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DURHAM, N.H. -- In celebration of Earth Day and the inauguration of its new Ph.D. program in natural resources and Earth systems science, the University of New Hampshire welcomes Stephen Jay Gould as its featured speaker Monday, April 22.

Gould, professor of geology and zoology at Harvard University, is referred to as one of America's premier science writers with more than 15 books in print. His talk, "Geological Immensity and Human Insignificance: The Proper Scale of Our Ecological Crisis," takes place in Johnson Theatre in the Paul Creative Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Gould's talk is free and open to the public. To guarantee a seat, advance tickets can be obtained at Morse Hall, Room 305. Members of the general public can also call 603-862-0322 to reserve a ticket. All remaining tickets will be available at the door on a first come, first served basis with overflow seating for remote broadcast in Spaulding Hall, Room 120.

Gould is best known for his writing on dinosaurs and his talent for explaining evolutionary science in lay terms. Harvard University Press calls his most recent work, *The Structure of Evolutionary Theory*, "a work of explanatory force unprecedented in our time -- a landmark publication, both for its historical sweep and its scientific vision."

In 2001, the Library of Congress named Gould one of America's 83 Living Legends -- people who embody the "quintessentially American ideal of individual creativity, conviction, dedication, and exuberance."

A MacArthur Prize Fellow and popular essayist for *Natural History Magazine*, Gould's other acclaimed

books include *The Panda's Thumb*, *The Mismeasure of Man*, *Ever Since Darwin*, and *Dinosaur in a Haystack*, among others.

Gould is president of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science and curator for the invertebrate paleontology at Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology.

His talk is sponsored by the UNH Foundation Class of 1941 Fund; Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space; Complex Systems Research Center; Climate Change Research Center; College of Life Sciences and Agriculture; College of Engineering and Physical Sciences; and the President's Office.

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