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Interview: Arrive on Sunday, Feb 25 through Tuesday, Feb 27
Campus Forum: Monday, Feb 26, 3:30 – 4:30 PM, Room 170, DWR School of Architecture Building and via Zoom (link to be provided)
Reception: Immediately following in Architecture gallery

David C. Earnest, Ph.D., is the Odeen-Swanson Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of South Dakota. In this capacity, he manages seven degree-granting programs; fifteen faculty and three staff; more than 500 students; an annual budget of $2.5 million; and an endowment of $14 million. He previously served as associate dean for research and graduate studies in the College of Arts and Letters, Old Dominion University (Norfolk, Virginia). His research investigates how people create institutions to manage complex interactions between economic, political, ecological, technological and physical systems.

Dr. Earnest's publications and research have contributed to several transdisciplinary fields including globalization theory, complex systems theory, and computational social science. During his career he has taught at five different universities, including the University of Sydney (Australia) and the University of Southern Denmark. Dr. Earnest is author of three books: Massively Parallel Globalization: Explorations in Self-Organization and World Politics (SUNY Press, 2015); Old Nations, New Voters: Nationalism, Transnationalism and Democracy in the Era of Global Migration (SUNY Press, 2008) and On the Cutting Edge of Globalization (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005). He has published in leading journals including International Studies Quarterly, World Politics, Foreign Policy, and Globalizations.

He holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from the George Washington University and a B.A. from Stanford University.