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Eric Weiner
Author of *The Geography of Bliss*,
an all-new perspective on what makes people happy

2009 UC Davis Campus Community Book Project Event

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 • 8 p.m.

Jackson Hall, Mondavi Center, UC Davis

There will be no intermission.

Post-performance Q&A

ERIC WEINER

Eric Weiner is a seasoned and award-winning journalist and former foreign correspondent for NPR, with postings in New Delhi, Jerusalem, and Tokyo. Over the years, Weiner has distinguished himself as a versatile correspondent, covering wars and other major world events and occasionally switching his focus to the lighter side of life overseas. Eric is currently a regular commentator for NPR.

He's worked on several award-winning teams for NPR, as a business reporter for *The New York Times*, and is a licensed pilot.

His commentary has appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Slate*, and *The New Republic*, among other publications.

The Geography of Bliss

After decades of going to the most unhappy places in the world to write stories about catastrophe and human misery, Eric Weiner now has doubled back to write a book about happiness—about where it is rather than what it is. The foreign correspondent has visited the happiest places on earth (and some of the places at the

bottom of the list, too) to learn from the happiest people and, *The Geography of Bliss* is his memoir.

A beguiling mixture of travel, psychology, science, and humor, *The Geography of Bliss* takes the reader from America to Iceland to India, asking why Asheville, North Carolina, is so happy? Are people in Switzerland happier because it is the most democratic country in the world? Does Bhutan's tracking of its Gross National Happiness help to make them happier?

Eric finds the answers in the cultures he visited. And in ancient philosophy. Even in what he calls "the self-help industrial complex." And, finally, of course, inside himself. This book, and the presentations based on the book, are full of wisdom and wit, and surprising insights into why and how place matters in our search for happiness.

Awards

Winner, Angel Award

Co-recipient, 1998 Overseas Press Club special citation for coverage of Israel's 50th anniversary

Co-recipient, 1994 Peabody Award

John S. Knight Fellowship, Stanford University

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