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Noted expert on environmental political thought guest lecturer at Mesa State

Grand Junction - Dr. William Chaloupka, political science professor at Colorado State University is the 2009 Aspinall Guest Lecturer at Mesa State College and will teach a course entitled "Environment Political Thought in the U.S."

The Aspinall Lectureship in History and Political Science is a guest lecture series by a prominent individual. Significant competition has developed for this position, with numerous applicants recognized as national authorities in their fields. It is sponsored by the Aspinall Foundation.

Dr. Chaloupka has taught political science at CSU since 2002 and served a chair of the department from 2002-2007. Prior to that, he taught environmental studies and political science at the University of Montana in Missoula and previously taught at Ball State University and the University of New Mexico.

He teaches political theory, environmental thought, and American politics. His books include *Everybody Knows: Cynicism in America* (1999), *Knowing Nukes: Politics and Culture of the Atom* (1992) and, co-edited with Jane Bennett, *In the Nature of Things: Language, Politics, and the Environment* (1993), all published by the University of Minnesota Press. Chaloupka was co-editor of the journal *Theory & Event* from 1999-2005. He is currently working on a book about environmental politics in the U.S., and co-editing a book of scholarly reactions to the "death of environmentalism" thesis.

The objective of the course he will teach at Mesa State is to study the emerging field of environmental political theory, including the aspects of environmental thought that interacts with the political theory tradition. This course will also address a current debate about the environmental politics. The course will run from March 30 through April 17.

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NOTE: Dr. Chaloupka will be at Mesa State on Monday, Feb. 23 if you are interested in an interview.