

**E.N. THOMPSON FORUM ON WORLD ISSUES
SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS**

2009/2010

9/14/09

Doug Bereuter - China's Trade and Soft Power Relationships with Asia and the United States - Reason to Worry?

The persistent issue of the United States' trade deficit with China is becoming more controversial as American manufacturing jobs are lost. Within that controversy lies the less-examined issue of the role of foreign investment in and the contribution of China's Asian neighbors to Chinese exports. Couple that with China's increasing focus on enhancing its soft power - often defined as the ability of a country to persuade others to do what it wants without force or coercion - and interesting questions arise. Is increasing Chinese soft power a zero sum game for the U.S.? Is the Chinese model of economic growth and political stability increasing attractive to the developing world? Doug Bereuter is uniquely qualified to provide insights into these questions and more.

As President and CEO of The Asia Foundation, Bereuter oversees an organization with 17 offices across Asia focused on improving civil society, women's empowerment, economic reform and development, international relations and more. Bereuter joined The Asia Foundation in 2004 following his resignation as Congressman representing Nebraska's First District, a position he held for 26 years. While in Congress, Bereuter co-founded the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, and chaired a task force on the transition of Hong Kong and the House Delegation to the 40-country NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

10/6/09

Kaiser Kuo - Shouting Across the Chasm: Chinese and American Netizens Clash in Cyberspace

The Lewis E. Harris Lecture on Public Policy

Tibet, the Olympic Torch Run, the Olympics . . . the year 2008 offered unprecedented opportunities for Chinese and Anglophone Internet users to communicate. They were standing nose to virtual nose, but they were not, by any means, seeing eye-to-eye. Using the Internet as a starting point, Kaiser Kuo delves into a number of issues at the heart of disagreements on the people-to-people level.

Born in the U. S. to Chinese parents, Kuo lives in China and identifies equally as American and Chinese. Formerly director of digital strategy for the Beijing office of a global advertising agency, Kuo has worked as a technology and business writer for publications such as Time, TimeAsia, China Economic Review, Asia Inc., and the South China Morning Post, and currently serves as an advisor for Youku.com, a leading video sharing company in China. Kuo co-founded China's most famous rock band, Tang Dynasty, and continues to be active in the Chinese music scene.

11/12/09

Dr. Susan Shirk - China: Fragile Superpower

Once a sleeping giant, China today is the world's fastest growing economy-- a dramatic turn-around that alarms many Westerners. Shirk's 2007 book, *China: Fragile Superpower*, explored the troubling paradox faced by China's leaders: the more developed and prosperous the country becomes, the more insecure and threatened they feel. Shirk, a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State responsible for China, knows many of today's Chinese rulers personally and has studied them for three decades. In her Thompson Forum lecture, Shirk will give an update on the state of China's internal politics and the fears that motivate its leaders. Susan L. Shirk is Director of the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, and Professor at UC-San Diego's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies. A leading authority on China, she has written numerous books and articles on this subject, including pieces that have appeared in Washington Post, Financial Times, and Wall Street Journal.

1/26/10

Richard Behar - China in Africa: The New Scramble?

Europe's rapid colonization of Africa in the late 19th and early 20th centuries came to be known as the "Scramble for Africa." Is China's increasing involvement in Africa the 21st century version? From Algeria to Zambia, from aluminum up the resource ladder to zinc, Behar, an award-winning investigative journalist, will discuss an economic model that is at once formidably efficient and tragically flawed and how China's new "scramble for Africa" is interlocked with America's economy.

Richard Behar has garnered 20 journalism awards over a career spanning 25 years. He was called "one of the most dogged of our watchdogs" by the late syndicated columnist Jack Anderson. Behar spent nine years with Fortune magazine, preceded by six years at Time and six years at Forbes. Prior to that, he was a stringer/researcher at the New York Times. Behar has also done assignments for BBC, CNN, FoxNews.com, Fast Company, and PBS.

Late February/early March, 2010

Chuck Hagel and T.B.A. - China Rising: Good or Bad News for U.S. Workers, Consumers and Investors?

Charles and Linda Wilson Dialogue on Domestic Issues

Former Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel and a senior-level Chinese diplomat will discuss the complex relationship between the United States and China and its effects on the citizens of both countries. The date for this event will be confirmed this Fall. More information on this event will be posted on this site as it becomes available.

4/1/10 Rob Gifford - China Road: A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power

Rob Gifford first went to China in 1987, as a 20 year old undergraduate, to study the Chinese language. He has spent much of the last twenty years living in and reporting on the rise of China, most recently as Beijing Correspondent of National Public Radio. In his recently-published book, *China Road*, he records a two month journey along Route 312, the Chinese equivalent of Route 66. The road flows three-thousand miles from east to west, passing through the factory towns of the coastal areas, through the rural heart of China, then up into the Gobi Desert, where it merges with the old Silk Road. The highway witnesses every part of the social and economic revolution that is turning China upside down.

Gifford tells the story of his journey through the lives of the colourful Chinese characters he meets along the way: garrulous talk show hosts and ambitious yuppies, impoverished peasants and tragic prostitutes, cellphone salesmen, AIDS patients and Tibetan monks. Using the road trip as a prism to view modern China, he asks bigger questions too: about where China is going, about who the Chinese people are, and about whether we in the West should be concerned about China's rise.

Now NPR's London correspondent, Gifford served as NPR's China correspondent from 1999-2005. Gifford holds degrees in Chinese Studies from Durham University (UK) and Regional Studies (East Asia) from Harvard University.

2008/2009

- 9/19/08 **David Gergen – Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership**
13th Annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and the University of Nebraska
 Commentator, editor, teacher, public servant, best-selling author and adviser to presidents, David Gergen has been an active participant in American national life. He served as director of communications for President Ronald Reagan and also held positions in the Nixon, Ford and Clinton administrations. Gergen currently serves as editor-at-large at U.S. News & World Report and as a regular television commentator. He is also a professor of public service at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and director of its Center for Public Leadership. In 2000, he published the best-selling book "Eyewitness to Power: The Essence: of Leadership, Nixon to Clinton."
- 10/28/08 **Ronald Dworkin – Democracy and Religion: America and Israel**
The Kripke Lecture, co-sponsored by the UNL Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies
 Ronald Dworkin has a unique ability to tie together abstract philosophical ideas and arguments with concrete everyday concerns in law, morals and politics. Dubbed "Mr. Justice" by the Times of London, Dworkin's pioneering scholarly work has had worldwide impact. He is a Professor of Philosophy and Law at New York University and a Professor of Law at University College London. In 2007, Dworkin was awarded the prestigious Holberg International Memorial Prize by the University of Bergen, Norway for outstanding scholarly work in the humanities. Dworkin has written influential articles on matters of public political controversy for many years. Among his many acclaimed books are: "Taking Rights Seriously," "Justice in Robes" and "Is Democracy Possible Here? Principles for New Political Debate."
- 11/18/08 **Theodore C. "Ted" Sorensen – America and the World, 1962 to 2008: Contrasts and Contradictions**
 Theodore C. 'Ted' Sorensen, former special counsel and adviser to President John F. Kennedy and a widely published author on the presidency and foreign affairs, practiced international law for over 36 years as a senior partner, and now of counsel, in the prominent U.S. law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Former chairman of the firm's International Practice Committee, he has represented U.S. and multinational corporations in negotiations with governments all over the world and advised and assisted a large number of foreign governments and government leaders, ranging from the late President Anwar El Sadat of Egypt to former President Nelson Mandela of South Africa. Sorensen is a Lincoln native and graduate of UNL and the University of Nebraska College of Law. His memoirs, "Counselor: A Life at the Edge of History," were published in May, 2008.
- 2/10/09 **F.W. deKlerk – Bridging the Gap: Globalization Without Isolation**
Lewis E. Harris Lecture on Public Policy
 During his time as president of South Africa, F.W. de Klerk released Nelson Mandela from prison, and initiated and presided over the dismantling of apartheid, the adoption of South Africa's first fully democratic constitution and the first-ever multiracial elections. In 1993, Mandela and de Klerk shared the Nobel Peace Prize. One of the most influential statesmen of our time, de Klerk founded and is currently chairman of the Global Leadership Foundation, a consortium of former heads of state dedicated to promoting peace, democracy and development worldwide by providing confidential peer-to-peer advice to governments around the world.
- 3/4/09 **Sarah Chayes – Notes from Afghanistan**
 Sarah Chayes has been living and working in Kandahar, Afghanistan since 2001, when she covered the fall of the Taliban for National Public Radio. In 2002 she left journalism to help rebuild the

shattered country whose fate will help determine the shape of the 21st century, working first with Afghans for Civil Society, and currently with Arghand, a cooperative producing fine skin-care products from local fruits, nuts and botanicals. The Washington Post described her book, "The Punishment of Virtue: Inside Afghanistan After the Taliban," as "sharply observed, fearlessly told." Prior to her assignment in Afghanistan, Chayes reported for NPR in the Balkans, North Africa and the Middle East. Along with members of her NPR team, she was recognized by the Foreign Press for her reporting in Kosovo.

3/25/09

**Dr. Michael Olivas and Dr. Vernon Briggs – Illegal Immigrants: Path to Citizenship?
Charles and Linda Wilson Dialogue on Domestic Issues**

Estimates of the number of illegal immigrants in the United States range from 11 million to more than 20 million. Most recommendations for immigration reform center on the issue of a path to citizenship for these people. Opponents say this is amnesty, a strategy which proved ineffective in previous immigration legislation. Supporters say legalization is both a necessity and a moral obligation. In the second annual Wilson Dialogue, Dr. Michael Olivas, William B. Bates Distinguished Chair of Law at the University of Houston, and Dr. Vernon Briggs, Professor Emeritus in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, will discuss the issue of a path to citizenship.

4/14/09

Colin G. Campbell – Citizenship in a Global Age

The idea of "global citizenship" is old as Athens. But, to this day, it remains a political ideal, not a practical reality. The "world" does not issue you a passport or guarantee you rights. Yet, the values implied by global citizenship - broad awareness, intelligent engagement - have become more compelling than ever. In the final lecture of the Thompson Forum's 20th Anniversary season, Colin G. Campbell will discuss citizenship and its history, the development of American citizenship and the challenges (and potential) of citizenship in the era of globalization. Colin G. Campbell is Chairman and President of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation which, in 2007, convened the World Forum on the Future of Democracy. Since then, the Foundation has used both technology and face-to-face contact to engage thousands of people worldwide in a conversation about the roles, responsibilities and rights of citizens in a democracy.

2007/2008

9/13/07

Joel Sartore - Grounded: A Reflection on the Use of Life and Land

A life-long Nebraskan, photographer Joel Sartore has covered everything from the remote Amazon rainforest to beer-drinking, mountain-racing firefighters in the United Kingdom. He has produced 17 articles for National Geographic magazine, focusing on endangered species and land use issues and his work has been featured in Time, Life, Newsweek, Sports Illustrated, and numerous books. Sartore and his work have been the subject of several national broadcasts including National Geographic's Explorer, the NBC Nightly News, NPR's Weekend Edition and CBS Sunday Morning, as well as an hour-long PBS documentary, At Close Range.

10/15/07

**Douglas Durante and Jerry Taylor - Ethanol
Charles and Linda Wilson Dialogue on Domestic Issues**

Douglas A. Durante is president and chief operating officer for Durante Associates, a Washington, DC based consulting firm and is the founder and executive director of the Clean Fuels Development Coalition (CFDC), a non-profit organization supporting clean transportation fuels such as renewable alcohols and ethers.

Jerry Taylor is a senior fellow of the Cato Institute. He challenges the "market failure" critique of free markets as they pertain to energy policy and environmental protection. He has served on numerous congressional advisory bodies and has testified over a dozen times at hearings on Capitol Hill. He is the author of numerous studies and journal essays on energy and environmental issues, and has contributed to several anthologies, including *Market Liberalism: A New Paradigm for the 21st Century*, *The Cato Handbook for Congress*, and *China as a Global Economic Power: Market Reforms and the New Millennium*, and *Earth Report 2000: Revisiting the True State of the Planet*.

11/12/07

***CANCELLED* - Sunita Narain - Changing Nature in an Unequal World**

Sunita Narain is the director of the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) in Delhi, India, and director of the Society for Environmental Communications and publisher of Down To Earth magazine. Since joining the Centre in 1982, Narain has studied the relationship between environment and development and worked to create public consciousness of the need for sustainable development and the role of local, participatory democracy in that development. Her recent work focuses on water-related issues especially water harvesting.

2/12/08

**Amory Lovins - Winning the Oil Endgame
Lewis E. Harris Lecture on Public Policy**

Amory Lovins is the co-founder, chairman and chief scientist of the Rocky Mountain Institute, an independent, market-oriented, nonprofit and nonpartisan think-and-do tank. Much of its work on the efficient and restorative use of resources as well as innovative business strategies is detailed in the book *Natural Capitalism*. Lovins, a MacArthur Fellow, has advised the energy industry and other businesses as well as the U.S. Department of Energy and the Department of Defense. Lovins' latest book, *Winning the Oil Endgame*, was co-sponsored by the Pentagon.

2/25/08

Reverend Richard Cizik - For God's Sake

The Reverend Richard Cizik, vice president for governmental affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals (NEA), calls climate change a crisis of "biblical proportions." His responsibilities include setting NEA's 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. He is the author of over 100 published articles, editorials and books, including *The High Cost of Indifference: Can Christians Afford Not to Act?*

4/22/08

Bruce Babbitt – Nebraska’s Water Future: Feast or Famine

Bruce Babbitt was Governor of Arizona from 1978-87 and Attorney General of Arizona from 1975-78. As governor, he brought environmental and resource management to the forefront in the state. He negotiated and steered to passage the Arizona Groundwater Management Act of 1980, which remains the most comprehensive water regulatory system in the nation. He was also responsible for creation of the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

Appointed Secretary of the Interior by President Clinton, Babbitt led the creation of the forest plan in the Pacific Northwest, restoration of the Florida Everglades, passage of the California Desert Protection Act, and legislation for the National Wildlife Refuge system. As a certified fire fighter, he brought his front line experience to creating a new federal wild land fire policy that emphasized the role of fire in maintenance and restoration of natural ecosystems. He pioneered the use of habitat conservation plans under the Endangered Species Act and worked with Clinton to create 22 new national monuments. He is the author of "Cities in the Wilderness," recently issued by Island Press, in which he lays out a new vision of land use in America. He currently serves as a director of the World Wildlife Fund.

2006/2007

9/08/06

Ambassador John Bolton

Appointed by President George W. Bush as United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations on August 1, 2005. Served as Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security from 2001- 2005; Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs at the Department of State, 1989-1993; Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 1985-1989; Assistant Administrator for Program and Policy Coordination, U.S. Agency for International Development, 1982-1983; and General Counsel, U.S. Agency for International Development, 1981-1982.

9/20/06

**Azar Nafisi - Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books
11th Annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and the University of Nebraska**

Author of the national bestseller *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books*. Director of the Dialogue Project at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C., and professor of aesthetics, culture, and literature. She held a fellowship from Oxford and taught English literature at the University of Tehran, the Free Islamic University and Allameh Tabatabai University in Iran.

11/09/06

George McGovern - America: the Road Ahead at Home and Abroad

United States Congressman, Senator, and the Democratic nominee for the 1972 presidential election. Visiting professor at including Columbia University, Northwestern University, Duke University, Cornell University and the University of Berlin. President of the Middle East Policy Council from 1991-1998; appointed by President Bill Clinton as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome. In 2001, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan named him honorary United Nations Global Ambassador on World Hunger.

- 2/08/07 **Clyde Prestowitz**
The Lewis E. Harris Lecture on Public Policy
 Founder and President of the Economic Strategy Institute; served as counselor to the Secretary of Commerce in the Reagan Administration, leading many U.S. trade and investment negotiations with Japan, China, Latin America, and Europe. Author of *Rogue Nation* and *Three Billion New Capitalists: The Great Shift of Wealth and Power to the East*.
- 3/22/07 **Sherwin Nuland, M.D.**
The Kripke Lecture, co-sponsored by the UNL Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies
 Clinical Professor of Surgery at the Yale University School of Medicine and a Fellow at Yale's Institute for Social and Policy Studies. Author of nine books, including *Doctors: The Biography of Medicine*, *The Wisdom of the Body*, *The Mysteries Within*, *Lost in America: A Journey with My Father*, and *The Doctors' Plague: Germs, Childbed Fever, and the Strange Story of Ignác Semmelweis*. His book *How We Die: Reflections on Life's Final Chapter* won the National Book Award and spent thirty-four weeks on the New York Times best-seller list.
- 2005/2006**
- 9/15/05 **Elaine Pagels - Beyond Belief: A Different View of Christianity**
 Harrington Spear Pain Professor of Religion at Princeton University. Author of *The Gnostic Gospels* and *Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas*. Co-sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Cotner College.
- 11/02/05 **Michael Walzer - The Paradox of National Liberation: India, Israel and Algeria**
The Kripke Lecture, co-sponsored by the UNL Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies
 Professor of social science at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ. Author of *Arguing About War* and *Politics and Passion*.
- 2/15/06 **T.R. Reid - The United States of Europe**
 Rocky Mountain bureau chief for The Washington Post, formerly bureau chief in Tokyo and London. Author of books in both English and Japanese, including *The United States of Europe: The New Superpower and the End of American Supremacy*.
- 4/12/06 **Peter G. Peterson - America and the World Economy**
The Lewis E. Harris Lecture on Public Policy
 Chairman and co-founder of The Blackstone Group and founding president of The Concord Coalition, a bi-partisan citizen's group dedicated to building a constituency of fiscal responsibility. Assistant to President Nixon for International Economic Affairs and appointed Secretary of Commerce in 1972. Author of *Running on Empty: How the Democratic and Republican Parties are Bankrupting Our Future and What Americans Can Do About It*.

2004/2005

- 9/09/04 **David Halberstam - War and the Modern American Presidency**
9th Annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and the University of Nebraska
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for his reporting on Vietnam, and author of 19 books, including *The Best and the Brightest*, *The Powers That Be*, and *The Reckoning*.
- 10/12/04 **Leon Wieseltier - Power and Virtue: American Foreign Policy in the Middle East After September 11**
The Kripke Lecture, co-sponsored by the UNL Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies
Literary editor of the *New Republic* since 1983, author of *Nuclear War Nuclear Peace*, *Against Identity*, and *Kaddish*.
- 11/08/04 **Roy Gutman - Afghanistan and Lessons Learned**
Foreign editor for *Newsday* and Jennings Randolph senior fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace. Former Washington-based correspondent for *Newsweek*, Pulitzer-prize winner for international reporting on "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- 3/25/05 **Samantha Power - U.S. Foreign Policy and Human Rights**
Executive Director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy and adjunct lecturer in Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Author of *A Problem From Hell: America and the Age of Genocide*, winner of the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for general non-fiction and National Book Critics Circle Award.
- 4/07/05 **John Gerard Ruggie - American Exceptionalism, Exemptionalism and Global Governance.**
The Lewis E. Harris Lecture on Public Policy
Kirkpatrick Professor of International Affairs and Weil Director, Center for Business and Government at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and chief advisor for strategic planning to Secretary-General Koffi Annan from 1997-2001. Author of six books, including *Winning the Peace: America and the World Order in the New Era* and *Constructing World Policy*.

2003/2004

- 10/15/03 **Benjamin Barber**
Gershon and Carrol Kekst Professor of Civil Society at the University of Maryland. Author of 15 books, including *Jihad Vs. McWorld*, *A Passion For Democracy*, and *The Truth Of Power: Intellectual Affairs In The Clinton White House*. Awarded the Berlin Prize of American Academy of Berlin (2001), and the chair of American Civilization at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes in Paris, and the Palmes Academiques (Chevalier) from the French Government.

- 11/18/03 **Amos Oz**
The Kripke Lecture, co-sponsored by the UNL Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies
 Israeli author and essayist. Professor of literature at Ben Gurion University of the Negev. Visiting fellow at Oxford University, author-in-residence at the Hebrew University and writer-in-residence at Colorado College. Received the French Prix Femina and the 1992 Frankfurt Peace Prize.
- 1/26/04 **Thomas Borstelmann**
 E.N. and Katherine Thompson Professor of Modern World History at the University of Nebraska Lincoln. A specialist in American diplomatic history, he has written *Apartheid's Reluctant Uncle: The United States and Southern Africa in the Early Cold War* which received the Stuart L. Bernath Prize of the Society for American Foreign Relations, and *The Cold War and the Color Line: American Race Relations in the Global Arena*.
- 2/17/04 **Mary Robinson**
The Lewis E. Harris Lecture in Public Policy
 President of Ireland (1990 - 1997) and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997 - 2002). Before her election as President in 1990, Mrs. Robinson served as Senator, holding that office for 20 years. In 1969 she became the youngest Reid Professor of Constitutional Law at Trinity College, Dublin. She was called to the bar in 1967, becoming a Senior Counsel in 1980, and a member of the English Bar (Middle Temple) in 1973. She also served as a member of the International Commission of Jurists (1987-1990) and of the Advisory Commission of Inter-Rights (1984-1990). Educated at Trinity College, Mrs. Robinson also holds law degrees from the King's Inns in Dublin and from Harvard University.
- 2002/2003**
- 9/23/02 **Thomas Friedman – The Middle East and American Foreign Policy**
7th Annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council
 Pulitzer Prize winning public affairs columnist for *The New York Times*.
 Author of “From Beirut to Jerusalem” and “The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization.”
- 10/11/02 **Paul Farmer - Infectious Diseases and Poverty: A View from Haiti**
 Co-director of the Program in Infectious Disease and Social Change at Harvard Medical School and member of scientific committee of the World Health Organization working on tuberculosis. Received a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation "genius award" in recognition of his work. In addition to his research, Dr. Farmer runs health clinics in Haiti, Peru and Russia.
- 11/13/02 **Mary Pipher - The Middle of Everywhere: The World's Refugees Come to Nebraska**
 Dr. Mary Pipher is an author and clinical psychologist in Lincoln, Nebraska. Author of numerous books, including the New York Times Best Seller *Reviving Ophelia* and *The Middle of Everywhere - The World's Refugees Come to Our Town*.
- 12/1/02 **Bono, Ashley Judd, Lance Armstrong, Agnes Nyamayaro: Africa's Future, America's Future**
 World AIDS Day presentation to address AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.

- 3/6/2003 **CANCELLED Ahmad Chalabi - A Vision for the Future of Iraq and the Middle East**
President of the Iraqi National Congress, the leading opposition group against Saddam Hussein.
- 3/27/03 **Clifford D. May and Qubad Talabany - War Again Hussein: Necessary, Just and Winnable**
May is President of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, a bi-partisan anti-terrorism think tank. He was a reporter and editor for the New York Times and director of communications for the Republican National Committee. Talabany is deputy representative of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) and the PUK-led Kurdistan Regional Government's Washington office.
- 4/30/03 **Peter Gleick - Water and War: Issues for the 21st Century**
Co-founder and President of the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security. Dr. Gleick is an internationally recognized expert on global freshwater resources, including the impacts of climate change, sustainable water use, privatization and globalization, and international conflicts over water resources.

2001/2002

- 9/24/01 **Meave Leakey - The Search and Discovery of our Earliest Ancestors**
Paleoanthropologist, head of the Paleontology Division at the National Museums of Kenya.
- 11/02/01 **Senator Chuck Hagel - Terrorism: Where Do We Go From Here?**
A panel discussion on global events featuring U.S. Senator Hagel (Ne.), with Thomas E. Gouffier, Dean of International Studies and director of the Center of Afghanistan Studies at the University of Nebraska Omaha; Dr. Steven H. Hinrichs, director of the Nebraska Public Health Laboratory at the University of Nebraska Medical Center; Dr. Patrice McMahon, assistant professor of Political Science at the University of Nebraska Lincoln; and Peter Tomsen, Special Envoy on Afghanistan with the rank of Ambassador from 1989 - 1992.
- 3/7/02 **Anna Rosmus - Growing Up Where Hitler Lived**
As a teenager, discovered Nazi past of hometown of Passau, Germany. Author of five books on the Holocaust and antisemitism. Winner of 1995 Galinski Prize; subject of feature film and documentary.
- 3/14/02 **Mikhail Gorbachev - Russia: Retrospect and Prospects**
President of the Soviet Union from 1990-91; General Secretary of the Communist Party from 1985-1991; 1990 Nobel Peace Prize winner. President of the Gorbachev Foundation, and also Green Cross International, an environmental organization.
- 4/11/02 **Andrew Nathan - Is It Any of Our Business? Human Rights as an Issue in US-China Relations**
Professor, political science at Columbia University. Author of *The Tiananmen Papers* and *Negotiating Culture and Human Rights: Beyond Universalism and Relativism*.

2000/2001

- 10/25/00 **R. James Woolsey - National Security at the Dawn of the 21st Century**
Attorney, former director of Central Intelligence 1993 - 1995.
- 11/28/00 **David P. Forsythe - Justice After Injustice: What Response After Atrocities**
Charles J. Mach Distinguished Professor of Political Science, University of Nebraska Lincoln.
- 3/5/01 **Sarah Blaffer Hrdy - How Maternal Instincts Shaped the Human Species**
Author, cultural anthropologist, Guggenheim fellow.
- 4/3/01 **Rick M. Foster - Agriculture and Food Systems from an International Perspective**
Vice President for Programs, W.K. Kellogg Foundation

1999/2000

- 10/16/99 **Walter McDougall - Atlanticism, the New Atlantis: Euro-American Reveries and Realities**
Pulitzer Prize-winning Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania and the Foreign Policy Research Council
- 11/9/99 **Eugenia Zukerman - Arts at the Millennium**
Flutist, author and television commentator for "CBS Sunday Morning"
- 2/8/00 **Robert McNamara, James Blight, Robert Brigham - Argument Without End: In Search of Answers to the Vietnam Tragedy**
McNamara: Former Secretary of Defense to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson; Blight: Professor, International Relations, Brown University; Brigham: Director, Program in International Relations, Vassar College. Co-authors of "Argument Without End: In Search of Answers to the Vietnam Tragedy"
- 3/7/00 **Theodora Emily Colborn - Endocrine Disruption: From Wildlife to Humans**
Senior Scientist and Director, Wildlife and Contaminants Program, World Wildlife Fund
- 4/18/00 **Justice Michael Kirby - Human Rights in the New Millennium**
Justice, High Court of Australia
- 4/26/00 **Archbishop Desmond Tutu - Crying in the Wilderness: Struggle for Justice in South Africa**
South African anti-apartheid leader, 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Robert W. Woodruff Visiting Professor, Emory University

1998/1999

- 9/9/98 **Dorothy Ridings - As the World Turns: Global Giving Goes Center Stage**
President and Chief Executive Officer, The Council on Foundations
- 10/13/98 **Edward O. Wilson - Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge**
Pellegrino University Professor and Curator in Entomology,
Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University
- 11/12/98 **Robert K. Hitchcock - Africa: Environmental Conservation, Development and Human Rights**
Chair and Associate Professor, Anthropology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 3/9/99 **Anthony Lake - Superpower or Supercop: Dangers and Opportunities in the Post Cold War Era**
Former National Security Advisor to President Clinton
- 4/14/99 **Peter Arnett - Live from the Battlefield: From Vietnam to Baghdad to Bosnia**
Pulitzer Prize-winning CNN International Correspondent

1997/1998

- 9/16/97 **Camilia Sadat - Hate and Forgiveness: The Difference Between War and Peace**
President and Founder, Sadat Peace Institute; Senior Professor,
Bentley College
- 10/21/97 **Reverend Peter Gomes - The Religious Dimension that Will Not Quit: The Persistence of Belief in a Secular World**
Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Minister in the Memorial
Church, Harvard University
- 11/12/97 **Thomas Gouttierre - Drugs, Thugs and U.S. Interest on the Historic Spice Roads**
Dean of International Affairs, University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 3/4/98 **Richard Burkholder - The Mind of the Chinese Consumer: Polling the World's Most Populous Nation**
Vice President and Director of International Operations, Survey
Research, The Gallup Organization
- 4/9/98 **Hedrick Smith - Russia's Rocky Road to Freedom**
Pulitzer Prize-winning former *New York Times* correspondent;
author; principal panelist, "Washington Week in Review"; special
correspondent "News Hour with Jim Lehrer"

1996/1997

- 9/19/96 **Daniel W.Y. Kwok - China: The One and the Many
An End-of-the-Century View of Culture & Polity in China**
Professor, Chinese history and world history, University of Hawaii
- 10/22/96 **Col. Nancy Jaax and Col. Jerry Jaax - Lethal Viruses, Ebola and the Hot
Zone: Worldwide Transmission of Fatal Viruses**
U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases; leading specialists on “hot” viruses
- 11/20/96 **Diane Wilkens - International Development: Global Vision in Myopic Times**
President and founder, Development Finance International Inc.
- 3/5/97 **Ali Mazrui - Africa After the Cold War, African Political Scenery: Past,
Present, and Future**
Featured in the PBS series, *The Africans*; Director, Institute for Global Cultural Studies,
Binghamton University
- 4/9/97 **Walter Echo-Hawk - Indigenous v. Nonindigenous Rights, Responsibilities,
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