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Oct. 6 Kuo lecture to be simulcast statewide

The 2009-10 E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues continues with an Oct. 6 lecture entitled “Shouting Across the Chasm: Chinese and American Netizens Clash in Cyberspace,” which originates from the Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and will be simulcast in Columbus, North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff and Wayne.

The 2009-10 Thompson Forum on “Encountering China” presents speakers from a variety of backgrounds to explore China from diverse perspectives. The Oct. 6 lecture by Kaiser Kuo will provide insight into the Internet’s influence on Chinese-American interaction.

Born in the U. S. to Chinese parents, Kuo lives in China and identifies equally as American and Chinese. Formerly director of digital strategy for the Beijing office of a global advertising agency, Kuo has worked as a technology and business writer for publications such as Time, TimeAsia, China Economic Review, Asia Inc., and the South China Morning Post, and currently serves as an advisor for Youku.com, a leading video sharing company in China. Kuo was a co-founder of China’s most famous rock band, Tang Dynasty, and continues to be active in the Chinese music scene.

Kuo’s lecture will be simulcast and followed with community conversation at the following locations:

- Columbus at Central Community College, Room 205, West Education Center. For details contact Karen Mroczek at (402) 562-1249.
- North Platte at 1101 Halligan Drive on the North Campus of North Platte Community College. For details contact Tom Gorman at (308) 535-3714.
- Omaha at UNO’s Milo Bail Student Center, Chancellor’s Room. For details contact Wei Rowe at (402) 554-2812.
- Scottsbluff at Western Nebraska Community College’s Harms Advanced Technology Center, Room A113. For details contact Carla Stein at (308) 635-6050.
- Wayne at the Wayne State College Library, Room 201. For details contact David Graber at (402) 375-7272.

The lecture begins at 7 p.m. (CST); 6 p.m. (MST) in Scottsbluff. It is free and open to the public. Additional speakers in the series will be heard Nov. 12, Jan. 26, and April 1.

The series was named in honor of E.N. “Jack” Thompson, who served as president of the Cooper Foundation from 1964 to 1990 and as its chairman from 1990 until his death in 2002. Thompson established the series to promote better understanding of world events and issues for all Nebraskans.

The simulcasts, sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and the local college or university, allow more Nebraskans to have the opportunity to benefit from outstanding speakers and community discussion. Details about the lecture series are available at <http://enthompson.unl.edu>.

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