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American Geographical Society Announces Mr. William Reilly and Dr. Roger Sayre as the Keynote Speakers for the 2016 AGS Fall Symposium

Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) announced that Mr. William Reilly and Dr. Roger Sayre will be the Keynote speakers for the 2016 AGS Fall Symposium, Geography 2050: Envisioning a Sustainable Planet.

[New York City, NY] – [October 24, 2016] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) announced that Mr. William Reilly and Dr. Roger Sayre will be the Keynote speakers for the 2016 AGS Fall Symposium, Geography 2050: Envisioning a Sustainable Planet. Dr. Sayre will give his keynote address, Mapping Global Ecosystems – an Ecosystems Geography Approach on Thursday, November 17th. On the following day Mr. Reilly will give his keynote address, Success in Sustainability in 2050. Their presentations will be presented in Alfred Lerner Hall at Columbia University.

Mr. Reilly, a former Captain in the U.S. Army, has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to promoting effective environmental management throughout his career in both the public and private sectors. Most recently, President Obama appointed Mr. Reilly to co-chair the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling and in late 2012 appointed him to the President's Global Development Council. Mr. Reilly was appointed the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by President George H. W. Bush and served as the head of that agency from 1989 until 1993. Previous to that he was the President of World Wildlife Fund from 1985 until 1989, and before that was President of The Conservation Foundation from 1973 until 1989. He also served as Director of the Rockefeller Task Force on Land Use and Urban Growth from 1972 until 1973. Mr. Reilly holds a B.A. degree from Yale, J.D. from Harvard, and M.S. in Urban Planning from Columbia University.

Dr. Sayre, Senior Scientist for Ecosystems in the Land Change Science program at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), is a forest and ecosystems ecologist by training and a practicing ecosystems geographer. Prior to joining USGS, he led the Conservation Science Department of the International Program of the Nature Conservancy for over a decade. Sayre's work includes rapid ecological assessments in Latin America and the Caribbean, an industry standard book on the aforementioned research, and an innovative and practical ecosystem mapping methodology. In February 2015, he was honored with Esri's annual Making A Difference Award at the Esri Federal Users Conference in Washington DC for production of a new map of global ecosystems, Global Ecological Land Units Map. Dr. Sayre holds a B.S. degree from the University of California, Riverside, a M.S. degree from Pennsylvania State University, and a Ph.D. from Cornell University.

"We are pleased to have Mr. Reilly and Dr. Sayre participate in Geography 2050. Their many years of experience in public life, the private sector and NGOs gives them the experience and authority to contribute meaningfully perspectives on the challenges and promises of sustainability" said Dr. Marie Daly Price, President of AGS, and Professor of Geography and International Affairs at the George Washington University.

For more information, including registration, for the Fall Symposium, go to www.geography2050.org.

Established in 1851, the American Geographical Society (AGS) is the oldest professional geographical/geospatial organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education in geography for over 165 years. AGS is a 21st century learning

society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, understanding, and knowledge across business, government, academe, the social sector, and education. The goal of AGS is to enhance the nation's geographic literacy so as to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS is the only organization focused on bringing together academics, business people, those who influence public policy (including leaders in local, state and federal government, not-for-profit organizations and the media), and the general public for the express purpose of furthering the understanding of the role of geography in our lives. AGS provides leadership to frame the national discussion of the growing importance of geography and geospatial tools. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.



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