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Speaker to address moral costs of war on terror

Journalist Mark Danner will speak Feb. 23 on “Torture, Obama and Us: The Moral Costs of the War on Terror.” Part of the 2010-11 E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues, the lecture originates from the Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, with simulcasts in Columbus, Hastings, Kearney, North Platte, Omaha and Scottsbluff.

Danner’s lecture will draw on his 25 years of experience writing and reporting on politics and foreign affairs. Focusing on war and conflict, Danner has covered Central America, Haiti, the Balkans, Iraq and the Middle East.

Danner is professor of journalism at the University of California, Berkeley, and James Clarke Chace Professor of Foreign Affairs, Politics and the Humanities at Bard College. Among his books are “Stripping Bare the Body: Politics Violence War, Torture and Truth,” “The Secret Way to War,” and “The Massacre at El Mozote.” Danner was a long-time staff writer at The New Yorker and is a frequent contributor to The New York Review of Books. His work has appeared in Harper’s, The New York Times, Aperture, and other newspapers and magazines. He has co-written and helped produce two hour-long documentaries for the ABC News program Peter Jennings Reporting, and his work has received a National Magazine Award, three Overseas Press Awards, and an Emmy. In 1999 Danner was named a MacArthur Fellow.

Danner’s lecture will be simulcast and followed with community conversation at:

- Columbus, Central Community College, Room 205, West Education Center
- Hastings College, Wilson Center
- University of Nebraska-Kearney, Communications Center Building, Room 101
- North Platte Community College, South Campus, 601 West State Farm Road
- University of Nebraska at Omaha, Milo Bail Student Center, Chancellor’s Room
- Scottsbluff, Western Nebraska Community College, Harms Advanced Technology Center, Room B-132

The lecture begins at 7 p.m. (6 p.m. in Scottsbluff) and is free and open to the public.

Remaining speakers in the series are Laurie Garrett on global health care and disease prevention March 9 and Pietra Rivoli on international trade April 12.

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. The simulcasts, sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and the local college or university, allow more Nebraskans to have the opportunity to benefit from outstanding speakers and community discussion.

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