

6TH Annual Phi Kappa Phi

**FACULTY
LECTURESHIP**

**TRANSFORMATIVE
POWER
OF SOIL**

TOM DESUTTER
PROFESSOR OF SOIL SCIENCE

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 8

7 P.M.

((VIA ZOOM))

Tom DeSutter is a leading researcher, who focuses on improving salt-affected soils and reclaiming soils impacted by energy exploration. A major emphasis of his work is exploring innovative ways to reduce the time required for soils to regain their plant productivity potential after a disturbance.

He has published 110 peer-reviewed research articles in a variety of leading journals. His work has received funding from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, crop commodity agencies and other national, state, and private sources. His honors include the NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources' Larson/Yaggie Excellence in Research Award, H. Roald and Janet Lund Excellence in Teaching Award, Teaching Award of Merit from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture and the Emil Truog Soil Science Award presented by the Soil Science Society of America.

When conducting research, he works closely with state officials, oil and gas personnel, and landowners. According to DeSutter, empowering these groups with the principles of soil science will lead to a higher standard and an agreed-upon approach to reclaiming disturbed soils.



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PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2019 - Stephenson Beck
- 2018 - Clay Routledge
- 2017 - Joel Caton
- 2016 - Michael Strand
- 2015 - Michael Robinson

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