

# **Donald Worster, Ph.D.**

Distinguished Environmental Historian Will Present  
Two Lectures at Arizona State University

*Arizona State University, the Decision Center for a Desert City, the ASU Institute for Humanities Research, and the departments of Geography and History are pleased to welcome environmental historian Donald Worster, Hall Distinguished Professor of American History at the University of Kansas.*

## **Water and Empire in the U.S. and China: A Comparative View of Hydraulic Societies**

Wednesday, October 12, 2005, at 2:00 p.m.  
Brickyard Orchid House (BYOH), Conference Room 175

## **The View from the Grand Canyon: Enlarging our Sense of History**

Thursday, October 13, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.  
Education Lecture Hall (EDC), Room 117

Educated at Yale University (Ph.D., 1971; M.Phil., 1970) and the University of Kansas (M.A., 1964; B.A., 1963), Dr. Donald Worster taught at the University of Hawaii and at Brandeis University before returning to Kansas in 1989, where he now holds the Hall Distinguished Professor Chair in American History.

Professor Worster's publications include *A River Running West: The Life of John Wesley Powell* and eight other books, including: *Rivers of Empire* (1985), which deals with the development of water resources in the West and which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize; *Dust Bowl* (1979), a study of the Southern Plains in the "dirty thirties" which won the Bancroft Prize; and *Nature's Economy* (1994, second edition), which traces the evolution of ecology from the eighteenth century to the present. The last of these books has been translated into French, Chinese, Swedish, and Japanese.

One of the pioneers of the field of environmental history, Professor Worster has served as president of the American Society for Environmental History, sits on a number of editorial boards, and is general editor of the Cambridge University monograph series, *Studies in Environment and History*. He has lectured throughout the United States and in Africa, Asia, Europe, Canada, Central America, and Australia.

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