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WORLD HISTORIAN TO DISCUSS TOYNBEE IN FIFTH PRESIDENT'S LECTURE AT UM

MISSOULA --

University of Chicago history Professor William McNeill will reappraise "The Genius of Arnold Toynbee" in the fifth President's Lecture Thursday, March 31, at the University of Montana.

McNeill's free, public talk, which will be 8 p.m. in the Montana Theatre, is based on his forthcoming book about the well-known British historian.

Known for his command of all periods of world history, McNeill has written numerous journal articles, book chapters and more than 20 books, on topics ranging from ancient Greece to the contemporary world. Now in its eighth edition, his "Rise of the West, a History of the Human Community," originally published in 1963, received the National Book Award. His most recent work, "Polyethnicity and National Unity in World History," came out in 1987.

McNeill has taught at the University of Chicago since receiving his doctorate from Cornell University in 1947. Since 1981 he has served on Encyclopedia Britannica's board of editors.

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