



Upcoming Events

Jed Horne

["Envisioning Recovery After a Major Catastrophe: From Katrina to Fukushima"](#)
February 14

Amitabh Pal

["Islam Means Peace: Understanding the Muslim Principle of Nonviolence Today"](#)
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Jeremy Scahill

["Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army"](#)
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UCF Community Summit on Environment and Global Climate Change

[Featuring Alexandra Cousteau](#)
["Saving the Planet"](#)
March 27

Florida International Summit

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April 12

Opportunities

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UCF Announces The India Center

Four years after launching an India studies program, the University of Central Florida is establishing a center devoted to the country's politics, economy, technology, culture and more.



In response to the overwhelming popularity of and support for The India Program, the center has been made possible by a major gift, an annual fund and an endowed fund commitment totaling \$10 million, provided by The India Group, an alliance of prominent business and professional leaders organized by Anil Deshpande, president of Deshpande Inc. He and his wife Chitra have long supported global initiatives at UCF, including the original India endeavor.

A wide variety of activities is envisioned for The India Center, including public presentations and other forms of

as [Scholarships](#) and [Fellowships](#) and for Fall 2012.

Deadlines:

Summer - April 6

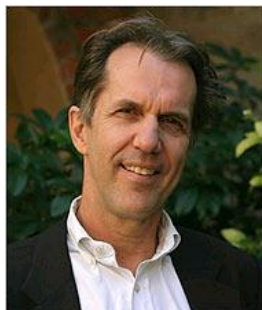
Fall - July 13

community outreach, an annual India forum, and scholarly and research undertakings. Anticipated activities also include exchanges of scholars and students with institutions in India, new courses and fellowships for UCF students, a sister-university relationship in India and an expanded permanent India collection at the UCF Library.

John C. Bersia, special assistant to the president for Global Perspectives, led the effort to secure the major gift and develop the center concept. He and Political Science Professor Roger Handberg serve as interim co-chairs of the center.

For more information, go to <http://ucfglobalperspectives.org>.

Event Spotlight



Author Jed Horne will speak Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the University of Central Florida about how societies overcome disastrous events.

Horne's presentation, entitled "Envisioning Recovery After a Major Catastrophe: From Katrina to Fukushima," is at 3 p.m. in the Pegasus Ballroom of the Student Union. The event, organized by the UCF Global Perspectives Office, is part of the 2011-2012 themes of "People Power, Politics and Global Change" and "Covering Global Crises from the Frontlines." It is free and open to the public.

Horne is the author of "Breach of Faith: Hurricane Katrina and the Near Death of a Great American City." The book, which will be on sale at the event, was nominated by the New York Public Library for the Helen Bernstein Award for best nonfiction book of 2006. There will be a book-signing after the presentation.

Horne previously spent 20 years as an editor and reporter for The Times-Picayune, the New Orleans daily newspaper. After covering Latin America in the early 1990s for The Times-Picayune as the paper's foreign correspondent, he was named city editor in 1994, the job he held when Hurricane Katrina struck. He was subsequently named metro editor before leaving the paper to write books. His bylined work on Katrina was included in submissions by the staff of The Times-Picayune, for which the newspaper was awarded two Pulitzer Prizes in 2006.

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