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## Quick Facts

- The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in Owens G01 at 7 p.m. and will kick off the first leg of Chambers' tour.
- "Urban Green: Architecture for the Future," published by Palgrave/MacMillan, is Chambers' vision for bringing the power of the conservation and design movements together.



Neil Chambers

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Neil Chambers, a green design advocate and author of the upcoming book "Urban Green: Architecture for the Future," will lecture at Winthrop University on Sept. 13 as part of a nationwide tour to encourage students to re-think what it means to be green.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in **Owens G01** at 7 p.m. and will kick off the first leg of Chambers' tour.

With **smart USA** as his tour sponsor, Chambers will visit 24 college campuses to **debunk popular sustainability myths** while driving a smart vehicle from campus to campus.

While Chambers believes in working towards a future of **zero-emissions vehicles**, he believes that the smart car can be a part of the solution right now. Chambers adds that "smart is leading the automotive movement. It's not only fun, but is an easy way to get around an urban environment in a sustainable fashion while also being 95% recyclable."

"**Urban Green: Architecture for the Future**," published by Palgrave/MacMillan, is Chambers' vision for bringing the power of the conservation and design movements together. He advocates looking to nature for the missing components of the green revolution: oysters that can clean water at up to 5 liters an hour; beavers that reshape their environments while simultaneously enriching ecosystems; and mountains that offer a new way of imagining how a city could be built. By designing homes and cities in harmony with the natural world, Chambers said American society can take the next step in the sustainable revolution.

**Chambers** is the **CEO and founder** of **Chambers Design, Inc.**, a design and consulting studio that focuses on green buildings, infrastructure, master planning and habitat restoration. A veteran of green design with more than 15 years of experience, Chambers has a unique perspective of the many sides to design, construction and architecture.

A **Clemson University graduate** and **Gaffney, S.C. native**, Chambers has been called a "green design guru at the forefront of a new movement to make urban centers environmentally sustainable." Chambers' passion lays in directing teams toward the most cost-effective and creative green solutions for all building types. He advocates that new areas within green building are emerging and that design is no longer about form or function, but rather sustainability, ecology and energy.

Chambers has also taught at **New York University** and the **Fashion Institute of Technology**.

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