curt, Senior Fellow, Aldo Leopold Foundation<br>“Deep Roots of Ecosystem Management: Aldo Leopold and Germany’s Dauerwald, 1935”   |            |     |
| 29. General Library System (5)  | 9/20/2007  | 50  |
| Swensen, Cole, Professor, University of Iowa<br>“Felix: A Series of New Writing — Cole Swensen and Eric Baus”   |            |     |
| 30. Genetics, Laboratory of (5)   | 2/9/2008   | 300 |
| Shubin, Neil, Robert R. Bensley Professor, Organismal Biology and Anatomy; Associate Dean,<br>Organismal Biology and Anatomy; Professor, Committee on Evolutionary Biology; Provost,<br>The Field Museum, University of Chicago/Division of Biological Sciences<br>“Discovering How Fish Evolved to Walk: The Story of Tiktaalik” |            |     |
| 31. Geography, Department of (1)  | 3/7/2008   | 100 |
| Colten, Craig, Dr., Louisiana State University<br>“Fighting Yesterday While Facing Tomorrow: New Orleans and Hurricanes”  |            |     |
| 32. Geography, Department of (3)  | 11/2/2007  | 95  |
| Bassett, Thomas, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Illinois<br>“Mapping World Hunger: The Hunger Vulnerability Index”   |            |     |
| 33. German and Dutch Graduate Student Association (4)   | 3/28/2008  | 60  |
| Fertig, David, Associate Professor, Director of German Language Program, Director of Language<br>Programs, Department of Linguistics and Center for Cognitive Science, State University of NY, Buffalo<br>“Too Many Priests in Kafka’s Temple: How Speakers, Linguists, and Precriptivists ‘Do Things With Junk’”                 |            |     |

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34. German-American Studies, Max Kade Institute for (2) 10/25/2007 16  
Ortlepp, Anke, Doctor, German Historical Institute  
“German-American Women’s Clubs in Nineteenth-Century Milwaukee: Constructing Women’s Roles and Ethnic Identity”
35. Global Health, Center for (6) 10/15/2007 30  
Sherman, David, International Veterinary Consultant, Author and Editor, Former Country Program Director, Dutch Committee for Afghanistan  
“A Global Veterinary Perspective on the Concept of One Health”
36. Global Health, Center for (6) 3/26/2008 100  
Marano, Nina, DVM, MPH, Dipl ACVPM, Associate Director, Veterinary Public Health in the Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases of the Centers for Disease Control  
“Globalization and Emerging Infectious Diseases”
37. Global Legal Studies, Center for (1) 1/31/2008 75  
Gomez del Prado, Jose Luis, Chairperson, UN Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries  
“Mercenaries, Private Military and Security Companies and International Law”
38. Global Legal Studies, Center for (1) 11/15/2007 25  
Hathaway, Oona, Professor of Law, Yale Law School  
“‘Treaties’ End: The Past, Present, and Future of International Lawmaking in the United States’: A Lecture in the Series *Law, War, and Human Security*”
39. Hebrew and Semitic Studies, Department of (1) 5/5/2008 126  
Lewis, Theodore, Blum-Iwry Professor of Near Eastern Studies, The Johns Hopkins University  
“The Effective Power of Words: Incantations in Ancient Israel”
40. Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection (1) 4/10/2008 169  
Femenias, Blenda, Lecturer, Researcher, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University  
“The Embroidered Landscape of the Andes: Creating Textiles as a Way of Life”
41. History of Print Culture in Modern America, Center for the (5) 10/10/2007 61  
Tucker, Susan, Curator of Books and Records, Newcomb College Center for Research on Women  
“Artifacts of African American Memory: The Scrapbook in American Life”
42. History of Science, Department of (2) 9/12/2007 40  
Blair, Ann, Professor of History, Harvard University  
“Managing Information in Big Books 1500-1700: Information Management in Early Modern Europe”
43. Honors Program, College of Letters and Science (2) 11/14/2007 65  
Plotkin, Fred, Art Critic, Independent Scholar  
“In the Footsteps of Michelangelo: Sculpting a Biography”
44. Humanities, Center for the (1) 4/18/2008 250  
Rabassa, Gregory, Distinguished Professor, Queens College  
“Translating One Hundred Years of Solitude”

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45. Industrial and Systems Engineering, Department of (4)	11/16/2007	89
Shneiderman, Ben, Professor of Computer Science, University of Maryland		
“Creativity Support Tools: Accelerating Discovery and Innovation”		
46. Integrated Agricultural Systems, Center for (3)	9/14/2007	378
Barber, Dan, Executive Chef and Co-Owner, Blue Hill at Stone Barns; Creative Director, Stone Barns		
Center for Food and Agriculture, Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture		
“Boris. . .a Tale of a Boar: Tracing the Pork Commodity Chain”		
47. Language Institute (5)	10/16/2007	95
Firth, Alan, Senior Lecturer in Applied Linguistics and Teaching English as a Second Language,		
Newcastle University		
“Doing Not Being a Foreign Language Learner: Working in English as a Lingua Franca”		
48. Liberal Studies and the Arts, Department of (1)		
Blachly, Alexander, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, University of Notre Dame		
“Musical Masters of the Low Countries”	7/12/2007	84
“Musical Masters of the Low Countries”	7/14/2007	88
49. Limnology, Center for (5)	11/13/2007	268
Safina, Carl, Co-Founder and President, Blue Ocean Institute		
“A Song for a Blue Ocean: History and Destiny in World Fisheries”		
50. Madison Ecology Group (7)		
Clark, James, Professor of Biology, Statistic, Nicholas School of Environment		
“Understanding Population Responses to Global Change: Making	4/3/2008	50
the Most of Data, Models, and Future Research Effort”		
“Emerging Perspectives on a Venerable Challenge: Solving the	4/4/2008	90
Biodiversity Paradox”		
51. Madison Ecology Group (4)		
Pickett, Steward, Plant Ecologist, Institute for Ecosystem Studies		
“Urban Watersheds: A Meeting Place for Ecology and Management”	10/4/2007	70
“Fifteen Principles for the New Urban Ecology”	10/5/2007	105
52. Mathematics, Department of (1)	4/9/2008	220
Bourguignon, Jean-Pierre, Director, Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques		
“Trends in Mathematics: Geometry from the Ancient Greeks to Poincare and Perelman”		
53. Medical History and Bioethics, Department of (2)	2/13/2008	60
Rosner, David, Ronald H. Lauterstein Professor of Sociomedical Sciences and History, Columbia		
“Trials and Tribulations of a Historian in the Courtroom: The Case(s) of Lead-Poisoned Children		
in Wisconsin and the Country”		
54. Medieval Studies Program (2)	3/27/2008	45
Hubach, Hanns, Assistant Professor of Art History, Zurich University		
“Matthias Grunewald’s ‘Lamentation of Christ’ and the Veneration of the Holy Sepulcher in		
Aschaffenburg”		

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| 55. Middle East Studies Program (1)   | 10/25/2007 | 300 |
| Sick, Gary, Senior Research Scholar; Director, Middle East Institute Columbia University<br>“Is a US Military Clash with Iran Inevitable?”  |            |     |
| 56. Midwest Graduate Music Consortium (3)   | 2/22/2008  | 100 |
| Cusick, Suzanne, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Music,<br>New York University<br>““You are in a place that is out of the world . . .’ : Music in the Detention Camps of the ‘Global<br>War on Terror”” |            |     |
| 57. Music, School of (3)  | 4/18/2008  | 120 |
| McClary, Susan, Professor of Musicology and Associate Vice-Provost of the International<br>Institute, UCLA<br>“The Dragon Cart: The Femme Fatale in Seventeenth-Century French Opera”   |            |     |
| 58. Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment (PAVE) (2)  | 4/17/2008  | 65  |
| Simmons, Aishah Shahidah, Founder AfroLez Productions, Producer, Writer, Director,<br>AfroLez Productions<br>“No! The Rape Documentary: A Screening and Discussion”   |            |     |
| 59. Public Affairs, La Follette School of (1)   | 3/6/2008   | 40  |
| Lynn, Laurence E. Jr., Sydney Stein Jr. Professor of Public Management Emeritus, University of<br>Chicago<br>“Madison’s Managers: Public Administration and the Constitution”   |            |     |
| 60. Rural Sociology, Department of (4)  | 4/18/2008  | 60  |
| Portes, Alejandro, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Migration and<br>Development, Princeton University<br>“Latin American Institutions and Development: A Comparative Study”                               |            |     |
| 61. Scandinavian Studies, Department of (1)   | 4/10/2008  | 25  |
| Kalinke, Marianne E., Professor, University of Illinois<br>“Cultural Transfer in the Norse World: The Case of Klari Saga”   |            |     |
| 62. Scandinavian Studies, Department of (2)   | 10/18/2007 | 20  |
| Dahl, Christina, Classical Vocalist, University of Southern Denmark and the Fredericia Music Academy<br>“Two People Who Love One Another: A Musical Exploration of Danish Cultural Identity”                                    |            |     |
| 63. Slavic Languages, Department of (1)   | 10/19/2007 | 55  |
| Cornis-Pope, Marcel H., Professor of English, Virginia Commonwealth University<br>“Writing the History of East-Central European Literary Cultures: Transnational and Comparative<br>Paradigms”                                  |            |     |
| 64. Social Work, School of (3)  | 4/24/2008  | 126 |
| Davidson, Larry, Professor, Yale Program on Recovery and Community Health<br>“Recovery from Mental Illness is Not Only Possible . . . It’s Happening Every Day”   |            |     |
| 65. Southeast Asian Studies, Center for (1)   | 2/8/2008   | 40  |
| Hewison, Kevin, Professor, Department of Asian Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill<br>“Post-Thaksin Thailand”  |            |     |

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| 66. Spanish and Portuguese, Department of (2)   | 10/5/2007  | 100 |
| Hulme, Peter, Professor in Literature, University of Essex, Colchester, United Kingdom<br>“Oriente: Toward a Literary Geography”  |            |     |
| 67. Theatre and Drama, Department of (8)  | 3/10/2008  | 50  |
| Douthit, Lue Morgan, Director of Literary Development and Dramaturgy, Oregon Shakespeare Festival<br>“Lorraine Hansberry’s ‘Les Blancs’ and Other Dramaturgical Journeys”                         |            |     |
| 68. Theatre and Drama Graduate Student Organization (2)   | 3/7/2008   | 25  |
| Sell, Mike, Associate Professor, Indiana University of Pennsylvania<br>“Ed Bullins and the Black Arts Movement: Deconstructing the Lines Between Activist<br>Propaganda and Modernist Experiment” |            |     |
| 69. Urban and Regional Planning, Department of (3)  | 2/18/2008  | 75  |
| Fischel, William A., Professor, Dartmouth College<br>“Political Structure and Exclusionary Zoning: Are Small Suburbs the Big Problem?”  |            |     |
| 70. Women’s Health Research, Center for (11)  | 11/2/2007  | 185 |
| Jemison, Mae C., Founder and Director, The Jemison Group, Inc.<br>“One Woman Leader - the Sky is NOT the Limit!”  |            |     |
| 71. Women’s Studies Program (4)   | 10/22/2007 | 74  |
| Tiefer, Leonore, Clinical Associate Professor, New York University Medical Center<br>“New Drugs for Women’s Sexual Satisfaction? Unpacking the Medicalization of Women’s<br>Sexual Problems”      |            |     |