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Empathy in Education the Subject of April Sidore Lecture

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Nel Noddings, a professor of philosophy and education at Teachers College, Columbia and the Lee L. Jacks Professor Emerita of Child Education at Stanford University, will discuss the importance of care in the teaching of students in the last of this year's University of New Hampshire Saul O Sidore Memorial Lectures Thursday, April 19, from 12:40 to 2 p.m. at the Memorial Union Building's Theatre II. All Sidore lectures are free and open to the public.

Once a math teacher, Noddings has devoted her academic career to articulating an ethos of care in the teaching of students and the training of teachers. Her 1984 book, "Caring: A Feminine Approach to Ethics and Moral Education," is a pioneering exploration of the ethics of education.

Noddings calls for a radical shift toward "moral education," a form of education that concentrates on producing moral people within an educational system that is moral in purpose, policy and methods.

In her lecture, Noddings will address the ways in which schools today prepare both girls and boys for the role of breadwinner, while doing almost nothing to prepare them to become caregivers. For the most part, schools ignore the massive responsibilities of creating homes, maintaining neighborhoods, raising children and establishing warm and stable personal relationships. She will explore some reasons for this neglect and some ways in which the curriculum might be enriched by these topics.

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 2000-2001 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/](http://www.unh.edu/humanities-center/)

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