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**Medicine and Sustainability Lecture at UAMS on May 16  
to Focus on ‘Climate, Biodiversity and People’**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) invites the public to attend a lecture series on medicine and sustainability on May 16 with a presentation by Stephen T. Jackson, Ph.D., scientist emeritus at the U.S. Geological Survey.

During the second annual lecture in the Richard and Ellen Sandor Lecture Series, Jackson will discuss “Climate, Biodiversity and People: Actionable Science in a Post-Normal World” at 4 p.m. in the Walton Auditorium on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute.

There is no cost to attend, and no registration required. Parking will be available in Parking Deck 3 and near the Cancer Institute, both on the UAMS campus.

Jackson is scientist emeritus at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). His last assignment at USGS was serving as senior science advisor on biodiversity to the USGS National Climate Adaptation Science Center, including organizing the trinational North American Assessment of Biodiversity and Climate Change. Until early 2022, he was director of the Department of the Interior Southwest and South Central Climate Adaptation Science Centers, partnerships between USGS and multiuniversity consortia respectively led by the University of Arizona and the University of Oklahoma.

Before joining USGS in 2012, he was at the University of Wyoming, where he was founding director of the Program in Ecology and Evolution and is now a professor emeritus of botany.

Throughout his career, Jackson’s scientific research has focused on using the past 25,000 years of Earth history as a source of natural experiments to explore ecological responses to environmental changes of various kinds, rates and magnitudes. In the past two decades his professional efforts have expanded to include natural-resource conservation and climate-change adaptation. His interests also include the history of science.

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Richard Sandor, Ph.D., is a businessperson, economist and entrepreneur who lectures in law and economics at the University of Chicago Law School and in 2002 was named “Hero of the Planet” by *Time* magazine for founding the Chicago Climate Exchange.

Ellen Sandor is an artist and founding director of (art)n, a Chicago-based collective of artists, scientists, mathematicians and computer experts, and has works in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian Institution, International Center of Photography and Santa Barbara Museum of Art.

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