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“Changing Nature” is subject of Nov. 12 Thompson lecture

Sunita Narain, director of the Centre for Science and Environment in New Delhi, India, will speak Nov. 12 on the subject of “Changing Nature in an Unequal World,” next in the 2007-08 series of E.N. Thompson Lectures on World Issues.

The lecture, which originates from the Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will be simulcast in Scottsbluff, North Platte, Kearney, Wayne, Columbus and Omaha.

Director of the Society for Environmental Communications and publisher of Down to Earth magazine, Narain advocates for environmentally sustainable development, which she sees as a matter of survival for millions of poor people in India and worldwide. She has authored or co-authored many influential works, including “Towards Green Villages,” which advocates participatory democracy as the key to sustainable development; “Global Warming in an Unequal World: A Case of Environmental Colonialism;” and “Towards a Green World: Should Environmental Management Be Built on Legal Conventions or Human Rights?”

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. Remaining lecturers in the 20th season are Amory Lovins, co-founder, chairman and chief scientist of the Rocky Mountain Institute (Feb. 12); Richard Cizik, aka the “Green Evangelist,” vice-president for governmental affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals (Feb. 25); and William K. Reilly, president and CEO of Aqua International Partners (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

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