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Indian Educator and Author to Speak at Eastern

Willimantic, Conn. –Ashok Malhotra, renowned educator and author, will visit Eastern Connecticut State University on March 12 as part of Eastern’s University Hour lecture series. His presentation will take place at 3 p.m. in the Paul E. Johnson, Sr. Community Conference Room of the J. Eugene Smith Library. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Despite India’s abolition of the caste system in 1951, discrimination continues, especially for that country’s lowest caste, the Untouchables. Malhotra, professor of philosophy at SUNY Oneonta, NY, will discuss and show videos regarding his Ninash Foundation, which builds schools for the Untouchables to prepare them to work and advance in a global society.

Malhotra is the author of more than 50 articles and ten books. He has been a professor of engineering in three leading world universities: University of Hawaii; State University of New York; and State University of New York College at Oneonta, and has been recognized as a leading world educator by the International Biographical Center in Cambridge, England. He has won numerous awards including the “On Unlimited Love Award” (2004); “The Jewel of India Award” (2002); “Distinguished Teaching Professor” (2001); and “The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching” (1994). Some of his

publications include, “On Hindu Philosophies of Experience”; “Oneonta Philosophy Studies”; “Pathways to Philosophy: A Multidisciplinary Approach”; “Grandpa’s Story’s For Life’s Nourishment”; and “An Introduction to Yoga Philosophy: An Annotated Translation of the Yogasutras, Ashgate.” Malhotra has appeared on numerous television and radio programs including, Holland Radio; National Public Radio; Australian Public Radio; All-India Radio; NBC News Jain TV; Zee-TV; Doordarshan-TV (India); and ABC World News Now.

Malhotra holds a Ph.D. in engineering from the University of British Columbia in Canada and advanced degrees from the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi.

University Hour is Eastern’s Wednesday afternoon cultural and educational series. For more information on this or any other University Hour events, contact Karen Karas at (860) 465-5245.

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