

Environmental Science & Policy Program at Michigan State University

Distinguished Lecture Series

Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy Director, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture

United States Department of Agriculture

"Feeding the World Through User-Inspired Science"

With an introduction by **Dr. Doug Buhler,** Director of MSU AgBioResearch and Assistant Vice President of Research and Graduate Studies



2:00 p.m. Tuesday October 18 273 Giltner Hall

ABSTRACT: Agriculture is inextricably linked to environmental, economic, and human health. For many years, agriculture and food research, education, and extension have focused chiefly on calories and the 'farm-to-fork' spectrum. Today, however, combating childhood obesity, improving and sustaining rural economic growth, controlling water availability, increasing food production, finding new sources of energy, mitigating climate variability, and ensuring food safety necessitate a more innovative, holistic, and interconnected approach. Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, will present on user-inspired science that catalyzes transformative discoveries to address these agricultural challenges.

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