

Senate Lectures and Forums Committee Report AY 20-21

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The lectures and forums committee welcomed one new member this year—Kathryn Fritz. The budget we received was \$5,000, up from the \$4,000 budgeted to the committee last year. We sincerely appreciate the decision of the Faculty Senate to reinstate our previous budget as it allows us to support the excellent programming put on by the faculty.

Given the unusual circumstances this year, we decided to take a different approach to soliciting proposals. Rather than an open call like we had last year, this spring we issued a call for proposals centered around a particular theme, “Here and Now: Learning, Teaching, Equity, and Justice in Our Community.” We believe that this pivot made sense as it provided clear direction for faculty proposals and falls within our committee’s charge to set an annual theme for programs. Given the many challenges and extra time demands faced by members of the Temple community, we also streamlined our application process using a Google Form that requested fairly basic information about the event and a short description of its fit with the theme. We believe that this strategy was quite successful, as we received 12 proposals in response to the call and were able to fund seven of these. The full list of funded events is listed below.

One area for the committee and Faculty Senate steering committee to consider going forward is the best way for the committee to help publicize funded events. In addition to updating the Steering Committee about funded events, some other options to consider might be coordinating access to the university calendar so that funded events could be advertised there or having information on funded events available on the committee webpage.

Due to term limits, I will be stepping down as chair of the committee after this year and will be replaced by Kathryn Fritz who has graciously agreed to serve.

There are three other members rotating off the committee after this year: John Allgood, Tricia Jones, and Timothy Patterson. I would like to thank each of them for their service to the committee and the university.

Sarah Cordes
Chair
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Proposer	Lecturer	Award
Spring 2021		
Kati Gegenheimer, Tyler School of Art + Architecture	Ross Gay	500.00
Lauren Sandler, Tyler School of Art + Architecture	Legacy Russell	500.00
Jeffrey Solow, Boyer College of Music	Rachel Barton Pines	500.00
Elisabeth Subrin, School of Theater, Film, and Media Arts	Michael Gillipsie	500.00
Rea Tjiri, School of Theater, Film, and Media Arts	Wynn Thomas	500.00
Peter d'Agostino, School of Theater, Film, and Media Arts	Homer Jackson	500.00
Karen Hersch, College of Liberal Arts ¹	Daniel P. Tompkins	2000.00
	Sydnor Roy	
	Jackie Murray	
	Alison Traweek	
	Michael McGlin	
	Maggie Beeler	

¹Note this event received more funding because it included 6 speakers.