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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ISSUES AT CSUSB PALM DESERT CAMPUS

PALM DESERT, Calif. (December 2, 2008) The Palm Desert Campus of California State University, San Bernardino, World Affairs Council of the Desert and College of the Desert have announced Stuart R. Hemphill and Dr. Michael Toman as their Distinguished Speakers for the 2008-2009 season.

The Distinguished Speaker Series was developed to bring speakers with in-depth analyses, insights, and commentaries to the Coachella Valley. Speakers consist of many of the world's leading movers and shakers. Topics include issues of scientific interest, history, philosophy and the humanities. The series provides the community with access to outstanding speakers and develops a setting which helps create and sustain a more informed and vital intellectual community.

Hemphill will kick off the 2008-2009 series on Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., discussing "Energy alternatives for southern California." As vice president of Southern California Edison, Hemphill is responsible for SCE's renewable and alternative power department which procures electricity from wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and small hydro resources. He manages and administers SCE's \$2.5 billion portfolio of renewable and alternative power contracts.

The second lecture in the series will take place on Saturday, February 14, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Michael Toman, Director of the Environment, Energy, and Economic Development Program at RAND Corporation, will discuss "Energy alternatives and global issues of environment and warmin".

Both speakers have an extensive background in the energy field.

Hemphill began working for SCE's parent company, SCEcorp (now Edison International) in 1994 in the corporate development organization, where he developed business plans for new business and evaluated large technology investments. From 1996 through 2000, he worked in Edison International's strategic

planning and new business development group. In 2000, he was appointed director of business development for SCE, and in 2002, was appointed director of resource planning and strategy where he oversaw the development of SCE's long-term plans and the economic and operational analysis of third-party power contracts and large-scale utility projects.

Hemphill received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from California State University, Fullerton, and his master's degree in business administration from California Polytechnic State University, Pomona.

Toman's areas of expertise are climate change mitigation, sustainable development, energy markets and energy security, and environmental policy design. His recent work has been in the areas of energy and national security, expenditure and greenhouse gas implications of increased renewable energy use in the United States, and options for effective and publicly accepted policies for reducing greenhouse gases in the United States.

Toman was senior economist, Environment Division, Sustainable Development at the Inter-American Development Bank, Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future, and Senior Staff Economist, Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President. Dr. Toman received his B.A. in economics and math from Indiana University, his M.Sc. in applied mathematics from Brown University, and his Ph.D. and M.A. in economics from the University of Rochester. He is co-editor of the book, "Economic Development and Environmental Sustainability: New Options," published by Oxford University Press in 2006.

Both lectures will take place in the campus' Oliphant Auditorium, located at 37-500 Cook Street in Palm Desert (between Gerald Ford and Frank Sinatra Drives). Admission is free and parking is prepaid by Friends of the Palm Desert Campus.

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