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Environmental Activists Speak on Globalization's Impact in UNH's Sidore Lecture Series

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DURHAM, N.H., The University of New Hampshire's Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series continues this month with two lectures that look at the impact of globalization on the environment. All Sidore lectures are free and open to the public.

John Audley, director of the Trade, Environment and Development Project at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Andrea Durbin, national campaigns director for Greenpeace USA, will give a joint lecture Monday, Feb. 25, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building's room 330-332. They will address issues of international trade, foreign investment in developing economies and the impact of globalization on the environment.

While working for the federal Environmental Protection Agency in 1999, Audley was assigned to the White House to work on environmental issues during the period leading up to the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle. He also coordinated the EPA's involvement in the Jordan-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations. Before joining Greenpeace, Durbin worked for Friends of the Earth, leading efforts to reform International Financial Institutions and spearheading a coalition to monitor private-sector lending of the World Bank Group.

On Thursday, Feb. 28, Hilary French will lecture on "Reshaping Globalization: The Environmental Challenge." French, director of the Global Governance Project at the Worldwatch Institute, will address the widespread public concern about the environmental and

social consequences of globalization, as evidenced by the public protests at the 1999 World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle.

French's interests lie in redirecting the global economy away from environmentally harmful activities and into more sustainable ones. She will speak in the MUB's Theatre II from 12:40 to 2 p.m.

The Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series was established in 1965 in memory of Saul O Sidore of Manchester, New Hampshire. The purpose of the series is to offer the university community and the state of New Hampshire programs that raise critical and sometimes controversial issues facing our society.

The 2001-2002 Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series is sponsored by the Sidore Foundation and the University of New Hampshire Center for the Humanities. For more information on the series or specific lectures, contact the Center for the Humanities at 603-862-4356 or visit www.unh.edu/humanities-center/

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