

lands. Those changes include recognizing and reporting health and safety violations; providing safe housing for workers when housing is provided; and ensuring that contractor violations be a factor in evaluating future bid awards. Contractors provide a variety of work in the forests including tree thinning, brush removal, stream restoration and fire fighting.

Those wishing to address the forum can sign up when registration begins at 12:30 pm and will have three minutes to speak. People can also provide written comments. For more information visit www.sustainablenorthwest.org or <http://ewp.uoregon.edu>

DANGERS OF ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

Steve Kurtz made national headlines several years ago when he was accused of

bioterrorism after police found lab equipment and books on bioweaponry at his home, all part of a harmless art project. Kurtz, an artist and professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo, will talk about the convergence of art, technology and radical politics during a free public lecture at 7 pm Thursday, Jan. 25 in Room 177, Lawrence Hall at the UO.

Kurtz will speak on the topic "Art and Discipline" which, he says, will explore why violence against cultural resistance has escalated and intensified over the past five years.

The case against Kurtz began to unfold on May 11, 2004 when he called 911 after his wife, Hope, died at home of heart failure. Police officers who responded to the call saw the body, the lab equipment and the books and alerted the FBI. Kurtz was using the lab to produce harmless bacteria as part of a video installation on bioterrorism.

Federal agents impounded Kurtz's equipment — including Petri dishes, test tubes and computers — and seized his wife's body from the coroner. He and his collaborator Robert Ferrell, former chair of the Genetics Department at the Graduate School of Public Health, at the University of Pittsburgh, were accused of bioterrorism and mail fraud each potentially carrying a sentence of 20 years.



Steve Kurtz

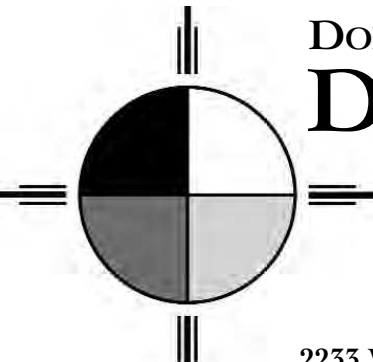
Both men are members of the Critical Art Ensemble. Members use high school lab equipment and common household supplies to create art installations that publicize the increasingly privatized worlds of science, technology and information.

"Marching Plague," an exhibition for the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, was one of the projects Kurtz was working on when the federal agents seized his laboratory equipment and his library, correspondence and computers.

Lane County Herbicide Spray Schedule

The Oregon Legislature is expected to deal with issues of pesticide spraying this session. In 2006, 800,000 acres of aerial or ground herbicide applications were identified in Oregon Department of Forestry notifications filed between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30. Of those 800,000 acres statewide, Lane County had 74,468 acres, Lincoln County had 24,577 acres, Benton County had 16,545 acres, Linn County had 65,914 acres and Douglas County contributed 321,782 acres. Visit www.forestland-dwellers.org for details of locations, land owners and operators for these herbicide applications.

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