



The Fifty-sixth Annual

Conference on World Affairs

"Divided We Stand"

Schedule ONLINE

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BOULDER, March 19 – The Fifty-sixth Annual Conference on World Affairs will be held **April 5-9, 2004** on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus. The week's broad array of panels, plenaries and performances are all free and open to the public. The full schedule of 212 events may now be viewed at www.colorado.edu/cwa

This year's overriding theme is **"Divided We Stand."** Conference Director James Palmer, comments, "'Divided We Stand' is descriptive of domestic and international politics, and so many of our social issues from Medicare to corporate ethics. If we are divided, we are still standing and talking."

Highlighting the schedule are perennial CWA favorites, the Tuesday evening jazz concert at 8 p.m., April 6 in Macky Auditorium and Roger Ebert's weeklong *Cinema Interruptus*. Ebert will be analyzing Jean Renoir's 1939 classic *The Rules of the Game* daily at 4 p.m., April 5-9 in Macky Auditorium.

This year's keynote address will be delivered by syndicated columnist and political commentator Arianna Huffington. The speech, entitled "Game Plan for Winning Back America" will be preceded by the CWA's traditional opening procession through the avenue of flags through Norlin Quadrangle and leading into Macky Auditorium shortly before noon on Monday, April 5.

The University of Colorado's Conference on World Affairs was founded in 1948, originally as a forum on international affairs. CWA expanded rapidly to encompass music, literature, environment, science, journalism, visual arts, diplomacy, technology, spirituality, film, politics, business, medicine, human rights and so on.

Every year in April approximately 100 participants representing a wide range of expertise gather in Boulder for what *The New York Times* calls "a week-long extravaganza of discussion and debate" on over 200 non-academic, cross-disciplinary panels, plenary sessions and performances.

The Conference challenges its participants to discuss a wide-range of issues on an impromptu basis—offering a refreshing alternative to the specialized gatherings of academia and the business world. According to columnist Molly Ivins, CWA panels offer “...astonishing, cross-disciplinary insights, whole new ways of looking at old questions and information that can transform the way you look at things.” Ebert, who has made the annual trek to Boulder in April as a participant for 34 years, has dubbed the CWA the “Conference on Everything Conceivable.”

Past participants at the Conference include Studs Terkel, Molly Ivins, Simon Hoggart,, Dave Grusin, Tim Wirth, Andrei Codrescu, R.E. “Ted” Turner, Steve Allen, Paolo Soleri, Yitzhak Rabin, Ralph Nader, Norman Cousins, Henry Kissinger, Arthur Miller, Howard Nemerov, R. Buckminster Fuller, George McGovern and Eleanor Roosevelt.

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