

# **Call for Proposals for the 2008-10 Academic Years The Carlton Raymond and Wilberta Ripley Savage Visiting Professorship in International Relations and Peace**

**Proposals Due Friday, April 13, 2007**

The faculty committee appointed to oversee the Carlton Raymond and Wilberta Ripley Savage Visiting Professorship in International Relations and Peace invites proposals to create programs designed to fulfill the goals of the Savage Endowment. The Savage Endowment for International Relations and Peace Committee will oversee the disbursement of \$50,000 for two years starting in 2008-09. This sum is used to fund comprehensive programs designed to inspire students to “*make their own contribution to the development of reasonableness as a substitute for violence and hate in personal, national and international affairs*” (Declaration of Gift, p.2).

These programs allow the University to bring to campus outstanding individuals with backgrounds in international relations and peace, and to teach the campus community how to use reason as a substitute for violence and hate. Program proposals spanning two academic years are preferred. The committee is especially interested in programs that will have a lasting, durable impact on the campus intellectual life.

Examples of past Savage sponsored programs:

**2006-08:** three programs are simultaneously underway for this funding period

**“Cities in War, Struggle, and Peace: The Architecture of Memory and Life,”  
Department of Architecture**

The intention of this program is to further our understanding of war and peace through understanding of buildings and cities that have been affected or inspired by war. As material culture provides a lens through which cultural life can be brought into focus, the ways in which citizens, architects and planners respond to the effects of war and conflict will provide a lens into how war and conflict affect the physical contexts within which daily life is lived. This two-year program will combine major symposia and design charrettes, an undergraduate course, and a memorial for the UO campus.

**“History, Contested Memories, and the Politics of Reconciliation: Understanding  
Truth Commissions in Latin America,” Latin American Studies**

This program attempts to evaluate the place of Truth Commissions within regional and international efforts towards peace, reconciliation, and democratic governance. The program aims to make the University of Oregon and its Latin American Studies program at the forefront of an emerging conversation about international human rights and the role of Truth Commissions in bringing about reconciliation in countries affected by international wars and conflicts. Included in this two-year program will be several undergraduate courses, a speakers series and an international scholarly symposium.

**“Witnessing Holocausts: The Shoah and Genocide in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries,” Judaic Studies (Dr. Judith Baskin)**

This program examines a new approach to some of the themes raised a decade ago by the Savage-sponsored programs, “Ethics After the Holocaust,” by exploring the difficult questions that underlie “witnessing” and the “representation” of personal and group trauma. By sponsoring a variety of literary, dramatic, cinematic, artistic, architectural, and musical events that address aspects of the Nazi Shoah and other genocidal assaults on human communities, this program hopes to clarify the ways in which the human imagination can elucidate and memorialize the unimaginable. The year-long series of events, performances and speakers will culminate in an international conference.

**2004-2007: “Gender, Race and Militarization,” Women and Gender Studies Program and the Center for the Study of Women in Society**

This program promotes research, teaching and dialogue to interrogate 1) the consequences of an increasingly militarized conception of security, with a particular focus on the gendered and racialized effects of militarization, and 2) alternative paradigms of security that emphasize peacemaking and human rights. Our goal is to create a sustained, highly visible and inclusive dialogue about these issues by bringing prominent speakers to campus; offering new and augmenting existing courses on these themes; and strengthening links between scholars whose courses do (or could) address these issues with scholars from interdisciplinary programs, including Peace, International, Women's and Gender, Ethnic, and Religious Studies.

**2004-2006: “Global (Dis) Integrations: Identity Politics and Cultural Transformations in an Interconnected World,” International Studies Program**

This program is a multi-year initiative to explore how, when and why, globalization (in its various forms) sometimes induces mistrust, intolerance and conflict across identity groups (disintegration), while sometimes contributing to mutual understanding, cooperation and interchange across cultural divides (integration). The project will include a speakers series, public forum, workshop, possible post-doctoral fellowship, and international conference.

**2002-2004: “Human Rights for All,” School of Law**

The project involved a two-year program of classes, seminars and lectures presented by Dr. Svitlana Kravchenko, of the Ukraine, based on her research, teaching and other work. In addition, the program included a series of short-term visits by visiting scholars to the University of Oregon.

**2000-2002: “Waging Peace through Music,” School of Music**

This program of courses and events ended with a four-day festival, “Waging Peace through Music,” as a celebration of peace. Directed by Robert Kyr, in the School of Music, with the cooperation of the UO School of Music and the Bach Festival, this program not only benefited the UO community but also had long-term positive benefits for composers and their audiences worldwide.

**1998: “Suffering and Violence,” Department of Anthropology**

This program involved a major academic conference and a series of courses on the topics of violence and peacemaking.

**The Committee seeks applications that will:**

1. Bring distinguished individuals to the UO campus to help meet the endowment's goal of helping students, primarily undergraduates, "make their own contribution to the development of reasonableness as a substitute for violence and hate in personal, national and international affairs."
2. Span two academic years (however, programs of alternative lengths may also be considered).
3. Represent units, programs, departments and colleges that have not been involved with a Savage sponsored program.
4. Offer creative and innovative approaches to the Endowment's objectives. For example, two or more academic departments could combine efforts for a program.
5. Enhance the reputation and visibility of the University of Oregon both nationally and internationally.
6. Create a new program, or enhance an on-going program, and not augment a program director's salary.

**The 2006-07 Savage Committee:**

Shaul Cohen, Geography  
David Frank, Robert Donald Clark Honors College (Chair)  
Jane Gordon, Law  
Michael Moffitt, Law  
Terri Gureno, International Programs  
Cheyney Ryan, Philosophy  
Chunsheng Zhang, Vice Provost for International Affairs and Outreach

**Selection Process: For 2008-10, applications are due by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2007.**

The UO Savage Committee for International Relations and Peace will review the applications and make a recommendation to the University of Oregon President. The selected unit, program, department, school or college will be notified by approximately June 2007.

**Application Process:** Applications must be written in language accessible to readers from several disciplines. The complete application must include the following:

1. Application cover sheet (attached).
2. Narrative statement (limited to 1500 words) outlining the proposed program, its significance, a plan of work, and expected results.
3. Program budget.
4. A curriculum vitae of no longer than 8 pages for the program director and curricula vitae of no longer than 2 pages for other principal program participants.

Submit the original plus four copies (five copies total) to Terri Gureno, Office of International Programs, 330 Oregon Hall. Double-sided proposals are preferred. Applications cannot be submitted electronically. **Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2007.**

**Questions?** Contact David Frank, Clark Honors College ([dfrank@uoregon.edu](mailto:dfrank@uoregon.edu)), or Terri Gureno, Office of International Programs ([tgureno@uoregon.edu](mailto:tgureno@uoregon.edu), 541-346-1586).

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