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The Gaia Theory; Model and Metaphor for the 21st Century

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George Mason University Law School

The Gaia Theory is a compelling new way of understanding life on our planet. It argues that we are far more than just the "Third Rock from the Sun," situated precariously between freezing and burning up. The theory asserts that living organisms and their inorganic surroundings have evolved together as a single living system that greatly affects the chemistry and conditions of Earth's surface. The Gaia Theory inspires ideas and practical applications for economic systems, policy, scientific inquiry, and other valuable work.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lynn Margulis

Distinguished Professor, Department of Geosciences, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Other speakers include:

Dr. Tyler Volk

Co-director, Program in Earth and Environmental Science, New York University

Dr. Lee Kump

Professor of Geosciences, Penn State University

Dr. Eileen Crist

Associate professor, Virginia Tech Department of Science and Technology in Society

Dr. Donald Aitken

Principal, Donald Aitken Associates

Dr. Thomas Lovejoy

President of the Heinz Center for Science, Economics and the Environment

Gaia Theory progenitor, Dr. James Lovelock, has prepared a taped interview for the event.

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