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Dr. Charles Walcott, Dean  
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Dear Charlie:

As requested, I am writing to report on the activities of the University Lectures Committee in the 2006-2007 Academic Year. It has been a good year for the Committee. We increased the number of lectures and symposia supported this year, disbursing \$60,753 in the process, and resulting in a balance of \$420,644 as of June 5, 2007.

In view of the on-going fiscal strength of the committee's funds, and of the continual inflation of speaker expenses, the committee approved an increase in honoraria this year, from \$1000 to \$2500 for University Lectures, from \$3,000 to \$7,500 for 3-lecture Messengers, and from \$7500 to \$15,000 for 6-lecture Messengers.

I have appended for your information a list of all the visits supported in the 2006-2007 Academic Year.

Please let me know if you require any further information. I have enjoyed working with you and Diane this year.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Winkler".

David W. Winkler, Professor  
Chair, University Lectures Committee

## Fall 2006 Sponsored Events

**Leonard Barkan**, *Arthur W. Marks Professor of Comparative Literature*, Princeton University, University Lecture entitled: "Mute Poetry Speaking Pictures"

**Yann Moulier Boutang**, Professor, l'Université de Technologie de Compiègne, France, University Lecture entitled: "Cognitive Capitalism and Education: New Frontiers"

**Meaghan Morris**, Professor, Lingnan University in Hong Kong, University Lecture entitled, "What is Foreign in Cultural Studies: Mapping the Field from Hong Kong"

**Ray Troll**, Artist specialized in scientifically-informed popular art. 3 Messenger Lectures entitled: "An Artist's View of the History of Life," "A Sea of Sharks from A to Z," and "Fish Worship and the Art of Ray Troll"

**Carl Zimmer**, Noted Journalist and Science Writer, University Lecture entitled: "POSSESSED: The Strange Biology of Parasite Manipulation"

Conference support: "Tree-rings, Kings, and Old World Archaeology and Environment: Cornell Dendrochronology-Archaeology Conference in Honor of Peter Ian Kuniholm"

## Spring 2007 Sponsored Events

**Benjamin Bagby**, Sorbonne University, Paris, University Lecture entitled: "Benjamin Bagby's Beowulf"

**Jane Crawford**, Documentary Film Maker, University Lecture entitled: "Gordon Matta-Clark"

**Christopher Durang**, Internationally Renowned Playwright, University Lecture entitled: "Wendy Wasserstein: An Uncommon Woman"

**Katrina Firlik**, Professor, Yale University School of Medicine, University Lecture entitled: "Another Day in the Frontal Lobe: A brain surgeon exposes life on the inside"

**Richard Flavell**, Professor, Yale University School of Medicine, University Lecture entitled: "Chromosomal dynamics in cytokine gene expression: implications for disease and health"

**François Hartog**, Directeur d'études à l'École des hautes études en sciences sociales (Paris), University Lecture entitled: "Polybius and the First Universal History"

**Donald Kennedy**, President Emeritus, Stanford University, University Lecture entitled: "State of the Planet"

**Marshall Sahlins**, Professor, University of Chicago, University Lecture entitled: "Depending on the Kingness of Strangers: Or, Elementary Forms of Political Life"

**John Searle**, Professor, University of California, Berkeley, 3 Messenger Lectures entitled: "Consciousness," "What is Language?" "Language and Social Ontology"

**Katherine Verdery**, Professor, City of New York Graduate Center, University Lecture entitled: "Abusive Cadres in a Voracious Party-State: Collectivization in Romania in the 1950s"

**Steven Weinberg**, Professor, University of Texas, Austin, 3 Messenger Lectures entitled: "The Invention of Science: Poetry and Technology," "The Invention of Science: Mathematics and Philosophy," "A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology"

Conference support: "Going Global, Going Vernacular: Appropriation and Disowning of English in Post-colonial Contexts"

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Jean Locey, Art Department, Architecture, Art & Planning

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