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Gergen's lecture to be simulcast in North Platte

The 13th Annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities, featuring David Gergen, author of the bestseller "Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership, Nixon to Clinton," will be simulcast at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at the North Platte Community College South Campus in North Platte.

Gergen will deliver the free lecture, "Eyewitness to Power: Leadership in America," live at the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln.

"Perhaps more urgently than at any time since Franklin D. Roosevelt was in office, the United States needs an extraordinary leader in the White House," Gergen co-wrote with Andy Zelleke in the June 12 edition of the Boston Globe.

Gergen is editor-at-large at U.S. News & World Report and senior political analyst for CNN. He served as moderator of "World @ Large," a 13-part PBS discussion series for two seasons. He also is professor of public service at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and director of its Center for Public Leadership. In the fall of 2000, he published the best-selling book "Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership, Nixon to Clinton."

Gergen served as director of communications for President Ronald Reagan and held advisory positions in the administrations of presidents Nixon and Ford. He served as counselor to President Clinton on both foreign policy and domestic affairs, then as special international adviser to the president and to Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

The lecture is presented by the Nebraska Humanities Council, the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues and the University of Nebraska. The E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues is a cooperative project of the Cooper Foundation, the Lied Center for Performing Arts and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and has a mission of promoting better understanding of world events and issues to all Nebraskans.

The North Platte simulcast is made possible with support from the Cooper Foundation. For more information, call the Nebraska Humanities Council at (402) 474-2131 ext. 108 or e-mail beth@nebraskahumanities.org. The lecture and simulcast are free and open to the public, but tickets are recommended for the Lied Center. Call the Lied Center box office at (402) 472-4747.

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