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THE MAN WHO GAVE HIS NAME TO AMERICA, TOPIC FOR ECU VOYAGES LECTURE

GREENVILLE, N.C. (Feb. 17, 2009) — In continuation of the 2008-09 Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences’ Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series at East Carolina University, Dr. Felipe Fernández-Armesto, William P. Reynolds Chair of History at the University of Notre Dame, will present the Lawrence Brewster Lecture in History. The lecture, entitled, “The Man Who Gave His Name to America,” will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, in Wright Auditorium.

Tickets are complimentary for ECU faculty, staff and students, and $10 for the public. Tickets are available through the ECU Central Ticket Office by calling 252.328.4788, 1.800.ECU.ARTS or (voice/TTY) 252.328.4736. Tickets also will be available at the box office window in Wright Auditorium prior to the lecture.

“Dr. Fernández-Armesto’s prodigious scholarship on the nature of exploration and discovery in world history makes him a superb fit for the Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series,” says Alan White, dean of Harriot College. “We look forward to Dr. Fernández-Armesto’s remarks illuminating significant ironies in the voyages of discovery that led to the naming of our continent.”


He was the 1999 recipient of the John Carter Brown Medal and the 1995 recipient of the Caird Medal of the National Maritime Museum. Dr. Fernández-Armesto’s journalistic works have been widely syndicated and frequently appear in The Times of London as well as through contributions to BBC Radio.

The Department of History sponsored the first Brewster Lecture in 1982 as part of the university’s 75th anniversary celebration and has published the lectures since 1984. The Brewster series bears the name of the late professor emeritus of history whose generosity supports the series.

This spring, the Lawrence Brewster Lecture in History is the fifth presentation in the 2008-09 Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series sponsored by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. The Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series is made possible through generous contributions from the Dean’s Advancement Council of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the East Carolina Alumni Association and additional friends and supporters of the college. For more information, contact Dr. John Tucker at tuckerjo@ecu.edu or 252.328.1028, or visit www.ecu.edu/voyages.

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