

MONDAY APRIL 20th

David Suzuki Colloquium on the Environment Keynote Speaker

David Suzuki is the scheduled keynote speaker for the 5th Annual Colloquium on the Environment.

Suzuki, co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation, is an award-winning scientist, environmentalist, and broadcaster. He is renowned for his radio and television programs that explain the complexities of the natural sciences in a compelling, easily understood way.

Suzuki is a geneticist. He graduated from Amherst College (Massachusetts) in 1958 with an honors BA in Biology, followed by a PhD. in Zoology from the University of Chicago. He held a

research associateship in the Biology Division of Tennessee's Oak Ridge National Lab (1961–62), was an assistant professor in genetics at the University of Alberta (1962–63), and since then has been a faculty member of the University of British Columbia. He is now professor emeritus of The University of British Columbia, Sustainable Development Research Institute.



In 1972, he was awarded the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship for the outstanding research scientist in Canada under the age of 35. He has won numerous academic awards and holds 19 honorary degrees in Canada, the US and Australia. A member of the Royal Society of Canada and a Companion to the Order of Canada, He has written 43 books, including 17 for children. His 1976 textbook *An Introduction to Genetic Analysis* (with A.J.F. Griffiths), remains the most widely used genetics text book in the U.S. and has been translated into Italian, Spanish, Greek, Indonesian, Arabic, French, and German.

Suzuki has received consistently high acclaim for his thirty years of award-winning work in broadcasting. In 1974 he developed and hosted the long running popular science program *Quirks and Quarks* on CBC Radio. He has since presented two influential documentary CBC radio series on the environment: *It's a Matter of Survival* and *From Naked Ape to Superspecies*.

His television career began with CBC in 1971 when he wrote and hosted *Suzuki on Science*. He then created and hosted a number of television specials, and in 1979 became the host of the award-winning *The Nature of Things with David Suzuki*. He has won four Gemini Awards as best host of a Canadian television series for *The Nature of Things*, which he has been with for 26 of the 46 seasons they have been on air. His eight part television series, *A Planet for the Taking*, won an award from the United Nations. His eight part PBS series, *The Secret of Life*, was praised internationally, as was his five part series *The Brain for the Discovery Channel*. On June 10, 2002 he received the John Drainie Award for broadcasting excellence.

Suzuki is also recognized as a world leader in sustainable ecology. He is the recipient of UNESCO's Kalinga Prize for Science, the United Nations Environment Program Medal and the Global 500. He is a fellow of the American Association of the Advancement of Science. ■

DATE: Monday April 20, 2009

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: HUB-Robeson Center Auditorium on the University Park Campus.

The title of his talk is "The Challenge of the 21st Century: Setting the Real Bottom Line."

The Colloquium on the Environment is a joint venture between PSIEE and the University's Finance and Business Environmental Stewardship Strategy. The Colloquium is held annually — usually in April near Earth Day. Previous speakers have included Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Christine Todd Whitman, William McDonough, and Amory Lovins.

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