

Integrating Sustainability & Climate Change into General Education Programs

Friday, November 1st, 2013

West Chester University of Pennsylvania
1:00-4:00pm in the Philips Autograph Library
Philips Memorial Building
(700 S. High Street West Chester, PA 19383)

Please join us for an engaging afternoon led by Dr. Neil Weissman, the Provost and Dean of Dickinson College, and Dr. Neil Leary, the Director of Dickinson's Center for Sustainability Education. Their presentation/workshop will focus on why and how colleges and universities might integrate sustainability into general education programs. Free and open to faculty, students, and administrators. **RSVP** to Dr. Paul Morgan (pmorgan@wcupa.edu) 610-436-6945.



Dr. Neil B. Weissman is the Provost, Dean of the College, and a Professor of History at Dickinson College. In a recent article for the Association of American Colleges and Universities' publication *Liberal Education* (Fall 2012, Vol. 98, No. 4) Weissman explains how sustainability and liberal education are natural partners. At Dickinson, Dr. Weissman is helping lead the effort to make sustainability a defining characteristic of a Dickinson education on par with its program in global education.



Dr. Neil Leary, Director of the Center for Sustainability Education at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, has worked for 20 years on climate change vulnerability and adaptation. He is a member of the editorial board of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and was a leader of the IPCC 2001 report on impacts and adaptation. Prior to joining Dickinson in 2008, Neil was a Senior Scientist at START where he directed international climate change research and advanced study programs that engaged several hundred scientists and graduate students from more than 60 countries.

Background: West Chester University recently completed a Climate Action Plan (CAP), which includes a commitment to make sustainability and climate change part of the curriculum and educational experience of all WCU students. For guidance in this effort we have turned to our colleagues at Dickinson where they are making sustainability a defining characteristic of a Dickinson Education. Whether or not your institution is a signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, please join us as we consider how we can educate all students to be active participants in addressing our climate challenges and creating a sustainable society.