Nobel Laureate William D. Nordhaus Returns to Albuquerque to Talk About his Work in Climate Change in 4th Annual Leopold Lecture

Albuquerque, New Mexico — William D. Nordhaus, an Albuquerque native and the 2018 Nobel Laureate in Economics, will deliver the 2020 Annual Leopold Lecture “Skiing and Fishing on a Hot Planet” at 7 pm on April 20 at the KiMo Theatre. Tickets, which are $10 for general admission and $6 for students, are available at https://www.kimotickets.com/event/354678/4th-annual-leopold-lecture.

Nordhaus will also present awards to winners of the 2020 Aldo Leopold Writing Contest (grades 6 –12) who submitted essays in response to the following question: How might reuniting our understanding of “ecology” and “economy” help solve today’s environmental crisis? This year’s essay topic honors the work of both Aldo Leopold, considered by many to be the father of wildlife ecology, and William Nordhaus.

“We are incredibly honored that William D. Nordhaus will deliver the 2020 Annual Leopold Lecture, and also present the awards to our winning student essayists,” said Anthony Anella, the founder and president of The Leopold Writing Program. “How inspiring for the students to receive their awards from a Nobel Laureate in Economics who had the insight to study climate change’s impact on the global economy in the 1970s,” Anella added.

Long before many economists were thinking about climate issues, Nordhaus began work on creating a quantitative model that describes the global interplay between the economy and climate. Nordhaus, a Sterling Professor of Economics at Yale University, also serves as a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Fellow of the Econometric Society, and is past president of the American Economic Association. His research has encompassed environmental economics, climate change, health economics, augmented national accounting, the political business cycle, and productivity. He was awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Economics for his work on climate-change economics.

This year’s sponsors of The Annual Leopold Lecture include The Leopold Writing Program, the Taos Ski Valley Charitable Fund at the Taos Community Foundation, the University of New Mexico Department of Economics, the USDA Forest Service, the Golden Apple Foundation of NM, and NUSENDA Credit Union.

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The Leopold Writing Program is a New Mexico nonprofit dedicated to building on Aldo Leopold’s legacy as a writer by inspiring the next generation of environmental leaders to help advance environmental ethics through the written word. Leopold is best known for A Sand County Almanac (1949) in which he articulates his lifelong philosophical search for how humans could “live on the land without spoiling it.”

For more information on The Leopold Writing Program and the Aldo Leopold Writing Contest please visit: www.leopoldwritingprogram.org.