

Globalization and Diversity Focus of Two Speakers 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 concludes this month with two lectures that look at globalization as the root cause of the black diaspora and at its historical impact on indigenous peoples within the context of international law. All Sidore lectures are free and open to the public.

On April 18, Charles Green, from Hunter College, CUNY, will discuss "Globalization, Powerlessness, and the Black Diaspora: The Crisis of Neo-Colonialism in the 21st Century." Focusing on the plight of poor and working class urban people from the African diaspora, Green will argue that globalization, contrary to popular belief, is not a recent phenomenon. In particular, his lecture will focus on the issue of moral bankruptcy of leaders and perceived leaders of the historically colonized and disempowered people of vulnerable developing nations.

Green's most recent book is "Manufacturing Powerlessness in the Black Diaspora: Inner City Youth and the New Global Frontier." He will lecture in MUB Theatre II from 12:40 to 2 p.m.

The following week, S. James Anaya, the Samuel M. Feghtly Professor of Law at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, will address "The Globalization of a Culture of Diversity and Human Rights." Before becoming a full-time professor, Anaya practiced law in New Mexico where he represented Native American peoples and other disadvantaged groups in regard to land, voting rights and civil rights issues.

Anaya will discuss the ways in which international law, once used to colonize indigenous peoples, "has developed and continues to develop, however grudgingly or imperfectly, to support indigenous peoples' demands." He says the international community has made an effort to avoid the paternalism inherent in colonialist attitudes, marking a crucial shift in which "the principle rests on widespread acknowledgement, in light of contemporary values, of the relatively disadvantaged condition of indigenous peoples, a result of centuries of systemic oppression." Anaya will talk Thursday, April 25, from 12:40 to 2 p.m. in MUB Theatre II.

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 was 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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