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**Inaugural Dr. Jooinn Lee Lecture**

*Summary: Dr. John Barry, reader in the School of Politics and International Studies and Philosophy and associate director of the Institute for Sustainable World at Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, will give the inaugural Dr. Jooinn Lee Lecture at 7 p.m. March 25 in Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall.*

(February 24, 2009)-View [photos](#) from this event.

The inaugural Dr. Jooinn Lee Lecture will be given on Wednesday, March 25, at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Dr. John Barry, reader in the School of Politics and International Studies and Philosophy and associate director of the Institute for Sustainable World at Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, will give the lecture at 7 p.m. in Recital Hall of Humanities Fine Arts. Barry's presentation is titled "Vulnerability, Resilience, Justice and the Inevitable Transition to Sustainability."

According to his Web site, Barry's research interests are "...in the relationship between moral/political theory and the environment, with particular focus on ecofeminism, the implications of green theory for thinking about justice and theories of political economy in relation to the environment...the relationship between science, technology and the environment...I also have an interest in Q Methodology as a research approach to the study of complex moral/political issues such as citizenship, sustainability and national identity. A more recent interest is in the political and ethical aspects of reconciliation in Northern Ireland."

Since 2003, Barry has been co-chair of the Green Party in Northern Ireland and has stood in both local and regional elections for the Green Party. He is married with two young daughters and is involved in his local town Holywood's initiative to become a "Transition Town," part of the network of communities preparing for life after peak oil and climate change. He is also Management Council chair of the Holywood Rudolf Steiner School.

Barry has written or co-authored *Rethinking Green Politics: Nature, Virtue, Progress* (Sage, 1999), winner of the UK Political Studies Association's WJM Mackenzie Prize for best book published in political science in 1999, "Many ways to say 'no', different ways to say 'yes': Applying Q-Methodology to understand public acceptance of wind farm proposals" in the *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management* and "Towards a Model of Green Political Economy: From Ecological Modernisation [sic] to Economic Security" in the *International Journal of Green Economics*. He has also co-authored three works that are in the process of being published, including "Cool Rationalities and Hot Air: A Rhetorical Approach to Understanding Debates on Renewable Energy" for *Global Environmental Politics*.

The Jooinn Lee Lecture Series was created to honor Professor Jooinn Lee on the occasion of his retirement from Morris in 2007. The endowed lecture series will showcase the political science discipline and cutting-edge scholarship by bringing to campus distinguished alumni, scholars and prominent practitioners representing the field of politics.

A reception will immediately follow the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

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