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Nebraska recycling study to be revealed at MCC presentation

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College's Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series will present "Results from Nebraska's Recycling Study" on Thursday, Dec. 3, 3:30–5 p.m., at MCC's Fort Omaha Campus, 30th and Fort streets, Building 10, Room 110. University of Nebraska-Lincoln professors Mark DeKraai and Carrie Hakenkamp will present their findings of a statewide recycling study and how Nebraska compares to other states.

The event is free and open to the public. The study highlights regional gaps in recycling access across Nebraska, compares Nebraska's recycling and diversion rates to surrounding states, and provides recommendations to improve recycling and waste diversion in Nebraska. Hakenkamp with WasteCap Nebraska will also discuss ways in which diversion can be improved using zero waste concepts and the economic viability of recycling.

The lecture is part of the 2015–16 Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series, a partnership between MCC, Central Community College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 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).

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