CICPC Agenda

Seventh Meeting, February 3, 2016

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Members: William Carter, Wendy Clement, Maureen Connolly (absent), Holly Didi-Ogren, Sarah Domire, Manuel Figueroa, Janet Gray, chair; Lisa Grimm, FSP; Jamal Johnson (absent), Forrest Link, Susan O’Connor, vice chair (absent); Julie Howe (absent), Nicole Natale (absent), Megan Vanslot (absent), Josh Wieczerzak

1. Miscellaneous business

* Looking ahead to future themes: Lisa Grimm will attend a conference on common readings in late February. CICPC members will respond to a Qualtrics survey on themes suggested in the past and Lisa will look for books that correspond to the most popular themes.
* Summer reading fellow to begin March 15, but to date no one has applied.

1. Proposals

* Balance of funds: $3997; follow up with a call for proposals.
* No revision yet from Miriam Shakow for proposal on student activism.
* New proposal from Ellen Friedman. Council members called for revisions; a vote on the revised proposal will be taken by email.

1. Review of potential summer reading texts for 2016

There were no new recommendations for summer texts. The following books were ruled out:

* + Gaia Vince, *Adventures in the Anthropocene: A Journey to the Heart of the Planet We Made*. Too long at 438 pp.
  + C.E. Medford, *Magic America: Coming of Age in an Altered State*. Self-published, unlikely to get enough copies.
  + Hume, *Garbology*: Long and a somewhat tedious read.
  + Kolbert, *Field Notes from a Catastrophe:* Not completely current, difficult issues—students will need more than a one-hour discussion for guidance in processing the information.
  + Carlisle, *Lentil Underground:* dry, too regional (Montana).

The council agreed to follow up on Will Allen’s *The Good Food Revolution.* More members will read, browse, or research the text before our next meeting. Comments: Enjoyable, personal narrative, inspiring, about agency, history of African American migration and farming included, potential for intellectual engagement.