1997-1998 Warren Center Programs

Fellows Programs

1997/1998 Fellows Program, "Person Centered Approaches to Culture"

Participants were Volney Gay (religious studies) Co-Director, Thomas Gregor (anthropology) Co-Director, Aline Baehler (French & Italian), Roy Gottfried (English), Gregg Horowitz (philosophy), Richard Pride (political science), Darren Sherkat (sociology), Gay Welch, (religious studies), and Meike Werner (Germanic & Slavic languages).

<u>Williams S. Vaughn Visiting Fellow:</u> **Gilbert S. Herdt** (anthropology, University of Chicago)

<u>Guest Speakers</u>: **Victor Friedman** (Department of Slavic Languages, University of Chicago), "Evidence that Evidentiality Is Not Based on Evidence: The Languages of Southeastern Europe"; **Stephen Gaskin** (founder of The Farm in Summerly, Tennessee).

1996/1997 Fellows Program, "Questioning Culture Lecture Series"

Guest Speakers: Eric Lott (English, University of Virginia) "Common Dreams and Primary Colors: Race, Culture, and the New Liberalism"; Nicholas Dirks (anthropology, Columbia University) "Colonial Echoes and the Crisis in Cultural Theory"; Judith Walkowitz (history, Johns Hopkins University) "The Alien and the City: Text and Image in Early Twentieth-Century London"; Lauren Berlant (English, University of Chicago) "The Subject of True Feeling: Pain, Privacy, and Politics"; Lawrence Grossberg (communication studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) "The Victory of Culture and the Politics of Cultural Studies."

<u>Special Events</u>

Harry C. Howard, Jr. Lecture

The 1997/1998 Harry C. Howard, Jr. lecture was given by **Michael F. Brown** (James N. Lambert Professor of Anthropology and Latin American Studies, Williams College). His talk was entitled "Dilemmas of the Therapeutic Society: Dispatches from the New Age and Other Places of Higher Education."

Warren Center 10th Anniversary Dinner

The Chancellor and Mrs. Joe B. Wyatt hosted a 10th anniversary for former Fellows, key administrators, and local donors at the Chancellor's residence. During the evening a photographic portrait of Robert Penn Warren by Jill Krementz was unveiled, as well as a bronze bust of Mr. Warren sculpted by Joan Fitzpatrick.

NEA Appointment

The Warren Center and College of Arts and Science **Dean Ettore F. Infante** hosted a reception in honor of **Susan Ford Wiltshire's** appointment to the National Council on the Humanities, the advisory board of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Warren Center Seminars

Early Modern Studies

This seminar provides opportunities for discussion of research in the Middle Ages, Renaissance, and/or eighteenth century. The seminar met regularly throughout the year. <u>Guest Speakers</u>: **Maureen Needham** (Blair School of Music) "André Lorin, So-called Dancing Master to the Court of Louis Xiv"; **Barbara Bowen** ("Botticelli's Venus-on-the-half Shell"; **Jane Landers** (history) "Corporate Identities, Black Republics and Free Black Town in Seventeenth-Century Latin America"; **Robert Mack** (English); **Holly Tucker** (French and Italian) "Early Modern French Fairy Tales"; **Stanley Wells** (Emeritus Professor, University of Birmingham) "Translation in Mid-Summer Night's Dream."

Faculty Luncheon Group

Faculty members from throughout the university community gave presentations to the luncheon group regarding their research interests.

Guest Speakers: E. F. Infante, (Dean, College of Arts & Science); Kent Syverud, (Dean, school of law); Virginia Shepherd (medicine & biochemistry); Michael Berube, (English, University of Illinois); Richard Zaner (medical ethics); Daniel Patte (religious studies); Gilbert Herdt (Vaughn Visiting Fellow); Don Welch (Associate Dean, law school); Gerry Nyssen (visiting professor, chemistry); Marilyn Murphy (fine arts); Teresa Goddu (English); Mark Jarman (English); Vivien Fryd (fine arts).

Mind Matters

This was an interdisciplinary group consisting of faculty and graduate students who met to discuss recent scholarly work in related cognitive disciplines.

Social Construction of the Body

Monthly faculty-graduate student seminar on the social construction of the body <u>Guest Speaker</u>: **Lynda Frese** (Department of Art, Southwest Louisiana State University).

Women's Studies Program

This seminar addressed new developments in feminist scholarship for faculty and graduate students.

Guest Speakers: Ann Kring (psychology) "Are Women More Emotional Than Men?"; Kathryn Schwarz (English) "Amazons"; Susan Wiltshire (classical studies) "The Many Forms of Mentors"; Karen Campbell (sociology) & Holly McCammon (sociology) "Suffrage Movement"; Paula Arai (religious studies) "Women Living Zen"; Beth Conklin (anthropology) "Postmodern Procreation Myths: Reproductive Technologies and Reconceiving Parenthood"; Susan Brood, (philosophy, University of Kentucky) "Never Just Pictures: Our Bodies, Ourselves in the Age of Virtual Reality"; Rebecca Blank (economics, Northwestern University) "It Takes A Nation: Welfare Reform in the U.S."