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Peace activist Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, will speak twice at Lindenwood University on Feb. 24, 2010, as part of the school's second annual Sibley Day festivities. Gandhi's first address at 11 a.m. is titled "Lessons Learned from My Grandfather"; his address at 7 p.m. will be on "A Nonviolent Response to Terrorism."

Both speeches will be in the Spellmann Center's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room on the main campus, 209 S. Kingshighway in St. Charles. Both speeches are free and open to the public. There will be opportunities to meet the speaker after both events.

Gandhi, who grew up in South Africa, went at the age of 12 to spend 18 months with his grandfather during the period when the famed Indian pacifist was leading the people of India in their revolutionary, nonviolent struggle for independence from British rule. During this time, Arun Gandhi learned critical lessons about his grandfather's philosophy.

After leading successful projects for economic and social reform in India as an adult, Gandhi came to the United States in 1987 to complete a study on racism in America. In 1991, he and his late wife Sunanda founded the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, which is currently headquartered at the University of Rochester in New York. The institute's mission is to foster understanding of nonviolence and how to put that philosophy to practical use through workshops, lectures and community outreach programs.

For more information about the lecture or the Lindenwood University Speaker Series, visit www.lindenwood.edu/speakerseries, or contact Paul Huffman at 636-949-4823 or phuffman@lindenwood.edu.