

Call for Proposals for the Freedom Project, 2012-2013

The Provost's Office of Diversity invites proposals for Metcalfe Chairs as well as for symposia, exhibits, discussion series, and other programming as part of the Freedom Project, a year-long exploration of the many meanings of freedom in the United States and in the world. The Project is Marquette University's commemoration of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. Two lectures sponsored by the history department will frame the commemoration. In September 2012, Stephen Hahn of the University of Pennsylvania, winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize in history for *A Nation Under our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South from Slavery to the Great Migration*, will deliver the Klement Lecture on the meanings of emancipation. In April 2013, Rebecca J. Scott, Charles Gibson Distinguished University Professor of History at the University of Michigan and an expert on emancipation in the Caribbean, will deliver the Casper Lecture. A number of other units on campus—including the Raynor Memorial Libraries, the Department of Performing Arts, and the Haggerty Museum—have already planned events to coincide with the commemoration.

Nominations for Metcalfe Chairs should include a letter of nomination from an academic department or college, detailing the recipient's scholarly contributions and relationship to the theme of the Freedom Project, accompanied by a curriculum vita or detailed bio sketch, budget summary, and tentative plan for the recipient's visit to Marquette and Milwaukee.

Metcalfe Chairs typically receive up to \$5,000, which covers all expenses including honorarium. Nominating departments are welcome to augment the award; however, the name Ralph E. Metcalfe Chair must remain associated with the award. In 2012-13, we also ask that public lectures by Metcalfe Chairs be formally associated with the Freedom Project by including our yet-to-be-designed logo on publicity material and a reference to the Project when introducing speakers. **We are especially interested in receiving proposals for a Metcalfe Chair during the 2013 Martin Luther King, Jr. Week (January 14 – 20, 2013) that reflects themes of freedom, emancipation, civil rights, and human challenges.**

Since 1982, the Metcalfe Chair has brought to campus dozens of African American, Latina/o or Native American scholars, including William Julius Wilson, Phyllis Garland, Albert J. Raboteau, Chinua Achebe, Isaiah Warner, Nell Painter, Derrick Bell, and Cornel West.

Metcalfe chair holders are ordinarily nominated by faculty and hosted by an academic department over a 3-4 day visit. Chair holders are expected to give public lectures and interact with students and faculty during their visits to campus, and in some instances, visit local high schools or middle schools.

Nominations for grants of up to \$2500 for other programming related to the Freedom Project should include:

- a two-page narrative with timetable
- brief CVs of the organizers and participants
- a detailed budget

Nominations for Metcalfe Chairs and proposals for other programming related to the Freedom Project should be sent no later than March 1, 2012, to the Provost's Office of Diversity, 454 Zilber Hall. Please direct queries to William Welburn or to James Marten, Professor and Chair of History and coordinator of the Freedom Project.