

## Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request Fall 2017

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### IRA Funds Request for English Speaker Series

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#### Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request Summary

<b>Project Sponsor</b>	Sean Carswell
<b>Activity Title</b>	English Speaker Series
<b>Activity/Event Date</b>	fall semester
<b>Date Funding Needed By</b>	beginning of the semester
<b>Previously Funded?</b>	Yes
<b>Semester/Year</b>	Spring/2017
<b>Proposal #</b>	840
<b>Report submitted for previously Funded Activity?</b>	No
<b>Report submitted for previously Funded Activity</b>	—
<b>Additional Report #1</b>	—
<b>Additional Report #2</b>	—
<b>Additional Report #3</b>	—
<b>Additional Proposers</b>	—
<b>Academic Program(s) / Center Name(s)</b>	English Program
<b>Estimated total Course Fee revenue</b>	n/a
<b>Amount Requested from IRA</b>	\$4,150.00
<b>Estimated Number of Students Participating</b>	300
<b>Conditions and Considerations</b>	Artist/Performer/Speaker Fees & Honoraria, Space/Facilities Services Requirements
<b>Brief Activity Description</b>	<p>The English Program has a long history of bringing innovative, exciting authors and scholars to campus. Previous events have included renowned scholars, National Book Award Finalists, NEA fellows, and award-winning fiction writers. We have hosted a rich, multicultural mix of intellectuals to speak about topics ranging from revolution in Nicaragua to the Yellow Power movement in San Francisco to the CIA's MKULTRA program to writing scripts for cop shows. We have managed to bring these writers to campus for far below their typical speaking fee. Starting in the spring of 2015, we began to pool our efforts into a single Speaker Series. Rather than each faculty member writing individual IRA grants each time we seek to bring an author or scholar to campus, we've begun writing this single grant to fund a series.</p> <p>By collaborating in this way, we have more effectively promoted these events to the community. While our events have been hugely successful among students, we had difficulty reaching interested parties outside of campus. This unified series has allowed us to work with area high school and community college English faculty. It also has allowed us to present a more unified vision of the program. Over the past four semesters, the English Speaker Series has been a better bargain for students. When we have a set amount of money within which we can work, we can budget better and offer more economical speaking fees.</p> <p>This spring, we managed to schedule seven speakers to conduct five distinct events. The speakers were a multicultural, international bunch of screenwriters, memoirists, historians, novelists, and political theorists. This fall, we would like to continue our pattern of bringing dynamic, award-winning intellectuals to campus. These events will allow students to connect their scholarship with artists and academics currently working in the field. The events will help students to see literature and English studies as a living, developing discipline.</p>
<b>Learning Outcomes and Relation to IRA to Course Offerings</b>	The speakers will most directly relate to English 461: Fiction Writing, 220: American Literature 2, and English 327: Major American Authors. In each of those cases, students will be studying the works of the speaker. They will also be of interest for students in English 110: Multicultural Literature, 260: Perspectives in Creative Writing, 360: Literary Theory, and 433: LGBT Literature. Many students will be required to attend these events. If the past is any indication, most of the audience will be there on their own accord.
<b>Description of Assessment Process</b>	IRA student evaluation forms will be passed around the auditorium to solicit student responses. Additionally, students have been encouraged to write about their experiences for several classes. Their responses have been overwhelmingly positive.
<b>Activity Budget</b>	<a href="#">Copy of Budget for IRA Request_English Speaker Series fall 2017.xls</a>
<b>CIA Budget</b>	—
<b>CIA Proposal</b>	—
<b>Course Syllabus</b>	—
<b>CIA Certification</b>	—
<b>Other Sources of Funding</b>	None.
<b>Target Audience/Student Marketing</b>	This event will primarily be for students who wish to engage with literature in a vibrant, dynamic setting. It will further be advertised to the local community as one of the enriching cultural events that university campuses attract. The event will be promoted through campus posters, class announcements, various online and social media sites, and, hopefully, through coverage in the local press.
<b>Bring Benefit to Campus</b>	This is an on-campus event.
<b>Sustainability</b>	The English Program has brought several award winning writers to campus for well under their normal reading fee. These events will continue that trend. When the university promotes its brand, we could always say that we have hosted authors who have won or been nominated for National Book Awards, NEA fellowships, Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers Awards, Pulitzer Prizes, and MacArthur Genius grants. A formal, organized Speaker Series helps to strengthen this brand.
<b>Program Chair/Director</b>	brad.monsma
<b>Dean</b>	james.meriwether
<b>Acknowledgement</b>	I acknowledge that I have reviewed and accepted the Conditions and Considerations herein. Please check off boxes as appropriate.

#### Program Chair/Director Review

<b>Recommendation</b>	I recommend approval of the IRA Funds Request described on this page
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**Dean Review**

<b>Recommendation</b>	I recommend approval of the IRA Funds Request described on this page
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**IRA Committee Decision**

<b>Decision</b>	—
<b>Comments</b>	—

**Current Tasks**

Task	Time Assigned	Assigned To
IRA Committee Decision	3/7/2017 7:57:05 PM	<a href="#">David Daniels</a>

**Completed Tasks**

Task	Time Assigned	Time Completed	Completed By
Review from james.meriwether, Dean	3/3/2017 7:19:09 PM	3/7/2017 7:57:05 PM	<a href="#">James Meriwether</a>
Review from brad.monsma, Program Chair/Director	3/3/2017 6:13:43 PM	3/3/2017 7:19:09 PM	<a href="#">BradleyMonsma</a>
Fill out Request	3/3/2017 5:55:56 PM	3/3/2017 6:13:43 PM	<a href="#">Sean Carswell</a>

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