

Meredith College to Welcome Doctors Without Borders Executive Director

Meredith College will welcome Doctors Without Borders Executive Director Nicolas de Torrenté on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in Jones Auditorium.

The lecture by de Torrenté is part of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Presidential Lecture Series at Meredith College. The lecture is also being held as part of Meredith College's Founders' Day celebration.

De Torrenté will discuss "Humanitarian Responses to Conflict and Crisis." With examples drawn from his organization's recent experiences during the earthquake in Pakistan, the nutritional emergency in Niger, the ongoing violence in Darfur, Sudan and the fight against AIDS, de Torrenté will talk about how and when the organization decides to intervene; the importance of

independent funding; the use of medical innovations; need for better treatment and diagnostics for infectious diseases; and the ongoing challenge of working in conflict zones.

Doctors Without Borders, also known as Medecins Sans Frontieres, is an international humanitarian relief agency that was founded in 1971 by a group of French physicians. Doctors Without Borders, which currently has 2,500 volunteers working in over 80 countries, was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999.

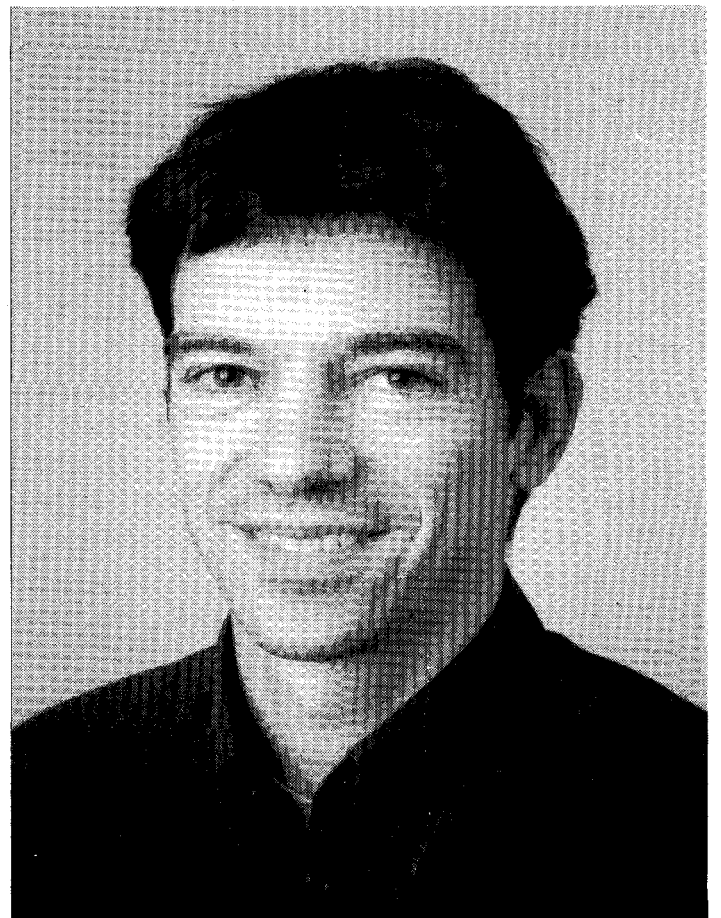
De Torrenté holds a Ph.D. in international relations from the London School of Economics. A Swiss national, he has worked extensively with humanitarian crises around the world, including Somalia, Liberia, the Congo and Afghanistan.

The Blue Cross and Blue

Shield of North Carolina Presidential Lecture Series at Meredith College is designed to foster students' abilities to develop knowledge, skills, values and global awareness necessary to become tomorrow's leaders, to pursue strong and successful careers, to have the choice to continue their education and to lead responsible lives of work, citizenship, leisure, learning and service.

For 2005-06, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Presidential Lecture Series at Meredith College is following a theme of "Our World, Our Responsibility: Contributing to Positive Change Around the Globe." For more information, visit www.meredith.edu/owor.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETENCY

The next round of testing for foreign language competency is scheduled as follows: Spanish, Monday, February 20, 5-7 pm; French, Tuesday, February 21, 5-7 pm. Other languages will be scheduled as needed. Enrollment ends February 13 at 5:00 pm. Please contact fcompeten@meredith.edu

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