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DURHAM, N.H. – Gender equity and faculty diversity will be the focus of a talk at the University of New Hampshire Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at 2 p.m. in 303 James Hall.

Nancy Hopkins, Amgen, Inc. Professor of Molecular Biology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will deliver the lecture as an early event of Women's History Month, which officially begins in March. Her talk is free and open to the public.

Hopkins is an eminent scientist in the fields of bacteriophage, animal viruses and developmental biology. She co-authored the 4th edition of *The Molecular Biology of the Gene* with Nobel Laureate James Watson and others.

As chair of the committee on women faculty at MIT, Hopkins documented subtle yet entrenched gender bias of women scientists. These findings had a national ripple effect, and spearheaded the development of new policies on hiring and quality of life issues for all MIT faculty. Hopkins currently co-chairs MIT's First Council on Faculty Diversity, and is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy.