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NEWS RELEASE

HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, AWARD-WINNING WRITERS, OLYMPIC MEDALIST ON DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SLATE AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio—The director of Amnesty International, an award-winning author, a Pulitzer prize-winning journalist, an Olympic gold medalist, a Kennedy devoted to human rights and a social psychologist with solutions to prevent another Columbine school tragedy are scheduled to speak at the University of Dayton as part of the Distinguished Speakers Series during the 2001-02 academic year.

All Distinguished Speakers Series events are free and open to the public. They will be held at 8 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom. For more information, please contact the office of student activities at (937) 229-4114.

William F. Schulz — The executive director of Amnesty International since March 1994 and an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, Schulz will speak on "Breaking Down the Barriers: The Growing Partnership Between Business and Human Rights" on **Tuesday, Sept. 11**. Widely published and quoted on human rights issues, Schulz has recently written *In Our Own Best Interests: How Defending Human Rights Benefits Us All*. In his book, he argues that Americans should support human rights not only for moral reasons but also to protect economic, national security and environmental interests.

Kathleen Norris — The author of the *New York Times* bestsellers *The Cloister Walk*, *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*, *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* and *The Virgin of Bennington*, Norris will speak on "Dakota and Beyond: What's the Use of Memoir?" on **Tuesday, Oct. 16**, as this year's University of Dayton scholars program author. For the last 10 years, Norris has been an oblate, a lay person associated with a Benedictine monastery in North Dakota and living according to its regulations. As part of the scholars program, about 400 first-year students will read *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography* before she delivers her scholars address.

Thomas Friedman — A two-time Pulitzer Prize winner who has written for the *New York Times* for more than 20 years, Friedman will speak on "The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization" on **Tuesday, Oct. 23**. In 1983 and 1988 Friedman was awarded

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the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting in Lebanon and Israel. During his years with the *Times*, he has served as a business reporter, the Beirut, Lebanon, bureau chief, the Israel bureau chief, chief diplomatic correspondent, chief White House correspondent and chief economic correspondent. In 1995, Friedman became the foreign affairs correspondent for the op-ed page. He is the author of *From Beirut to Jerusalem, Israel: A Photobiography* and *The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization*. UD's School of Education and Allied Professions is co-sponsoring Friedman's visit to campus.

Edwin C. Moses — "An Evening with Edwin Moses" will be presented **Tuesday, Jan. 8**. A two-time Olympic gold medalist and world record holder in the 400 meter hurdles, the Dayton native was inducted into the U.S. Track and Field Hall of Fame on Dec. 3, 1994. He holds a degree in physics and engineering from Morehouse College and an MBA degree from Pepperdine University. With his scientific knowledge, Moses developed random, in-competition testing for steroids and other drugs. Currently, Moses is a financial consultant for Salomon Smith Barney, a commissioner of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships and a member of the President's Circle of the National Academy of Sciences and the executive committee of the U.S. Olympic Committee. The University of Dayton honors and scholars program is co-sponsoring Moses' visit to campus.

Kerry Kennedy Cuomo — Author of *Speak Truth to Power: Human Rights Defenders Who Are Changing Our World*, Kennedy Cuomo will speak on "Women's Rights: A Global Perspective" on **Thursday, March 7**. The book stems from her 20-year struggle for human rights. The daughter of Robert F. Kennedy, she founded the RFK Center for Human Rights in 1988, served as the executive director of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial until 1995 and is co-chair of the Amnesty International Leadership Council. Kennedy Cuomo has led human rights delegations to nearly 20 countries. She is a graduate of Brown University and Boston College Law School.

Elliot Aronson — Author of *Nobody Left to Hate: Teaching Compassion after Columbine*, Aronson is an honored and recognized social psychologist. He will speak on "Might the Columbine Massacre Have Been Prevented? You Bet Your Life!" on **Wednesday, April 3**. Aronson was one of the pioneering researchers in cognitive dissonance theory and has performed significant research on prejudice reduction, social influence, attitude change and interpersonal attraction. He uses his research findings in the real world, saying, "I want to determine precisely what's causing a phenomenon, and if it's a situation that is impacting people's lives negatively, I want to take the next step and create an intervention that makes things better." Aronson is a professor emeritus of psychology at University of California, Santa Cruz, and a visiting professor at Stanford University.