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Eastern Announces Endowed Chair

Willimantic, CT — Dr. Fred Loxsom has been appointed professor at Eastern Connecticut State University in the newly created endowed chair for Sustainable Energy Studies.

He joins the faculty in the Department of Environmental Earth Science and will focus on teaching and research related to renewable energy sources and sustainable energy policy.

Loxsom comes to Eastern from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX, where he taught in the physics department, eventually becoming department chairperson. His most recent position at Trinity was as associate vice president of academic affairs. His academic career spans more than 30 years.

During his career, Loxsom also has conducted research at London Polytechnic, the University of Oxford, the University of Chicago, Argonne National Laboratory facilities in Mexico City, and at the Associated Colleges of the South Sustainable Development Program in Costa Rica.

Loxsom's research has ranged from examining air pollution in Mexico City, to looking at renewable energy options in Costa Rica, to assessing solar energy resources.

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Loxsom has received numerous grants over his career in support of his research and scholarship, including several National Science Foundation grants. He is author of more than 60 published articles, abstracts, and research papers.

He has a bachelor's degree in physics from Bowdoin College and a Ph.D. in physics from Dartmouth College.

“We look forward to Dr. Loxsom's leadership in the critical field of sustainable energy,” said Eastern's President David G. Carter in announcing the appointment.

“Students in the Environmental Earth Science program and in other disciplines will greatly benefit from his expertise. In addition, his appointment opens up new opportunities for collaboration with the University's Institute for Sustainable Energy.”

Loxsom's appointment continues Eastern's ongoing commitment to initiatives that help support a sustainable planet. Examples of that commitment include a national STAR Award presented earlier this year by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency; President Carter's signing of the Talliores Declaration in June, committing the University to a series of environmental principles; Eastern's leadership in developing the curriculum and program activities for the 2004 TUNZA International Children's Conference on the Environment, held this past July in New London; and new campus construction that includes buildings featuring LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

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