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Sustainability as a Catalyst for Creative Thinking

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ST. PETERSBURG, FL (April 9, 2010) — The director of the largest student-run environmental center in the country will speak about the importance of sustainability in higher education during a symposium April 16 at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Dave Newport of the University of Colorado at Boulder Environmental Center will be the main speaker during “The Sustainability Imperative: Catalyzing Higher Education.” The program also will include a presentation on the city of St. Petersburg’s sustainability efforts by St. Petersburg City Council member Karl Nurse and city public works director Mike Connors.

The goal of the symposium is to demonstrate how focusing on sustainability can prepare students to be creative, critical thinkers, promote innovative faculty research and engage the community to solve problems, said David O’Neill, USFSP program coordinator for the Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership & Civic Engagement.

Newport oversees a wide-ranging environmental center at Colorado University, which Sierra Magazine in 2009 called the “greenest” school in the nation.

The symposium will be April 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Harbor Hall (the former Dali Museum) 1000 3rd St. S, St. Petersburg. Call (727) 873-4773 for more information.

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