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The World of Education/Education of the World

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Northern Great Plains Center for People and the Environment

Grand Forks, ND – Dr. George Seielstad will give a presentation entitled “The World of Education/Education of the World.” The talk will be given at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16 in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl and is open to all. It will simultaneously be webcast (<http://www.umac.org>). Refreshments will be served beginning at 3:30.

Dr. Seielstad observes that humanity has arrived at a major inflection point in the history of civilization. Humans collectively are changing the planet at an unprecedented pace and with a magnitude greater than natural changes. The path we are on is unsustainable. A finite Earth cannot meet the unlimited expectations of a burgeoning population.

Changes to get humankind onto a sustainable path will be transformational, not incremental, and no sectors of society will escape the need to transform. The institutions best equipped to provide the leadership needed for a social transformation Seielstad believes are universities. For them to meet challenges of the future, they, too, must be the change they wish to inspire. And their change must be equal in magnitude to that of the challenge society faces.

Dr. Seielstad will describe a vision for integrating existing programs at the University of North Dakota into a new College of Earth Systems in which could be educated tomorrow’s leaders. Those faculty, students, and members of the greater community who wish to contribute to the College’s creation, or to encourage its formation, are especially invited to attend.

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