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## **Two E.N. Thompson lectures are scheduled in February**

The 2007-08 series of E.N. Thompson Lectures on World Issues continues with two speakers in February. Amory Lovins, co-founder, chairman and chief scientist of the Rocky Mountain Institute, will speak Feb. 12 on “Winning the Oil Endgame,” and Richard Cizik, aka the “Green Evangelist,” will deliver a lecture Feb. 25 entitled “For God’s Sake.”

All lectures in the series originate from the Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and are simulcast in Scottsbluff, North Platte, Kearney, Wayne, Columbus and Omaha.

Lovins, a MacArthur Fellow and consultant physicist, has advised the energy industry as well as the U.S. departments of energy and defense for more than three decades. Published in 29 books and hundreds of papers, his work in more than 50 countries has been recognized by many honorary doctorates and awards. Among other honors, he was named Time magazine’s “Hero for the Planet.” His most recent book is “Winning the Oil Endgame.”

As vice-president for governmental affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, Cizik sets policy direction on issues before Congress, the White House and the Supreme Court, as well as serving as a national spokesman on issues of concern to evangelicals. A conservative both politically and religiously, Cizik is on a mission to convert millions of Americans to the cause of conservation, using a right-to-life framework and spreading the doctrine of “creation care” to evangelical Christians.

Simulcast sites are the Harms Advanced Technology Center at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, the McDonald-Belton Building at the South Campus of the Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, the Communications Building at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Connell Hall at Wayne State College, West Education Center at Central Community College in Columbus, and the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Lectures begin at 7 p.m.; in Scottsbluff, the lectures air at 6 p.m. (MST).

The year’s theme is “Changing Nature,” with speakers exploring a cross-section of subjects related to the science and politics of environmentalism. After Lovins and Cizik, the remaining lecturer in the 20th season is William K. Reilly, president and CEO of Aqua International Partners, who will speak April 22.

The Thompson Forum brings a diversity of viewpoints on international and public policy issues to the citizens of Nebraska at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The series was named in honor of E.N. “Jack” Thompson, who served as president of the Cooper Foundation from 1964 to 1990 and as its chairman from 1990 until his death in 2002. Thompson established the series to promote better understanding of world events and issues for all Nebraskans.

All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Beth McQueen at the Nebraska Humanities Council at (402) 474-2131 ext. 108 or at [beth@nebraskahumanities.org](mailto:beth@nebraskahumanities.org)

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