Mark your calendar!

**Spring Lyceum Lecture**

**Wednesday, April 10, 5 to 7 p.m.**

**McCarthy Center, Forum**

The Quakes of Christchurch, Natural and Social
Dr. Elaine Hartwick, Associate Professor, Geography

After a seven year absence, returning to Christchurch, New Zealand, was startling, a return to a devastated city. An earthquake and subsequent aftershock in 2010/11 shook the city to its core, destroying life, iconic landmarks and the Central Business District. Nationally New Zealand changed as well, moving from a socially progressive platform back to a conservative neo-Liberal government policy regime. During my sabbatical leave in spring of 2012 I researched the connection between the natural physical earthquake and the social, economic, political and psychological quakes experienced by the people of the Canterbury region. As a geographer I will share the complex intersection between a natural hazard and neo-liberal policy using Christchurch as the case study.
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5 p.m.  Reception

5:15 p.m.  Welcome
Karen Druffel
Director, CELTSS

5:30 p.m.  Lecture
Dr. Vandana Singh

5:50 p.m.  Lecture
Dr. Virginia E. Rutter

6:10 p.m.  Lecture
Professor Robert Johnson, Jr.

6:30 p.m.  Questions and Discussion

Climate Change: At the Intersection of Academics, Pedagogy, and Action.
Dr. Vandana Singh is an assistant professor of Physics and Earth Science. She received the 2012 Distinguished Faculty Award for Excellence in Professional Service, for her commitment to the Framingham State Environmental Forum and her role as coordinator. She also facilitated and co-founded WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) in the summer of 2008. In addition to teaching, she is a renowned science fiction and fantasy author.

What is Cultural Capital and Why does it Matter?
Dr. Virginia Rutter is an associate professor of Sociology. She received the 2012 Distinguished Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, for her innovative and supportive teaching style. She brings authors of course materials into the classroom by skyping and has played a leadership role in bringing speakers and events to campus. She is the co-author of three acclaimed books on gender and sexuality.

Professor Robert Johnson, Jr. is a professor of Communications Arts. He received the 2012 Distinguished Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship/Creative Activity. He received a Fulbright Specialist Grant to teach in Rwanda and continues to work with the National University of Rwanda.