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Sept. 13 Sartore lecture to be simulcast statewide

National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore will launch the 2007-08 E.N. Thompson Lectures on World Issues Sept. 13. 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 and Omaha.

The Nebraska Humanities Council is collaborating with colleges and universities statewide to simulcast all of the this year's lectures, with financial support from the Cooper Foundation.

Remote sites for the series include 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, and the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. All lectures begin at 7 p.m. (CST); 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. Sartore's lecture is entitled "Grounded: A Reflection on the Use of Life and Land."

A native Nebraskan, Sartore began his career with the National Geographic Society in 1991. Since then, he has completed 17 stories for National Geographic magazine, all focusing on natural history and wildlife. Sartore has been recognized for his work by the National Press Photographers Association, the Inland Daily Press Association, and the Pictures of the Year International contest. Sartore's photographs also have run in Audubon, Life, Newsweek, Sports Illustrated and Time magazines, and in numerous books. He has been featured on several TV and radio programs, including "National Geographic Explorer," "NBC Nightly News," National Public Radio's "Weekend Edition" and "CBS Sunday Morning." Sartore was recently featured in the PBS documentary "At Close Range."

Other lecturers in the forum's 20th season are Sunita Narain, director of the Centre for Science and Environment in Delhi, India; Amory Lovins, co-founder, chairman and chief scientist of the Rocky Mountain Institute; Richard Cizik, aka the "Green Evangelist," vice-president for governmental affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals; and William K. Reilly, president and CEO of Aqua International Partners. An addition to the schedule this year is the Charles and Linda Wilson Dialogue on Domestic Issues, a moderated debate between two experts on ethanol, Douglas Durante and Jerry Taylor.

For 19 years, the Thompson Forum has brought a diversity of viewpoints on international

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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. With the simulcast option in Scottsbluff, North Platte, Kearney, Wayne, and Omaha, even more Nebraskans will have the opportunity to benefit from outstanding speakers who are world-class experts on the subject of “Changing Nature.”

All Thompson Forum lectures begin at 7 p.m. (CST) and are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Aimee Poor at the Nebraska Humanities Council at (402) 474-2131 or by e-mail at aimee@nebraskahumanities.org

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