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Climate change, adaptation subject of MCC sustainability discussion

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College's Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series will host "The Alaska Bellwether: Perception, Response and Adaptation in a Time of Climate Change" on Thursday, Feb. 5, 3:30–5 p.m., at MCC's Fort Omaha Campus, 30th and Fort streets, Building 10, Room 110. Alaska expert Jim Powell will discuss the rapidly changing ecosystem in Alaska.

The presentation will discuss how local Alaskan communities respond to the climate change challenge and whether or not these areas will continue to thrive. The discussion will also consider the implications of a changing planet and the significance of the Alaska experience as related to our own conditions in Nebraska.

The lecture is part of the 2014–15 Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series, a partnership among MCC, Central Community College, WasteCap Nebraska and Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities. The Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series seeks to bring sustainability-minded perspectives to Nebraska and foster discussion on topics related to sustainability, energy, the environment and their application to our daily lives. Lectures will be offered throughout the academic year on the first Thursday of the month (excluding January).

In addition to the lecture at the Fort Omaha Campus, those interested may watch via the live stream. For more information, visit mccneb.edu/cps/green/slps.asp.

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