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SUMMER LECTURE SERIES FEATURES OLIVER

CHARLESTON, IL--"Will holes in the ozone layer cause climate changes?" or "Are we on the brink of an ice-age or tropical heat wave?" are some of the concerns that noted climatologist John Oliver will examine in an upcoming lecture at Eastern Illinois University.

Oliver, professor in the Department of Geology and Geography at Indiana State University and director of its Laboratory of Climatology, will discuss how studying past climate changes will help predict the future at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18, in Eastern's Lumpkin Hall, Room 122. The lecture is free and open to the public.

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In his talk, "Climatic Change in Perspective: the Last 1000 Years," Oliver will also review what impact global climatic changes have on society and the environment.

He is the fourth distinguished visiting professor to speak at Eastern as part of its summer lecture series focusing on "Diversity and Change: Society in the Nineties."

Prior to his appointment at ISU, Oliver was employed by the Government of Bermuda and was a faculty member in the Department of Geography at Columbia University. He is co-founder of the journal <u>Physical Geography</u> and currently serves as its climatology editor.

He holds a bachelor's degree from London University and master's and doctoral degrees from Columbia University.

Attendees are invited to meet informally with Oliver during a reception in his honor immediately following the lecture in Lumpkin Hall's first floor student lounge.

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