

FORWARD schedules diversity and complexity presentations

FORWARD has scheduled a series of presentations by guest speaker Scott Page, director of the Center for the Study of Complex Systems and Leonid Hurwicz Collegiate Professor of Complex Systems, Economics and Political Science at the University of Michigan. Page will present the following three sessions on Thursday, Feb. 23:

- 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Academic administrators workshop, “Expanding Diversity Thinking Within the Academy,” Family Life Center Room of Nations

This will be a working meeting for academic administrators and campus leaders. Registration is requested and can be completed at www.ndsu.edu/forward.

- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Pedagogical luncheon for NDSU faculty members, “Speaking Math to Metaphor: The Emerging Sciences of Diversity,” Alumni Center atrium

Page will discuss ideas from his books, “Diversity and Complexity” and “The Difference.” He will focus on various roles diversity plays in creating productive, robust systems and emphasize how common mechanisms apply across multiple fields of inquiry. Registration is requested and can be completed at www.ndsu.edu/forward.

- 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Public presentation, “Leveraging Diversity: How We Can Use Our Differences to Improve Our World,” Memorial Union Century Theater

Page will encourage student, faculty, staff and community member attendees to think differently about differences. He will show how differences produce the wisdom of crowds effect and lead to more innovative and productive teams. The event is free. Registration is not required.

In addition to his roles at the University of Michigan, Page is an external faculty member of the Santa Fe Institute and recently was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has published more than 50 papers in a variety of fields including economics, philosophy, physics, public health, political science, computer science and geography. He has written three books on diversity and complexity, and a video course on complexity. He teaches a free online course called Model Thinking that has attracted more than 40,000 students worldwide.

The pedagogical luncheon is sponsored by the Office of the Provost (www.ndsu.edu/provost). Page's visit to NDSU is co-sponsored by NDSU FORWARD (www.ndsu.edu/forward) and by the NDSU School of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies (www.ndsu.edu/gradschool).

For more information on these events and to request adjustments or accommodations to make the events more accessible for you, contact FORWARD at ndsu.forward@ndsu.edu or 1-7337.