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Menno Simons College Presents Dr. Nettie Wiebe

Fourth lecture in Esau Lecture Series to discuss human rights to food, sustainability, and ethics

WINNIPEG, January 14, 2014 – Over the course of the 2013-14 academic year, Menno Simons College (MSC) is hosting a series of lectures by distinguished scholars from Canada and the United States, speaking on the theme “*How We Grow, Share & Eat: Moving Towards Just and Sustainable Food & Farming Systems.*”

The fourth lecture in the series, titled ***This Land is our Land?: Re-Integrating Earth, Easting and Ethics***, is scheduled for January 23 and will feature the University of Saskatchewan’s Dr. Nettie Wiebe. Known as a writer, panelist and speaker on agriculture, environment, public policy and trade issues, Dr. Wiebe has been an advocate for farm families and rural communities in many forums in Canada and abroad. She served as Women’s President of the National Farmers Union (NFU) from 1989-1994 and was elected President of the NFU in January 1995, the first woman to lead a national farm organization in Canada.

Combining her education as a philosopher with her background in agriculture, policy, and trade, Dr. Wiebe’s presentation will discuss sustainable food systems, social and economic justice, and the human right to food as complexities in today’s globalized world.



“We at Menno Simons College feel very privileged to present Dr. Wiebe as part of the Esau Lecture Series on international development studies,” says Jerry Buckland, MSC Dean. “Her distinguished repute in food sovereignty in Canada and the world is distinguished. Her economic research delves into how capitalism has transformed domestic and global food production and identifies a set of solutions to resolve the challenges facing the global food system.”

About the Esau Lecture Series

With a focus on sustainable farming, food security, and ethical land use, MSC’s Esau Lecture Series brings together a variety of noted international development experts to address the complexity and issues of today’s world where a burgeoning global economy leaves many people with a scarcity of food, while others experience over-abundance.

All presentations in the Esau Lecture Series will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the University of Winnipeg's Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall. Admission is free and all are welcome to listen, question, and discuss.

The final installment of the Esau Lecture Series will take place on February 27 with Dr. Eric Holt-Gimenez, Executive Director of Food First/Institute for Food and Development Policy, Oakland, California. The title for Dr. Holt-Gimenez's presentation is "*Campesino a Campesino: Agroecology and Resilience.*"



For more information on the Esau Lecture Series, including videos from previous presenters at <http://www.mscollege.ca/foodsecurity>.

About Menno Simons College

Menno Simons College, a part of Canadian Mennonite University and affiliated with the University of Winnipeg, has been offering programs in International Development Studies (IDS) and Conflict Resolution Studies (CRS) since 1989. MSC fosters a vibrant undergraduate learning community in its newly renovated facility at 520 Portage Avenue. It offers 3-year and 4-year majors and a minor in IDS and CRS, an honors program in IDS, and an extensive practicum program. The College has over 1,000 students and hundreds of alumni working in the development and conflict resolution sectors in Manitoba, Canada, and internationally.

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