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Dr. Cornel West at Eastern

Willimantic, Conn. -- Dr. Cornel West, the Class of 1943 Professor at Princeton

University, will lecture at Eastern Connecticut State University on Oct. 30 (**tomorrow**) at 7 p.m.

in the Betty R. Tipton Room of the Student Center. West's visit is the third presentation in

Eastern's 2008 Arts and Lecture Series. The public is invited. Tickets are free for Eastern

students and \$10 for the general public.

While the news media is encouraged to attend Dr. West's lecture, the University's contract with him does not allow photography or videotaping of any kind during his speech at Eastern. However, arrangements have been made for a press photo only opportunity with Dr. West and Eastern President Elsa Núñez from 5:30–6 p.m. in the president's office in the administration building, Gelsi-Young Hall, Room 242. We are sorry that no video or audio is allowed. Still, we hope this arrangement will fit your professional concerns, and look forward to your visit to our campus tomorrow night.

Dr. West has been called "one of America's most provocative, public intellectuals." Newsweek heralded him as an "eloquent prophet with attitude." In his latest book, "Hope on a Tightrope," Dr. West offers courageous commentary on issues that affect the lives of all

Americans. Themes include Race, Leadership, Faith, Family, Philosophy, and Love and Service. His other books include the New York Times bestsellers “Race Matters,” which won the American Book Award, and “Democracy Matters.” Dr. West has won numerous awards and has received more than 20 honorary degrees. He also was an influential force in developing the storyline for the popular Matrix movie trilogy.

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