

AddRan Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series

AddRan College of Liberal Arts

Introduction

The Lecture series is an annual recognition and presentation that showcases excellence in scholarship and creative activity by a faculty member in the AddRan College of Liberal Arts at Texas Christian University. The Lecture honors a significant contribution, whether in the scholarship of discovery (including creative works), integration, application, or teaching. Dr. Jack Hill of the Department of Religion presented the first annual Lecture April 2008.

The Lecture offers both support and reward for distinguished work, including an award of \$2,000 to support both the presentation and the recipient's continued scholarly/creative endeavor. No portion of the award will go toward salary. The recipient will also have a one-course reduction in teaching load (in consultation with the department chair and Dean, though it cannot result in a zero teaching for the semester) during the subsequent academic year. In addition, the Lecture provides an opportunity each spring for a faculty member to present that scholarship to the University community in a self-selected format.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Any full-time faculty member with the rank of instructor, instructor II, senior instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, or professor in AddRan College is eligible to apply for the Lecture award. Applicants should have a record of achievement in scholarly work that will support the development of the proposed presentation. Appropriate supporting scholarship may take the form of original research, original synthesis, or creative endeavor. The proposed lecture should appeal to a wide audience from within and outside the College, including students, faculty, and community members. Selection process will adhere to the following criteria:

- **Proposed Topic.** The proposed topic for the Lecture must potentially be of interest to a variety of people, significant to educated citizens, and worthy of scholarly exploration.
- **Presentation Potential.** The applicant must be capable of producing and delivering a captivating presentation.
- **Scholarly Standing.** The applicant must be sufficiently engaged in the proposed topic to be able to make an authoritative presentation. Engagement in the topic will typically include on-going and/or past research, synthesis, or creative endeavor.

Application Procedures

All applicants for the Lecture award must submit the following materials:

- One-page description of the proposed lecture (see "Presentation Guidelines" below).
- A listing of completed projects relevant to the proposed lecture presentation. For each project cited, a single paragraph summary should describe the connection of the work to the proposed lecture. The applicant's role and contribution in each should be made clear.
- One-page summary of the applicant's career and achievements.
- A resume of the applicant's relevant scholarly/creative achievements.

Applicants should send electronic copies of these materials to the associate dean for graduate studies and research, Dr. Peter Worthing (p.worthing@tcu.edu)

Selection Process

- An ad hoc committee convened by the Dean's office shall be responsible for reviewing applications for the AddRan Lecture.
- After reviewing applications, the committee will submit the name of one candidate and an alternate to the Dean as its recommendation for the Award. The Dean will announce the name of the recipient.
- The Lecture and award ceremony will take place in March.
- The timeline is as follows:
 - Call for applications: October
 - Application deadline: November 15
 - Selection committee's recommendation to the Dean: by December 5
 - Dean's announcement of the recipient: by December 10.
 - Award Lecture: March (date announced annually)

Presentation Guidelines

The Lecture presentation is designed to showcase the award recipient's scholarly/creative work, and to make both the nature of the work and its contributions to the community of scholars accessible to a wide audience. The expected audience for the Lecture includes students, faculty, staff, and members of the wider TCU and Fort Worth communities. The format of the presentation is left to the recipient's discretion, but the following guidelines should be followed.

While a discussion of the specific nature of the scholarship or creative activity is necessary and appropriate, care should be taken to discuss the impact the work has had on the larger community. For example, does the scholarship/creative activity offer a new model or vision for an old question or problem? Does the work integrate previously disparate theories, applications, media, or the like? What contributions does the scholarship/creative activity make to the discipline, to the scholarly community, and to society? Why should the audience – and particularly those who may be unfamiliar with the discipline – care about and celebrate this scholarly contribution?

The presentation should communicate the recipient's work in a format that facilitates interest and understanding on the part of those who may not be familiar with the specific discipline.

The recipient should consider what presentation format(s) would be the most effective considering the audience and topic. Presentation styles in addition to traditional lectures could include (but are not limited to) visuals, readings, posters, audio, and performances.

The award recipient should plan a presentation of about 45 minutes, with a question-and-answer session to follow. At the discretion of the recipient, a portion of the monetary award is available to prepare materials for the lecture.