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Award-Winning Oxford University Economist and Author Paul Collier Discusses Global Poverty

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville and the University of North Florida are co-hosting an evening with Paul Collier, award-winning Oxford University economist and author. He will address "The Bottom Billion: Meeting the Challenges of Global Poverty." Collier is a leading expert on the problems of failed states around the world, why the world's poorest countries continue to fail and what steps can be taken to change these failures. He is currently working on issues surrounding the present crisis unfolding in Haiti and has previously submitted a report on Haiti to the Secretary General of the United Nations. A professor of economics and director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies at Oxford University, he formerly served as director of research at the World Bank and as an advisor to the British government's commission on Africa. Collier is one of the world's leading experts on African economies and is the author of "Breaking the Conflict Trap" and "The Bottom Billion."

Join us at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at UNF's University Center. Complimentary tickets are required. World Affairs Council members can reserve tickets through the Council's office at (904) 280-8162. Tickets can also be reserved at www.unf.edu/lectures or (904) 620-2117.

This event is sponsored by Water Street Capital

Please see the attached bio and photo for Collier.

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization devoted to promoting understanding of world affairs by sponsoring public programs for all ages, fostering discussion of international issues and opportunities, and providing a venue for people to meet others with similar interests. Our mission is to promote an understanding of the world and its people and to engage citizens of Northeast Florida in becoming informed participants in the global community.

At the University of North Florida, students are our first priority. UNF recognizes that every student is an individual, with different goals, learning styles and needs. UNF has more than 16,000 students and offers five colleges of distinction: the Coggin College of Business, Brooks College of Health, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Computing, Engineering and Construction, and the College of Education and Human Services.

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