Mason will address the problem of energy, broadly defined as providing enough energy to support higher standards of living for a growing fraction of the world’s growing population, without creating major conflict over resources or causing irreparable harm to our environment. He will discuss the political and technological aspects of the problem, and the resources that can most effectively be brought to bear on it.

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Coffee and light refreshments will be served before the lecture.