Writer and activist Frances Moore Lappé to deliver 2010 Cressman Lecture on April 5th

“Why are we as societies creating a world that we as individuals abhor?” This provocative question has propelled Frances Moore Lappé’s life and work for four decades now. The author or co-author of more than 17 books, beginning with her ground-breaking *Diet for a Small Planet* (which has sold more than three million copies since it was first released in 1971), Lappé has been tirelessly advocating for effective democracy and sustainable food practices since long before the term “carbon footprint” was coined.

The recipient of 17 honorary doctorates and a leading expert on world food issues, Lappé asserts that hunger isn’t caused by a scarcity of food; it is caused by a scarcity of democracy. Known as a “warrior of hope,” Lappé believes we have the power to address world hunger by being responsible and involved members of a “living democracy”—a form of democracy that extends far beyond the voting booth to our daily decisions about what we buy and how we choose to live. Lappé insists that true democracy isn’t something we have, but rather something we do. “Every choice we make can be a continued on page 5

Kwame Anthony Appiah to speak on freedom and honor as 2009-10 Tzedek Professor

The *Year of the Book* series will conclude with the visit of Princeton philosophy professor Kwame Anthony Appiah, this year’s Tzedek Professor in the Humanities. Appiah was recently appointed President of the PEN American Center, an internationally acclaimed literary and human rights organization. He will present two lectures during his visit to Oregon.

In his Eugene lecture, “Defending Freedom of Expression in the Written Word” (Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in 182 Lillis Hall), Appiah will talk about the work of the PEN American Center and our responsibility as global citizens to help support human rights and freedom of expression throughout the world. The PEN American Center was founded in 1922 and is the largest of the 144 PEN centers in 101 countries that together comprise International PEN. Throughout its 85-year history, PEN presidents such as Arthur Miller, Norman Mailer, Susan Sontag, Salman Rushdie, and now Appiah have placed themselves at the forefront of the struggle to oppose censorship and defend writers. continued on page 4
Promoting justice for victims of human rights abuse

Senior Analyst and Director of Chile and Cuba Documentation Projects at the National Security Archive to speak on May 5th

The OHC’s Endowment for Public Outreach in the Arts, Sciences, and Humanities is pleased to present Peter Kornbluh in a lecture entitled “Information is Power: Access to Archives and Human Rights in Latin America,” on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in 182 Lillis Hall.

Across Latin America, judges, lawyers, and the families of victims of human rights abuses are empowering themselves through the investigative use of declassified archives. In Mexico, Guatemala, Argentina, and Chile, for example, millions of pages of formerly secret documents are yielding details of kidnappings, torture and execution—at times advancing the cause of justice and accountability for the perpetrators of these atrocities, at times revealing the truth about the victims’ disappearance so that family members can find closure.

Kornbluh will discuss the power of access to archives and information to advance truth, justice, and dignity for the victims of human rights in Latin America. He will also explore the issue of access to archives in the United States, and the role U.S. documents have played in advancing the cause of human rights in Latin America, as well as the role they can play in future investigations of the U.S. government’s own controversial abuses of human rights abroad.

Peter Kornbluh has worked at the National Security Archive since April 1986. He currently directs the Archive’s Cuba and Chile Documentation Projects. He was co-director of the Iran-Contra documentation project and director of the NSA’s project on U.S. policy toward Nicaragua. From 1990 to 1999 he taught at Columbia University as an adjunct assistant professor of international and public affairs. Kornbluh is the author or editor of several books and has appeared on many national radio and television programs, including “60 Minutes,” “Night Line,” and “All Things Considered.” He has also worked on and appeared in several documentary films. He is currently a weekly columnist for the Chilean newspaper, Diario Siete.

The lecture, part of the OHC’s Year of the Book series, is free and open to the public. For more information or for disability accommodations (which must be made by April 28th), call (541) 346-3934.

Native American scholars to give talks on “Navajo Cosmology” and “Women as Healers in Native Society”

The OHC’s Endowment for Public Outreach in the Arts, Sciences, and Humanities is pleased to collaborate with the White Lotus Gallery to present two talks by Native American scholars Harry and Anna Lee Walters.

The first presentation, a discussion by Harry Walters entitled “Navajo Cosmology and World Order,” will take place at 10 a.m. and will be moderated by Douglas Beauchamp, Director of the Lane Arts Council. Mr. Walters will introduce the complex system of life among the Navajo people, including their ceremonial structure, which is more than five centuries old. He will discuss how this system still guides the Navajo people in modern times and how it is applied to contemporary problem solving.

At 1 p.m. Anna Lee Walters will give a lecture entitled “Women as Healers in Native American Society.” This talk will focus on the social and historical background of women as healers in two societies, the Pawnee and the Otoe-Missouria. It will introduce ideas about well-being, illness, and death, and the relationships of these states to the way societies interact with the natural world.

Harry Walters is a Navajo scholar whose work focuses on the culture and philosophy of the Navajo people. He is also formally trained in anthropology and art. He taught at the college level for more than 35 years. Presently semi-retired, he is a consultant to the legal profession and to educational projects on traditional Navajo laws and values. Walters has been featured in several videos on Navajo history.

Anna Lee Walters, the daughter of Pawnee and Otoe-Missouria parents and an enrolled member of the Pawnee Tribe, is a writer and college teacher. For much of her life she has been a speaker on indigenous Native American topics. She is the author of several books, both fiction and non-fiction, including a novel entitled Ghost Singer (1994). She is currently completing her second novel.

The talks are free and open to the public, and are being co-sponsored by Women’s and Gender Studies and the Center for the Study of Women in Society. The Walters are visiting Eugene in conjunction with a photo exhibit entitled “American Southwest” by Eugene photographer Gary Tepfer, which opens at the White Lotus Gallery on April 22 and runs through June 1. For more information please call (541) 345-3276.
Winding up a busy “Year of the Book,”
campus-wide offerings continue through spring

Ongoing
“Destination of the Week,” a bi-weekly display showcasing media the Mills International Center has available for check-out—travel guides, cookbooks, magazines, DVDs, atlases, CDs, and more! Sponsor: Mills International Center in the EMU, (541) 346-0887.

April 1, 2010
“Edible Book Festival” UO students, faculty, and staff are invited to submit an entry or view the entries during the festival, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Knight Library Browsing Room. Entries must reflect the concept of “the book” in some way by using text, form, or literary inspiration. Examples may be reviewed at the International Edible Book Festival web site: www.books2eat.com. Viewing is open to the public. Sponsor: UO Libraries. Information: Ann Miller, (541) 346-3064.

April 3, 2010
Symposium: “Francesco Petrarca, from Manuscript to Digital Culture,” 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., various locations. Sponsor: Romance Languages. Information: (541) 346-0957.

April 7, 2010

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April 13, 2010

April 15, 2010
Lecture: “New Worlds and New Media: Text, Image, and Language Community in Early Print Culture,” Thomas Hahn, English, University of Rochester, 4 p.m., Knight Library Browsing Room. Sponsor: English, (541) 346-3911.

April 16-May 1, 2010
Theatre: “The Highest Tide” Based on the novel by Olympia author Jim Lynch, we follow Miles O’Malley as he explores the Puget Sound tidal flats near his home in this coming of age story. 8 p.m., Robinson Theatre, Miller Theatre Complex. Information: (541) 346-1791. Tickets: (541) 346-4363.

April 16, 2010

April 17, 2010

April 17, 2010

May 13, 2010
Reading: Mark Jarman, poetry, 8 p.m., EMU Fir Room. Sponsor: Creative Writing, (541) 346-3944.

May 21-June 5, 2010
Theatre: “Annelie in the Depths of the Night” Somewhere between waking and sleeping, Annelie journeys into the depths of the night. Along the way she meets a daffy cast of characters in a delightful adventure for audiences young and old. Based on the children’s fable by Imme Dros, adapted for the stage by Jennifer Schlueuter. 8 p.m., Hope Theatre, Miller Theatre Complex. Sponsor: University Theatre. Information: (541) 346-1791. Tickets: (541) 346-4363.

May 26, 2010
Lecture: “Collaboration, Creation, Subversion: The Journey of Translation,” Suzanne Jill Levine, Spanish, University of California, Santa Barbara, 3:30 p.m., 112 Lillis Hall. Sponsor: Romance Languages, (541) 346-0951.

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1. sustainability; livability; spirituality.
2. food; water; nourishment; 3. body; mind; soul.

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Appiah’s second lecture, entitled “A Life of Honor,” will take place at the UO in Portland, White Stag Block, 70 NE Couch St. on Thursday, May 27th at 5:30 p.m. As Appiah says, “In the last few centuries, new democratic ideals have circled the globe, emancipating women, slaves, and the powerless.... I have been exploring a striking paradox: the engine of these changes that created the modern world was the very ancient sense of honor.” Appiah’s survey of the idea of honor explores the end of the duel in aristocratic England; the tumultuous struggles over footbinding in 19th-century China; the uprising of ordinary people against Atlantic slavery; and the horrors of honor killing in contemporary Pakistan, where rape victims are murdered by their relatives. Appiah observes that paradoxically, opponents of honor killing are most effective when they forcefully enlist honor against the practice.

Kwame Anthony Appiah was born in London to a Ghanian father and white mother, and raised in Ghana. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Cambridge University and is now the Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Philosophy at Princeton. Appiah’s work encompasses ethics and identity, the nature of morality, and African and African-American studies. He is the author of several books, including In My Father’s House (1993), Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers (2007), and The Ethics of Identity (2007).

These lectures are free and open to the public. No tickets or reservations.
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Coming up on UO Today

Week of:

March 29, 2010

Temple Grandin, professor, Animal Science, Colorado State University, discusses her work as a designer of humane livestock handling systems. She also talks about her life as a person with autism.

April 5, 2010

Pascal Boyer, the Henry Luce Professor of Individual and Collective Memory at Washington University in St. Louis, discusses how the organization of the human mind influences culture, specifically how religion is acquired and communicated. He gave a lecture entitled “Mental Instincts and Their Effects on Religious Thought and Behavior” at the UO on February 17, 2010.

April 12, 2010

Seymour Hersh, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist and author, discusses the current state of journalism and its future, as well as the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Hersh gave a lecture entitled “The Question of Torture” on February 18 and 19, 2010 as the first UO Distinguished Presidential Lecturer and the 2010 Savage Professor of International Relations and Peace.

April 19, 2010

Marga Vicedo, professor, History of Biology in the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology at the University of Toronto, discusses the history of scientific views about human instincts, particularly maternal instincts and attachment theory.

April 26, 2010

Denis Hayes, President and CEO of The Bullitt Foundation and the National Coordinator of the first Earth Day in 1970, discusses the work of his Foundation as well as the history and current status of the environmental movement in the U.S. Hayes gave a lecture entitled “Is Prosperity Incompatible with Posterity?” on Feb. 24, 2010 as the OHC’s 2009-10 Clark Lecturer.

May 3, 2010

Leslie McCall, associate professor of Sociology and faculty fellow in the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University, she discusses her research into rising economic inequality in the United States. She gave a lecture entitled “The Undeserving Rich? American Perceptions of Inequality, Opportunity, and Redistribution” on March 4, 2010.

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celebration of the world we want,” according to Lappé.

Lappé’s lecture, “Getting a Grip: Gaining Clarity, Creativity, and Courage for the World We Really Want” will take place on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom. Lappé will address the disempowering beliefs that are currently driving the deep economic and ecological crises throughout the world, and challenge us to rethink our core assumptions about how the world works. She will show that by re-examining the meaning of power, democracy, and hope, each of us can take positive steps towards creating a more sustainable, just, and equitable world for all.

The lecture is free and open to the public, and will be followed by a book sale and signing. There are no reservations or tickets. For disability accommodations (which must be made by March 29th), please call (541) 346-3934.

For answers to frequently asked questions about our public events (room location, parking, and more), please see: ohc.uoregon.edu/faq.html

New!
Can’t make it to campus?
View Frances Moore Lappé’s lecture as live streaming video at: ohc.uoregon.edu (live feed begins at 7 p.m.)
Upcoming W.I.P.s

We continue our series of work-in-progress talks by OHC faculty and graduate research fellows on their current or recent work on Fridays at noon in the Humanities Center Conference Room, 159 PLC. Brown-bag lunches are welcome!

April 16—Mark Unno, Religious Studies; 2009-10 Coleman-Guitteau Professor

April 30—Christopher Eckerman, Classics
“Panhellenic Landscapes: Greek Sanctuaries, Ideology, and Identity”

May 7—Bryna Goodman, History
“Lost in Translation? Economic Notions and Novelties in Early Republican China”

May 14—Pedro García-Caro, Romance Languages
“Between Socialism and Anarchism: Literatures of Mining and their Social Ecologies in Latin America, 1870-1935”

May 21—Michael Furtado, Graduate Dissertation Fellow, History
“Islands of Castile: The Sea and the Realm, 1248-1450”

June 4—Joseph Fracchia, Clark Honors College; 2009-10 Coleman-Guitteau Professor
“Capital and the Culture of Quantity: ‘Man’ as the Measurer and Quantity as the Measure of All Things”

All faculty and graduate students are encouraged to attend. The conference room seats twenty-seven; early arrival is recommended.

Francesco Petrarca
From manuscript to digital culture

A day-long international symposium devoted to the study of the impact of technology on Petrarch and literary studies will take place at the University of Oregon on April 3, 2010. In morning sessions, the symposium will feature presentations on Petrarch’s manuscripts, the recent critical edition of the Canzoniere, and the Hypertextual project concerning Petrarch’s masterpiece. The afternoon sessions will address the reception of Petrarch’s Canzoniere in translations and re-writings. A musical performance of a Petrarchan sonnet will conclude the event. Speakers include: Robert Durling, Ronald Martinez, Alicia de Colombi-Monguió, Giuseppe Savoca, and Wayne Storey. The complete program is available at: www.uoregon.edu/~maxiloll/Symposio.html

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