

SEMINAR INVITATION

Sustainability as Higher Education's Core Business

24 March 2011

Dear Colleague,

We happily invite you to attend a seminar presented by University of Western Sydney, Macquarie University and the University of Sydney, where renowned academic and Principal Mitch Thomashow will discuss the place sustainability has in the core business of tertiary education.

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Dr Mitchell Thomashow, the President of Unity College, Maine, USA will discuss how to embed sustainability into the core business of a further or higher education institute, in order to better respond to the growing concerns of society and business. He will address how to build sustainability into the curriculum and utilise the campus as a living and learning laboratory. Using Unity College as an example, he will examine how to scale up sustainability initiatives and provide the key to effectively handling the challenges of doing so. This interactive two hour seminar will be relevant to all those interested in driving the sustainability agenda in their institutions including senior management, practitioners and academics.

Date: Thursday 24 March 2011

Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm

Location: Teachers College Assembly Hall 300
Old Teachers College
Cnr Manning Road and Western Ave
The University of Sydney
Camperdown Campus
http://sydney.edu.au/facilities/images/maps/guide_campdarl_large.gif

Register: To register your interest, please email sustainability@uws.edu.au

Attendance is free.

Dr Thomashow's Biography

Dr. Mitchell Thomashow is the President of Unity College in Maine, a small environmental liberal arts college whose mission entails stewardship, sustainability, and service. As a college president, he aspires to integrate concepts of ecology, sustainability, natural history, wellness, participatory governance, and community service into all aspects of college and community life.

Mitch is the founder of Whole Terrain, an environmental literary publication, originating at Antioch New England Graduate School, and "Hawk and Handsaw," a journal of creative sustainability, published at Unity College. He serves on the board of the Coalition on Environmental and Jewish Life (COEJL), and the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). He is on the advisory board of Orion Magazine. Mitch is a founding member of the Council of Environmental Deans and Directors (CEDD), a national organization that supports interdisciplinary environmental studies in higher education. He serves as co-chair of the Steering Committee of the American Colleges and University President's Climate Commitment. Most recently Mitch has been appointed as a member of the advisory council of Sustainable Futures Academy a leadership exchange to drive sustainability into the core business of higher education. This is a program and collaboration of the Salzburg Global Seminar.

For further information please visit:

Bringing the Biosphere Home, (The MIT Press, 2001) is a guide for learning how to perceive global environmental change.
<http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?ttype=2&tid=9653>

Ecological Identity: Becoming a Reflective Environmentalist
<http://www.enotes.com/ecological-identity-salem/ecological-identity>

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