



## JOHN R. HEATH VISITING PROFESSORSHIP

**Bring a Prominent International Scholar or Artist to Campus  
For an Entire Semester  
To Teach Two Courses in Your Department**

Endowed in honor of John Reardon Heath, Grinnell class of 1919, who was an active member and President of the Grinnell Board of Trustees and gave steadfast support to Grinnell's long and continuing engagement with the world, the Heath Professorship brings to Grinnell College the most distinguished international figures for a semester-length stay. Heath Professors teach two courses during their stay on campus and are housed in an existing academic department. Below please find information about the guidelines and nomination process for the Heath Professor. For further information, contact David Harrison, Director of the Center for International Studies, at [harrisod@grinnell.edu](mailto:harrisod@grinnell.edu), or Lynn Stafford, Program Associate, at [stafford@grinnell.edu](mailto:stafford@grinnell.edu).

### **Program Guidelines**

#### **Identifying a Scholar or Artist**

Heath Professors are frequently identified by Grinnell faculty through scholarly networks (i.e. conferences, research contacts, etc.). However, Grinnell faculty should also feel free to work with the Center for International Studies to identify suitable scholars and artists, using the Center's own network of foreign universities and international contacts.

#### **Honorarium amounts and other subsidized costs**

The endowment for the Heath Professorship currently provides an honorarium of approximately \$45,000 to the Professor, who is expected to teach two, semester-long courses and deliver at least one public lecture to the campus community. In addition, the endowment covers travel costs to and from Grinnell (economy class). The Professor stays in a college-owned house or apartment.

#### **Courses taught by the Heath Professor**

The courses taught by the Heath Professor are intended to complement the existing departmental or program curriculum; they may present material or feature pedagogical strategies that are otherwise unavailable in the curriculum. Courses taught are generally a lower-level course at the 100- or 200-level and an upper-level seminar of a department's/program's curriculum. The host of the Professor will need to submit a "special topics course" form to the Registrar's Office *the semester prior to the Professor's visit*.

#### **Responsibilities of the host departments**

The Heath Professor must be housed in an academic department or program of the college, with at least one full-time member of the department/program serving as the primary contact of the Professor. Host departments are responsible for planning the visit of the Professor to campus, in conjunction with the Center. When the Professor is on campus, the host department is responsible for orientation and acclimation of the Professor, mentoring the Professor in academic matters, and helping the Professor to integrate into the department and the larger campus community.

## **Responsibilities of the Center for International Studies**

The Center for International Studies takes responsibility for coordinating the logistics of the Professor's visit, such as making travel arrangements, processing visa applications, arranging for campus housing, and processing the Professor's honorarium and expenses. CIS also coordinates publicity for the Professor's visit and sponsors a welcome dinner for the Professor and the host department. In addition, CIS will work with host departments to arrange student lunches and other events aimed at maximizing student contact with each Professor.

## **Nomination process**

To nominate a scholar or artist to come to campus as the Heath Professor, the host department should submit the following documents to the Center for International Studies.

- a cover letter explaining the background of the nominee, the proposed dates of visit, the description of the proposed courses to be taught, and the rationale for the contribution of the courses.
- the nominee's curriculum vitae
- for special topics courses, a statement of whether the library holdings in Burling are sufficient for the course, and whether purchase of new books or equipment is necessary for the course
- a budget for the visit
- if the nominee has visited campus before as a Heath Professor or International Visiting Fellow, a statement of the curricular impact or results of the nominee's visit

The letter must demonstrate the department's commitment to host the Professor during his or her time at Grinnell.

The nominations are approved by the Advisory Board of the Center according to a "rolling admissions" principle. In other words, nominations submitted by the First Round deadline will be approved, and receive funding, before nominations that are submitted by the deadlines of later Rounds.

For Heath proposals for the 2010-11 academic year, the following nomination deadlines will apply:

- **First Round: Friday, October 16 (e.g. Friday before October break)**
- **Second Round: Friday, December 4**
- **Third Round: Friday, January 22**
- **Fourth Round: Friday, March 14 (for spring '11 proposals only)**

For special topics courses that are approved, the host department will need to fill out the course proposal form available from the Registrar's Web page at <http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/registrar/faculty/> and submit it before the deadline to appear in the preregistration booklet.

The Center welcomes all ideas for incorporating international scholars and artists into the Grinnell College community. Please feel free to contact David Harrison if you would like to organize an international visit other than through the Heath Professorship.