Monterey Institute Launches Fall Environmental Speaker Series

Monday Night Series Featuring Environmental Leaders To Run Through December

Monterey, CA – The Monterey Institute of International Studies is pleased to announce the kick-off of its Fall 2009 Environmental Speaker Series, featuring local and national environmental and business leaders speaking on current issues ranging from promoting green building practices to the economics of sound ocean policies.

The series, sponsored by the Graduate School of International Policy and Management’s Program in International Environmental Policy, is the centerpiece of the Institute’s fall semester course “Hot Topics in Environmental Policy.” While the lectures are part of an ongoing class curriculum, the Institute welcomes attendance by the general public at the speaker series.

The speaker series will convene every Monday evening through the fall semester from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Irvine Auditorium in the McCone Building at 499 Pierce Street in Monterey. The schedule through the end of October is as follows:

Monday, September 21
Jeff Condit, Monterey Institute alumnus and manager of strategy and development for Rana Creek
Advances in Green Building

Monday, September 28
Myra Goodman, co-founder of Earthbound Farms
Beyond Food Miles: Thinking Critically About Agricultural Sustainability

(Note: The September 28 event only will be held in room B104 of the Morse Building at 426 Van Buren Street.)

Monday, October 5
Heidi Gjertsen, consultant for Conservation International, Marine Management Area Science Program
Topic TBD

Monday, October 12
Dean LaTourette, executive director of Save The Waves
Surfanomics
Monday, October 19
Elizabeth Chornesky, freelance consultant
Lessons From the Front Lines: Linking Science and Policy to Advance Ecosystem Sustainability

Monday, October 26
Juliet Christian-Smith, senior research associate at the Pacific Institute
Two Decades of Water Transfers: What Have We Learned and Where Do We Go From Here?

Speakers for November and December will be announced in the weeks ahead.

What: The Monterey Institute’s Environmental Speaker Series
When: every Monday through December 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: Irvine Auditorium
Mc Cone Building
499 Pierce St. (corner of Pierce & Jefferson)
Monterey, CA 93940

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