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DURHAM, N.H. – Sustainability is more than a buzzword, but what does it really mean? Break free from the limits of “green” and join an international group of humanists to discuss the big idea of sustainability — and what the humanities have to do with it.

The University of New Hampshire 2011-2012 Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series presents “Sustainability Unbound,” March 21 and 22, 2012. All lectures will be held in the Huddleston Hall Ballroom and are free and open to the public. “Sustainability Unbound” is organized by the UNH Sustainability Academy.

March 21, 2012
12:10 p.m.
Melissa Lane, professor of politics, Princeton University
Lane’s specialty is Plato. Her talk will discuss the nature of the virtues and the reconceptualization of the common good in light of sustainability, and build on a new interdisciplinary project on communicating scientific uncertainty in connection with sustainability in which she is involved at Princeton.

7 p.m.
Lewis Hyde, Richard L. Thomas professor of creative writing, Kenyon College and faculty associate, Berkman Center, Harvard University
Hyde is the author of the acclaimed books, “The Gift: Imagination and the Erotic Life of Property” and “Trickster Makes This World.” His latest book, “Common as Air,” is a defense of our “cultural commons.”

March 22, 2012
12:40 p.m.
Jeff Todd Titon, professor of music, Brown University
The author of many books and hypertext-multimedia projects on ethnomusicology, including "Worlds of Music," Tilton will discuss his ecological approach to music and cultural sustainability.

4 p.m.
Enrique Leff, philosopher, economist, and environmentalist, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Leff is the author of “Green Production: Toward an Environmental Rationality” and an environmentalist whose work in Mexico and South America spans the fields of political ecology, environmental epistemology, and ecological economics.

6 p.m.
Rafique Keshavjee, head of academic planning, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Aga Khan University, Arusha, Tanzania
Keshavjee’s talk will explore the history of Muslim and other religious humanists, who, more than a thousand years ago, were deeply concerned about human obligations to other creatures in the environment, and who viewed the environment as a source for metaphysical reflection on the place of human beings in the universe.

For more information on this lecture series, visit http://sustainableunh.unh.edu/sustainabilityunbound. The Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series was established in 1965 in memory of Saul O Sidore of Manchester. 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. For more information go to www.unh.edu/humanities-center or call 603-862-4356.

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