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DR. HEATHER SMITH TO DELIVER MARCH 25TH RIZZA LECTURE ON GLOBAL WARMING

(Vallejo, CA – March 12, 2008)... Dr. Heather A. Smith, Associate Professor in International Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George, BC, will deliver a Joseph P. Rizza lecture — *Canada, the US and Climate Change: A Perspective from the Northern Neighbour* —Tuesday, March 25th from 1-2:30 p.m. The talk will take place in Peachman Auditorium on the campus of The California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, and is open to the public. (Campus visitors are urged to RSVP at 707-654-1246.)

Cal Maritime Professor Julie Chisholm, who helped arrange Dr. Smith's appearance, said her talk will have particular relevance. "Many of us tend to think of climate change simply as a change in climate patterns and temperatures, but Dr. Smith has been exploring the wider ramifications of how these changes will impact cultures, economies and global politics. Because global warming could lead to an opening of the Arctic Basin as a new international maritime trade route, Canada is seriously concerned about how that might impact such issues as claims on territorial waters and boundaries, border security and protection, and foreign policy.

"Many of these issues are also matters of concern here in the U.S., and for international bodies involved in governance, regulation, and trade and transportation. They will likely impact trade patterns, jobs, international relations and economies and the future careers of many of our graduates. Many of our students, for example, are training for careers in maritime-related government policy planning and management. They will be wrestling with many of these issues as part of their work. It will be interesting to hear Dr. Smith's perspectives on what may lie ahead, the challenges which will be raised by climate change, and how it will impact all of us."

Dr. Smith is the Acting Director of the UNBC Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology. A 3M National Teaching Fellow, and an accomplished researcher. Her research has focused on two areas: climate change and Canadian foreign policy, and gender and Canadian foreign policy.

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Her recent publications include: *Independence or Indifference: Canadian Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol* in Brian Bow and Patrick Lennox (eds), *An Independent Foreign Policy for Canada: 40th Anniversary Review*, (Toronto: U of T Press, forthcoming); *Disrupting the Global Discourse of Climate Change: The Case of Indigenous Voice* in Mary Pettenger (ed), *The Social Construction of Climate Change*, (Ashgate Press., 2007); *Teaching Canadian Foreign Policy to and From Rural and Remote Locations* in *Canadian Foreign Policy*, Winter 2008; with Claire Turenne Sjolander and Deborah Stienstra (eds), *Feminist Perspectives on Canadian Foreign Policy* (OUP, 2003).

The Rizza lecture series brings distinguished speakers to Cal Maritime to present challenging and forward-thinking talks on trends affecting global trade and transportation and the maritime industry. It is underwritten by a generous grant from former Academy President RADM Joseph P. Rizza Ret. of San Diego, CA.

Cal Maritime is a unique member of the California State University system. It offers four-year undergraduate degrees in subjects ranging from Marine Transportation and Engineering to Mechanical and Facilities Engineering, Business, Global Studies and Maritime Affairs.

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