

Spring 2025 events

The DCII is particularly interested in proposals for speakers or events that can appeal to a broad interdisciplinary audience of students and faculty. As in the past, we expect that applicants will seek other sources of funding to match the amount requested from the Scott and Hawkins Fund.

The deadline for proposals for Fall 2025 lectures is October 11.

Applicants should submit proposals via the following link:

<https://www.smu.edu/dedman/research/institutes-and-centers/dcii/events/scott-hawkins/application>

About Scott and Hawkins:

In 1917, Elmer Scott founded The Civic Federation of Dallas as a community social service agency. Under Mr. Scott's leadership, the Federation presented lectures, socials, dramas, and musical evenings. When the Federation was dissolved in 1958, the board of directors assigned its assets to SMU and asked that the annual income be used for the Scott and Hawkins Lectures. Gaynell Hawkins was a 1917 graduate of SMU. Upon graduation, she began working for the Civic Federation, first as research secretary and later as educational director. She moved on to other projects in 1940 and upon her retirement in 1965 she received the SMU Woman of Achievement Award.