



The Fifty-eighth Annual

Conference on World Affairs

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FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES A NEW GENERATION OF GUEST SPEAKERS

BOUDLER, March 24 – The Fifty-eighth Annual Conference on World Affairs will be held **April 10-14, 2006** 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 220 events and biographies of over 100 prolific participants may be viewed online at www.colorado.edu/cwa.

This year’s CWA hosts a diverse range of cutting-edge voices focused on youth issues—including everything from a rock star to a hip hop artist to a professional clown.

Shamako Noble is co-founder and president of the Hip Hop Congress, a national grassroots network that seeks to empower, educate, and unite individuals through hip hop. Noble advocates for the use of hip hop and other alternatives to make education more relevant and appealing to young people, thereby reducing dropout rates.

Highlights from Noble’s speaking schedule include:

“What Katrina Taught Us About Race, Class and Poverty” at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10 in the University Memorial Center (UMC) Ballroom.

“Chronic vs. Vodka Tonic: The Legal Line Between Highs” at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 10 at the Flatirons Theater.

“Hip Hoppin’ to the Beirut Beat” at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 in UMC 235.

“Bigotry is Alive and Well” at 1 p.m. on Friday April 14, UMC Center Ballroom.

Chris Shiflett, guitarist for the multi-platinum selling rock band **Foo Fighters**, will contribute a younger perspective on:

Sports and the Meaning of Life at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 13 in the UMC Center Ballroom.

“Mr. President, We Need to Talk...” at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 14 in the UMC Center Ballroom.

Later that day **Shiflett** will be joined by professional clown and physician activist **Patch Adams** on **“Taking Money from the Man: Selling Out and Buying In”** at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 14 in Math 100.

Adams is also scheduled to appear on **“Quarter Life Conundrum: From College to Cubicle”** at **11 p.m.** on Tuesday, April 11 in UMC 235.

Online youth social interaction will be discussed on **“Facebook-A Social Phenomenon”** on Tuesday, April 11, at 3:30 p.m. in Old Main Chapel. Panelists will include **Yoshi Funaki**, a junior professional associate at the World Bank, and **Donal Scannell**, Irish filmmaker and media consultant.

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 35 years, has dubbed the CWA the “Conference on Everything Conceivable.”

Past participants at the Conference include Studs Terkel, Simon Hoggart, 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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