

2014 Kent State University May 4 Symposium on Democracy

Purpose

The tragic events of May 4, 1970 at Kent State University had a profound impact on the university, the nation, and the world. The May 4 Symposium on Democracy is part of Kent State's commemoration of the May 4, 1970, events. The purpose of the May 4 Symposium on Democracy is to honor the memories of the four students who lost their lives on that day—Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer, and William Schroeder—with an enduring dedication to scholarship and public engagement that seeks to prevent violence and promote democratic values and civil discourse. The May 4 Symposium on Democracy is free and open to the public.

Background

May 4 Symposia on Democracy were held annually from 2000 until 2012. Descriptions of previous symposia can be viewed in the "Democracy Symposia Archive" at http://www.kent.edu/democracy/symposium_archive.cfm. Effective in 2012, May 4 Symposia are administered by the Office of the Dean of University Libraries in consultation with an ad hoc advisory committee and will be held every other year. The next symposium will occur in April 2014.

Time frame

The 2014 May 4 Symposium on Democracy advisory committee will accept program content proposals from any Kent State University faculty member, group of faculty, departments, units, or collaborations from June 15 through October 30 2012. Proposals will be reviewed and funds awarded by December 1, 2012.

Award recipients will be expected to provide progress and expenditure reports by March 31, 2013; July 31, 2013; and December 31, 2013; and a final report by June 15, 2014.

Proposal criteria

The 2014 May 4 Symposium on Democracy will be held at the Kent campus in April 2014.

There are no other specifications for or limitations to the content or format of the 2014 May 4 Symposium on Democracy. Proposals that show innovation and creativity are encouraged. Interdisciplinary proposals (that is, proposals that cross units, departments, colleges, etc.) are also strongly encouraged.

Proposals will be evaluated for relevance, innovation and creativity, the potential to engage the University Community and to appeal to the interest and attract the participation of the public.

All proposals require a letter of support from the administration of the submitting unit (i.e., chairpersons, deans, unit supervisors).

Questions should be addressed to Jim Bracken, Dean of University Libraries, x22962, jbracke1@kent.edu.

Publication of proceedings

Conveners of the 2014 May 4 Symposium on Democracy will be invited to propose the publication of proceedings to the Kent State University Press.

Budget

Up to \$50,000 will be awarded for the winning proposal. Matching funds (either internal or external) are encouraged but not required.

Proposal Submission Information

1. Table of Contents

List all parts of the proposal and page numbers.

2. Narrative Description (up to 10 double-spaced pages)

a. Program Content & Implementation

- i. Describe how the program will be structured, what will be expected of the participants, and how they will be actively engaged in the collegial intellectual inquiry of the symposium.
- ii. Describe the presentations, discussion topics, and questions to be engaged.
- iii. Discuss any core or common resources (that is, readings, performances, films, music, etc.) in detail, indicating how they illuminate the approaches and arguments about the topics and questions.
- iv. Identify other resources and materials to be used.
- v. Describe any writing, research, or other participatory or dissemination components related to the symposium, including any proceedings that may be considered for publication by the University Press.
- vi. Describe the anticipated audience for the symposium; list your plans for attracting and engaging student, faculty, and community participants.
- vii. Describe how program success will be measured and evaluated.

3. Budget

Provide a budget. All of the items listed must be reasonable and directly related to accomplishing the objectives. Indirect costs such as faculty release time should not be included. Allowable expenditure lines include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Speaker Fees – honoraria, travel, meals etc.
- b. Marketing
- c. Hospitality & business meeting expenses
- d. Supplies

4. Letter(s) of support from chairpersons, deans, or unit supervisors.

5. Submission

Submit your electronic proposal to mlovin@kent.edu by 5pm October 30 2012.