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Education for Girls in Afghanistan and Pakistan Focus of UNH Lecture

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Greg Mortenson, founder of the nonprofit Central Asia Institute, will kick off this year's Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 3 p.m. in MUB Theatre II with a lecture entitled "Three Cups of Tea: Cross-Cultural Lessons from Pakistan and Afghanistan." His presentation is free and open to the public.

The Central Asia Institute is a grassroots organization based in Bozeman, Montana, dedicated to fostering community-based development projects in northern Pakistan, Afghanistan, Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan.

Mortenson will share his decade-long effort to promote community girls' education amidst war, terrorism and turmoil in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He has started 22 schools in Pakistan, and spent the last year in Afghanistan talking with people about their needs and lobbying the U.S. government for funds promised for post-bombing reconstruction. UNH Associate Professor of Economics Marc Herold, who has done extensive research in the region, will introduce Mortenson's talk.

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