

**Report of the Lectures and Seminars Committee
Indiana University – April 22, 2009
Committee Chair: Lynn Gilman**

The Lectures and Seminar committee met on October 2, 2008 and Lynn Gilman accepted the chair nomination. The fall lecture was planned and on December 3, 2008 Carl Kaestle presented a lecture titled: “Federal Education Policy in its Formative Years: The Uncertain Mandate.” Professor Kaestle is an educational history and holds an appointment at Brown University as a Professor of Education, History, and Public Policy.

In years past the committee has recruited a speaker for the fall semester and the spring semester. The committee agreed that based on the small honorarium available to compensate speakers that for the 2009-2010 academic year we would plan an annual lecture for the fall semester in order to maximize the offer we can make to potential speakers. The committee convened again on March 27 to review speaker nominations for the fall semester. As a committee we agreed that the criteria for speaker selection require that the guest be a dynamic speaker with a broad appeal both within the School of Education and potentially across campus. We are currently in the process of recruiting a speaker for next fall. We narrowed the list of nominees to a 4 possible speakers: Gloria Ladson-Billings, Nel Noddings, Derald Wing Sue, and Eugene Garcia. At this time we have been turned down by Gloria Ladson Billings and are waiting to hear from our other nominees.

The Lectures and Seminar committee also bears responsibility for scheduling the Nancy Harvey Bishop memorial lecture. The committee agreed that based on the donor agreement, we agreed that the Munger Conference for Youth Serving Professionals would be an ideal venue for Bishop lecture. With the committees’ approval we agreed to allow the speaker selection for the Bishop lecture to be spearheaded by the Munger planning committee.