

## UTC Speakers & Special Events Report 2008

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The purpose of the UTC Speakers & Special Events Committee is defined in the UTC Faculty Handbook: "The Speakers and Special Events Committee is allocated funds from the activities fee for the purpose of paying honoraria, travel expenses, and other expenses for non-university related speakers or special events presented on campus for students and other members of the University community. All faculty and students are invited to submit a proposal for financial support for speakers, lectures, arts, and entertainment events sponsored by this Committee."

The funding for 2007-08 academic year was \$18,150. Members reviewed 16 proposals submitted by the fall deadline and 8 proposals submitted by the spring deadline. During fall semester, twelve proposals were funded as requested with three proposals funded partially. One proposal was withdrawn by the requestor. Funding of fall requests totaled \$14,510. Seven proposals were funded as requested during the spring round and one request was partially funded. Funding of spring requests totaled \$3640. Speakers and special events were funded from the following sponsoring departments: Accounting, Africana Studies, Alumni Affairs, Athletic Training, Engineering, English, Geology, History, Music, Philosophy & Religion, Physical Therapy, Political Science, Psychology, Student Development, & Women's Studies. The awards ranged from \$150 to \$2000 with an average of \$789. The funded topics and speakers included:

Dr. Clark White-An Afternoon of the Blues

Dennis Haskins-Mr. Belding on Campus

Forrest Pecha-Information on Pursuing Athletic Training Fellowship Programs

Dr. John Hopper-Rupturing Continental Lithosphere

Dr. Jim Russell-Tropical Climate Change: Past, Present & Future

Dr. Lucy Nargizyan-Evening Concert: A Journey through Three Centuries in Europe + Piano Master Class  
Prof Daewon Kim- Concert: Flute Recital & Master Class  
Dr. Scott Aikin- Don't Fear the Regress  
Sandra Gilman-Can the Experiences of the Jews serve as a Template for Today's Diaspora Muslims?  
Dr. Timothy George- "26th Annual C.S. Lewis Lecture"  
Dr. Jonathan Livingston, "Understanding Psych Development of African Americans: Factors that Impact African Americans Mental Health"  
Mark Morgan- Homeland Security: Fact or Fiction-Impacts & Results  
Meacham Writers' Workshop  
Dr. Harry Targ, Threats to Academic Freedom: Where Theory and Practice Meet  
Dr. Lori Ebert, "Everything you always wanted to know about the Opposite Sex" & "Making Greek Great"  
William Mann, Masterclass/performance at the Southeastern Composers League Conference  
Inez Mello, Tax Policy-Internet Sales Taxes  
Benito Serrano-Water Decontamination Using Heterogeneous Photocatalysis and Spanish Conversation and Environmental Values  
Dr. Susie Deusinger-, Physical Therapist Forum: Musculoskeletal and Functional Implications of Obesity  
Dr. Leigh Johnson- Why Gender is so Troublesome  
Dr. Cindy Bergeman-Why we are who we are: Genetic & Environmental Influences on Behavior  
United Council of Nations  
Dr. LaGuardia-Reencountering Poetry after You've Learned to Hate It

The committee recommends changes for 2008-09 to include elimination of hard copy submissions and implementation of electronic submissions with a user friendly form.