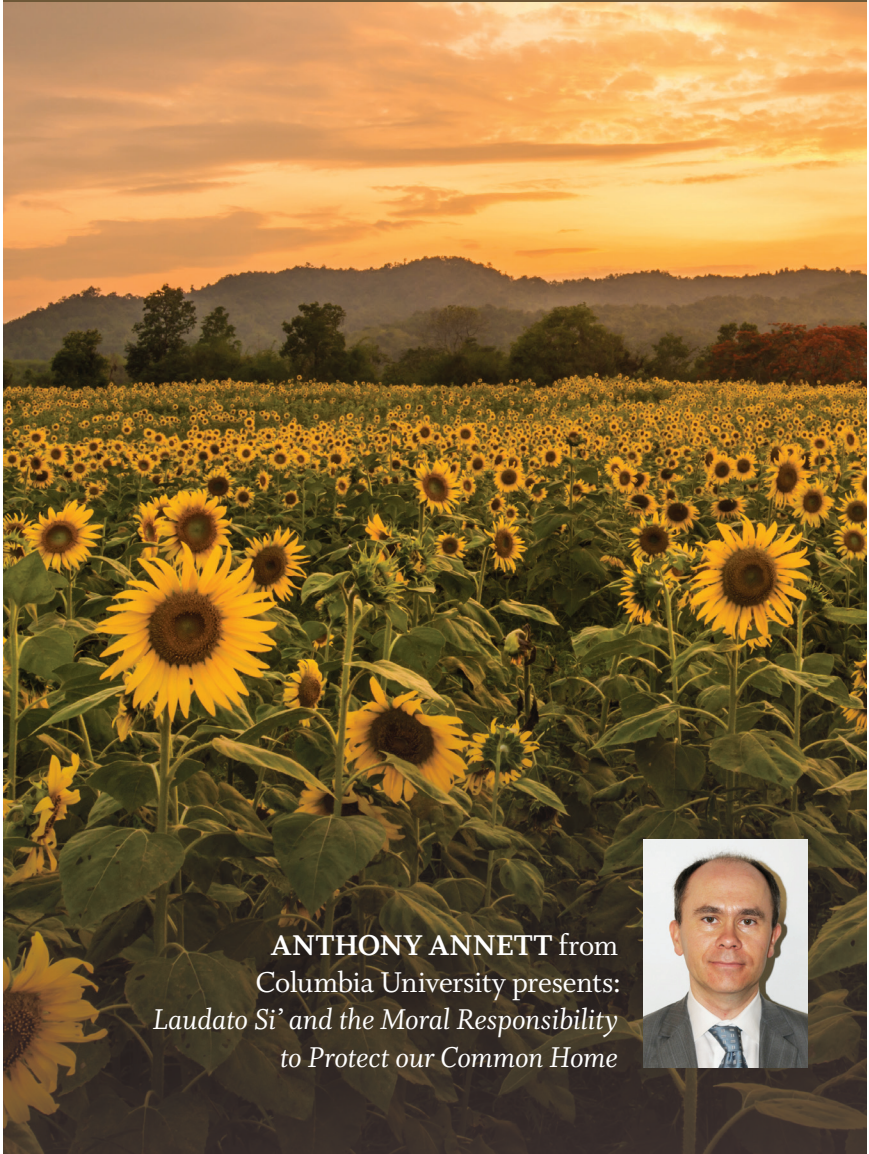




WILLIAM ISSA ENDOWMENT LECTURE *on Sustainability*



ANTHONY ANNETT from
Columbia University presents:
*Laudato Si' and the Moral Responsibility
to Protect our Common Home*



*The Sustainable College Committee at
Siena Heights University presents*

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November 16, 2016 | 7:00 p.m. | Rueckert Auditorium

In 2015, Pope Francis issued *Laudato Si*, one of the most important documents in the history of Catholic social thought. In this encyclical, he puts forward the idea of integral ecology, which suggests that how we treat creation affects how we treat our fellow human beings.

Accordingly, he identifies a related environmental and social crisis, which is degrading our common home and undermining our common humanity. In turn, he traces the root of this problem to a disordered mentality of self-centeredness, self-absorption, and instant gratification. This solution is to reconnect with each other and with creation, and this in turn calls for a different type of progress - one less reliant on limitless economic growth and the accumulation of resources and more on integral and sustainable development. This has implications for everyone - the international community, domestic politics, businesses, civil society, and churches too.

PROGRAM

Greeting Dr. Thomas Wassmer
Associate Professor of Biology
Chair, Sustainable College Committee

Welcome Dr. Matthew Draud
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Prayer Father John Grace
Director of Campus Ministry, Chaplain

Introduction to Speaker Dr. Thomas Wassmer

*Laudato Si' and the Moral Responsibility
to Protect our Common Home* Dr. Anthony Annett

Questions and Answer Session Dr. Thomas Wassmer

A reception will follow immediately after in the foyer.



Anthony Annett is the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Advisor at Columbia University. He is also an economist and a specialist in Catholic social teaching. His work centers on the intersection of ethics, religion, and sustainable development. In that capacity, he works closely with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, especially in the context of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Prior to this, he worked at the International Monetary Fund for sixteen years, including as speechwriter to two Managing Directors. He holds Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University, and a B.A. (first class degree and gold medal) and an M.Litt. from Trinity College Dublin. He is also a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He writes frequently for *Commonweal* magazine.

PREVIOUS LECTURES

Justin Mog

Embracing the Challenge of Sustainability: Transforming Campuses,
Reshaping Minds & Investing in our Common Future (2016)

David Orr

What's One to do in a Hotter World?
Education and the Long Emergency (2015)

Mark Z. Jacobson

Roadmaps For Transitioning 50 U.S. States and 139 Countries
To Wind, Water, And Solar Power For All Purposes (2015)

Jessica Eimer

Creating Transformational Change at Aquinas College (2013)

ABOUT SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

MISSION

The mission of Siena Heights University, a Catholic University founded and sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, is to assist people to become more competent, purposeful, and ethical through a teaching and learning environment which respects the dignity of all.

HISTORY

Siena Heights was founded in 1919 by the Adrian Dominican Congregation as a Catholic liberal arts college. The name Siena honors Saint Catherine of Siena, a 14th century Italian Dominican who dedicated her life to a quest for truth and social responsibility. Similarly, the mission of the University—to help students become more competent, purposeful and ethical—grows out of the philosophy of life exemplified in Saint Catherine of Siena. Throughout its history, Siena Heights has built a proud tradition of innovative response to challenging social needs.

Today, Siena Heights offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs on the Adrian campus and at degree-completion centers located across southern Michigan and online.



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