

**Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series (WMASLS)**  
2009-2010

Due Date: September 18, 2009

**Program Introduction**

The primary purpose of the program is to increase the number and diversity of scholarly voices and artistic expressions at Virginia Tech from groups that are underrepresented on our faculty. Typically, guest lecturers or performers meet with students, faculty, and administrators; attend or assist in related classes; and facilitate a public presentation open to the university and larger community where appropriate. We also hope that the program might lead, in some cases, to new or strengthened scholarly collaborations or even a serious interest in pursuing an appointment to our faculty. Students should have a significant opportunity to interact with each of these guests so that we can increase their exposure to successful women and minority role models.

**Program Guidelines**

In order to encourage departments or similar units to identify and invite outstanding women and minorities to campus, the Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series (WMASLS) will award up to \$500 to supplement college/departmental support for the speaker's expenses.

Invited speakers may be from any discipline, gender, race or ethnicity. Invitations to speakers whose scholarship incorporates race, gender, class, or international perspectives are especially encouraged. Those presentations that would appeal to a wider audience will be given preference. Fall visits are also especially welcome since the spring calendar includes both Black History Month and Women's Month with visits from a number of non-academic speakers and special events.

While the visit may include any number of activities at the discretion of the departmental hosts and the willingness of the guest, it is expected that one or more of the campus events will be open and advertised to members of the campus community. Program support from the Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series should be recognized in all program announcements.

Applications will be reviewed by a faculty committee. Limited funding may preclude supporting all qualified applications.

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Application Cover Sheet 2009 – 2010**

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<b>Applicant</b>		
Name:		
Position and Title:		
Department:		
Email:	Campus Mail Code:	Phone:
<b>Speaker Information</b>		
Name:		
Position or Title:		
Home Institution/ Organization:		
Subject or Title of Talk:		
Anticipated Date of Talk:		
<b>Funding Summary</b> (*see note below regarding supporting documentation)		
Department/College Contributions: \$		
Request from Lecture Series: \$		
Total Budget: \$		
<b>Names of Individuals Providing Matching Contributions</b>		
Department Head's Signature:	Date:	
Department Head's Name (printed):		
Authorized Signature for Other Participating Units:	Date:	
<b>Supporting Documentation and Submission Instructions</b>		
<p>Along with this application cover sheet, submissions <u>must</u> include in a separate attachment (1-3 pages max, plus speaker credentials):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outlining a budget indicating expected speaker honorarium, transportation, and housing. List the contribution from the department(s) or college and what amount is requested from the WMASLS.</li> <li>2. Briefly discussing the rationale for inviting this particular speaker, describing his/her qualifications and current affiliation, and giving the topic of the talk.</li> <li>3. Briefly describe the contribution this speaker will make to achieving the goals of the WMASLS. Refer to <a href="http://www.provost.vt.edu/WMASLS_overview.php">http://www.provost.vt.edu/WMASLS_overview.php</a> for additional information.</li> <li>4. Suggest a plan of activities for the speaker including at least one event open to the university community. Describe the number and make-up of the prospective audience you expect to be attracted to the presentation(s) and how you will publicize the events.</li> <li>5. Speaker's credentials: A one or two-page vita with the speaker's credentials.</li> </ol> <p><b>Submissions:</b> Six copies of the completed application and supporting materials should be sent to Tracey Cameron, Graduate Assistant, Office of the Provost, 330 Burruss Hall (0132). Alternatively, all application materials may be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:tcameron@vt.edu">tcameron@vt.edu</a>. Department heads may then separately send an e-mail note by the deadline to document their funding commitments.</p>		