MARSICO VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-15
FROM ARTS & HUMANITIES

Overview and Rationale

The Marsico Visiting Scholars Faculty Committee invites proposals from departments in the Arts and Humanities to bring visiting scholars to the University. The visiting scholars will engage both students and faculty in a variety of settings—classes, workshops, research projects, seminars, performances, roundtables, and meals—all of which will contribute to the intellectual life of the university.

Visiting scholars will be chosen with an eye to scholarship/artistry and undergraduate learning opportunities as well as general and interdisciplinary interest.

The duties and activities of Visiting Scholars will vary depending on the length of their stay. Proposals are particularly welcomed for Visiting Scholars whose background or interests will enhance the University’s commitment to diversity. Proposals may come from full-time individual faculty members or from departments. Wherever possible, visiting scholars should have appeal across disciplines and divisions, and priority will be given to proposals of this type. Visiting Scholars should participate in a variety of formal (e.g. courses, workshops, public lectures) and informal (e.g. roundtables, meals) contacts with students. Visiting scholars may also address faculty development through participation in workshops and specialized lectures as well as informal meetings.

Finally, proposals are especially encouraged which, in addition to class visits, include some kind of presentation or performance that can be advertised to the Denver community as a whole.

Application Procedure

Proposals may be submitted at any time for the academic year 2014-15. Funding is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please use the accompanying form in submitting your proposal. Proposals should include:

- name, affiliation, and length of stay of the proposed visitor;
- CV and biographical sketch of the proposed visitor;
- brief (1-2 page) description of the proposed visitor’s specific relation to departmental/divisional course offerings or thematic concerns (for example, classes in which the visitor might participate, public lectures given, workshops offered, expected attendance, etc.);
- a coherent plan for assessing the relative merits/success of the visit when completed (assessment rubrics for both faculty and students will be provided by the committee to assist in this endeavor);
- estimated budget, including honorarium, travel and lodging expenses, communal meals, lecture refreshments (as appropriate), etc. (Please note that DU now pays per diem rates for meals);
- letter of support from department chair or program director (an email to the chair followed up by a letter is acceptable as well).

The Visiting Scholars committee has an annual budget of approximately $30,000. Historically, most proposals have been funded for around $2000, but the committee will consider larger ones, particularly if they are interdisciplinary or interdepartmental in scope. Honoraria for visiting scholars should be no more than $1200 for short stays, although larger amounts will be considered if the academic reputation of the scholar is considerable and the proposal is designed to appeal to a wider university audience. Scholars receiving more than $1200 must be full, tenured (or emeritus) professors at well-known institutions.

All proposals should be submitted ELECTRONICALLY to Carl Raschke (carlraschke@gmail.com), chair of the AHUM Marsico Visiting Scholars Committee. At the conclusion of the visiting scholar’s stay, the person who originally submitted the proposal should provide the Marsico visiting scholar committee chair with a report describing the activities of the visitor, including (as applicable): completed faculty and student surveys, with tabulated averages; the length of time over which the visit took place; the types and duration of contact with students and faculty; the number of students and faculty affected by the visit; innovative courses or programming in which the visitor participated; a narrative of how the visitor contributed to the Marsico values and student learning outcomes; feedback from any student and/or faculty assessments conducted during this time.

The committee will act on the proposal normally within three weeks after its submission, excluding summer and interterm breaks. Proposals submitted after Nov. 1 will not be considered until after the first of the year, unless the grant applicant can make a case for extenuating circumstances.