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To: **Department Chairpersons and Program Directors**

Subject: **New format for Environmental Science and Policy Program  
Distinguished Lecture Series**

Environmental Science and Policy program (ESPP) is pleased to announce an expansion of its Distinguished Lecture Series to include events organized jointly with other units at MSU. ESPP is offering to partner with individual departments and units at MSU wherein ESPP co-sponsors a limited number of visits by distinguished scholars to deliver lectures on pressing environmental issues. The events will need to satisfy the following three criteria: 1) the topic of the lecture appeals to broad environmental research and education community at MSU; 2) high caliber of the invited speaker; and 3) demonstrated ability of the speaker to present to broader audiences. We envision that the schedule for the invited speakers would also accommodate a possibility of another presentation – a more focused academic seminar in an appropriate academic unit.

ESPP will offer \$500 honorarium to each invited distinguished speaker, and another \$500 as cost share to the investment by individual units and departments at MSU. There will be no deadlines for nominations. Departments are asked to submit a brief rationale to [espp@msu.edu](mailto:espp@msu.edu) that addresses the three criteria listed above.

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Instituted in 2009, ESPP's Distinguished Lecture Series seeks to engage world class researchers, policy makers and practitioners with the MSU environmental research and education community. Distinguished Lecture speakers give a public lecture on an interdisciplinary topic and interact with MSU faculty and students. The Series is designed to provide an important interface between MSU and global leaders working on cutting-edge environmental issues. An important function of the Series is to facilitate interactions among MSU researchers from diverse fields to address issues that cross disciplinary boundaries.