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Professor José Ferrater Mora
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Dear Professor Ferrater Mora,

I am writing to ask if you might be interested in the offer of a Senior Fellowship in our Society for the Humanities during either semester of the academic year 1982-83. We would esteem it both a privilege and a pleasure to have you as a member of the Society during the Fall Semester (early September until mid-December) or the Spring Semester (late January until early May), or for the whole academic year, if you would prefer that. The Society was established at Cornell in 1966 to serve the general purposes and interests of the humanities. It provides research appointments, encourages experiments in teaching, and arranges symposia, conferences and individual lectures. Since the Society is mainly devoted to research, Fellows have little teaching to do. However, we do invite Fellows to offer an informal weekly seminar on some topic connected with their special interest and to give one public lecture during their stay. Every care is taken to protect the Fellows from undue distractions.

The Society also awards Faculty Fellowships (to release two members of the Cornell Faculty from regular duties) and Junior Fellowships (five in 1982-83) for promising young humanists outside of Cornell. The Faculty Fellows and the Junior Fellows are chosen with reference to a focal theme, announced each year, so as to achieve some cohesion of interests. The statement of our focal theme for 1982-83 is enclosed. If you felt that you could address yourself to this theme somehow in the course of your seminar, that would be welcome. I also enclose a list of the Junior and Faculty Fellows already appointed for next year, and of the seminars they will be giving, so that you may have a sense of the community.

We provide studies in the Center for the Humanities, which is in the heart of the campus, and secretarial help. Our library facilities, as you probably know, are exceptionally good.

Professor Ciriaco Moron-Arroyo has proposed your name, and the proposal is strongly supported by Professor John Kronik and others of my humanistic colleagues. Professor Arroyo has suggested that

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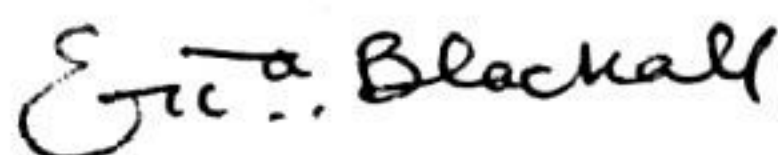
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you might consider giving a seminar in one semester on Spain's transition to democracy after Franco. That would certainly be of great value to this community.

I would propose a stipend of \$32,000, if you come for the whole year or \$16,000 for one semester. If the latter, the second semester might be preferable, since we plan to have a conference on Ortega y Gasset in March.

If this proposal appeals to you, and we sincerely hope it will, I would be grateful if you would let me have a reply at your earliest convenience. We will be glad to assist you in finding suitable housing. Please call us collect 607-256-4086.

Yours sincerely,



Eric A. Blackall
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