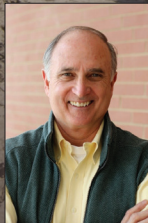




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The Sustainable College Committee at Siena Heights University presents

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David Orr

November 11, 2015 | 7:00 p.m. | Rueckert Auditorium

David Orr does not convey the message that “all is lost” but he sees our call in higher education is to tell the truth as best as we can see it. The science of climate change is sobering and it gives us little time to make adjustments. David understands that the role of education is to engage students in the creation of solutions. At Oberlin he led the effort to design and build the Adam Joseph Lewis Center, which is still the only entirely solar powered building on an US college campus (it’s also zero discharge). In addition, he is further promoting the Oberlin Project, and he is striving to equip students with the analytical skills and habits needed to solve environmental problems. He beliefs firmly that hope is indeed a verb with its sleeves rolled up.

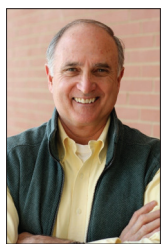


The AJ Lewis Building at Oberlin College. *Photo Credit: John E. Petersen*

## PROGRAM

Greeting . . . . .	Dr. Thomas Wassmer Assistant Professor of Biology Chair, Sustainable College Committee
Welcome . . . . .	Sister Peg Albert, OP, PhD President of the University
Prayer . . . . .	Father John Grace Director of Campus Ministry, Chaplain
Introduction to Speaker . . . . .	Dr. Jun Tsuji Professor of Biology
“What’s One to do in a Hotter World? Education and the Long Emergency” . . . . .	David Orr
Questions and Answer Session . . . . .	Dr. Thomas Wassmer

*A reception will follow immediately after in the foyer.*



David Orr is “Counselor to the President” of Oberlin College. He is the author of seven books, including *Down to the Wire: Confronting Climate Collapse* (Oxford, 2009) and co-editor of three others. His eighth book, *Dangerous Years: Climate Change and the Long Emergency* will be published in 2016. He has authored over 220 articles, reviews, book chapters, and professional publications. In the past twenty-five years he has served as a board

member or adviser to ten foundations and on the Boards of many organizations including the Rocky Mountain Institute and the Aldo Leopold Foundation. Currently he is a Trustee of the Bioneers, Alliance for Sustainable Colorado, and the WorldWatch Institute. He has been awarded eight honorary degrees and a dozen other awards including a Lyndhurst Prize, a National Achievement Award from the National Wildlife Federation, leadership awards from the U.S. Green Building Council (2014) and from Second Nature (2012). He has lectured at hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia. He headed the effort to design, fund, and build the Adam Joseph Lewis Center, which was named by an AIA panel in 2010 as “the most important green building of the past thirty years,” and as “one of thirty milestone buildings of the twentieth century” by the U.S. Department of Energy. He is founder and Chair of the Board of the Oberlin project and a founding editor of the journal *Solutions*.

## PREVIOUS LECTURES

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.



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