



President's Distinguished Lecture

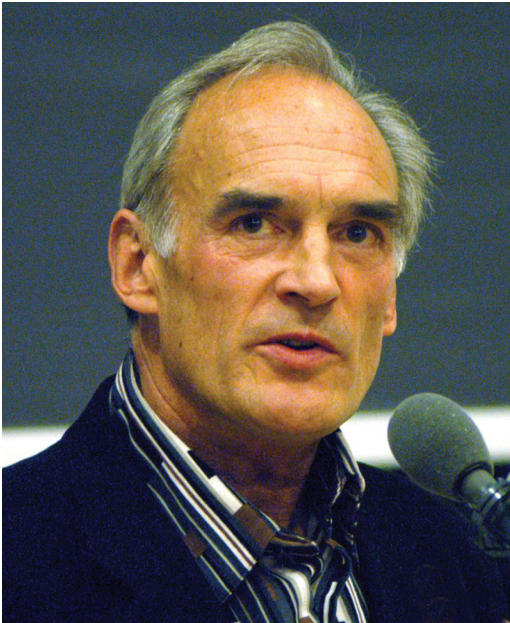


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Ronald Wright

What is America?

Thursday, 22 January 2009, 8:00 p.m.

Bob Wright Centre — Ocean, Earth
and Atmospheric Sciences,
Room B150

Award-winning novelist, historian and essayist Ronald Wright traces the roots of American expansion and the modern age, arguing that the United States has always been a deeply divided society, a polarity highlighted by the recent presidential election. Wright has written nine books including, *A Short History of Progress* (the 2004 CBC Massey Lectures), which won the CBA Libris Award for Non-Fiction Book of the Year and has been published worldwide in more than a dozen languages. His most recent book is *What is America? A Short History of the New World Order*.

Although this event is free of charge it is reserved seating, and tickets should be booked in advance through the UVic Ticket Centre, 250-721-8480 or www.auditorium.uvic.ca. Parking for this evening event is \$2 and can be purchased in advance when booking your tickets.