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Global citizenship subject of April 14 simulcast

The idea of “global citizenship” is old as Athens. But, to this day, it remains a political ideal, not a practical reality. The “world” does not issue you a passport or guarantee you rights. Yet, the values implied by global citizenship—broad awareness, intelligent engagement—have become more compelling than ever.

In the final lecture of the E.N. Thompson Forum’s 20th anniversary season, Colin G. Campbell will discuss citizenship and its history, the development of American citizenship and the challenges (and potential) of citizenship in the era of globalization.

The lecture will be simulcast at 7 p.m. in Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, in addition to remote sites in Scottsbluff, North Platte, Kearney, Columbus and Wayne, with financial support from the Cooper Foundation.

Campbell is chairman and president of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, which, in 2007, convened the World Forum on the Future of Democracy. Since then, the foundation has used both technology and face-to-face contact to engage thousands of people worldwide in a conversation about the roles, responsibilities and rights of citizens in a democracy.

Other remote simulcast sites include Room A113 of Harms Technology Center at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Room 101 in the Communications Center at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Room 205 in the West Education Center at Central Community College in Columbus, and Connell Hall Auditorium at Wayne State College. All simulcasts are free and open to the public.

For more information about the Omaha simulcast, contact Paul Sather at (402) 554-3196 or psather@mail.unomaha.edu.

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