To: Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

Our Provost’s Lecture Series for the fall semester begins this week as we host Maude Barlow in conjunction with the 11th Annual George Goodman Memorial Symposium. This lecture will be held on Thursday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Auditorium.

Maude is the best selling author or co-author of 16 books and will speak on the topic of her international best seller, Blue Covenant: The Global Water Crisis and The Coming Battle for the Right to Water. Her talk will explore the causes of the water crisis and challenge us to work toward a water secure world based on the principles of equity, ecosystem protection and water as a public trust.

Maude Barlow is the National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians and Senior Advisor on Water to the President of the United Nations General Assembly. She also chairs the board of Washington-based Food and Water Watch and is a Councillor with the Hamburg-based World Future Council. Maude is the recipient of eight honorary doctorates as well as many awards, including the 2005 Right Livelihood Award (known as the "Alternative Nobel"), the Citation of Lifetime Achievement at the 2008 Canadian Environment Awards, and the 2009 Earth Day Canada Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award.

We are pleased to host this lecture and hope you will join us and extend a warm Stony Brook welcome to Maude Barlow. Please share this information with your students and community members you feel would be interested in attending. Seating for this lecture is limited and on a first come first serve basis.

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