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Dr. Scott Tinker to show new documentary, "Switch On." courtesy photo

The Collegiate Peaks Forum Series is bringing back Dr. Scott Tinker with his new documentary, "Switch On." In January 2013, Dr. Tinker screened and discussed his first documentary, "Switch."

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While "Switch" looked at energy in the developed world, "Switch On" takes viewers on another spectacular adventure, this time across the developing world.

Billions of people in the developing world lack safe, reliable energy, impacting lighting, literacy and education, water and food supply, communication and technology, health care, trade and the economy, social programs and government.



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What the United Nations calls "energy poverty" is one of the most profound challenges in the world today, causing suffering and instability in many countries.

However, inspiring leaders, entrepreneurs and ordinary citizens are standing up to bring power to their people.

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"Switch On" takes the viewer to the Maasai savannah of Kenya, Africa's largest slum, and its newest hydroelectric dam; into the coal towns, ports, power plants and mines of growing Vietnam; across Nepal with an environmental health scientist, studying people's transition from the most dangerous cooking fuel, killing millions per year, to the safest.

And to watch solar energy brought, for the first time ever, to the Arhuaco people of northern Colombia.

Participants can view a trailer and watch "Switch On" any time between May 12 and May 21, when Collegiate Peaks Forum Series will host Dr. Tinker for a discussion of the film via Zoom.

To view the film, you will need to create a login for the "Switch On" website, which you can do any time prior to viewing the film by going to https://switchon.org/films/switch-on/.

Click the Sign Up For Free button in the upper right corner of this screen to create your login.

Collegiate Peaks Forum Series will host a discussion with Dr. Tinker at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 21.

For instructions on how to participate via Zoom, visit the CPFS website at https://www.collegiatepeaksforum.org/ and click the Special Events tab in the upper right corner of the welcome screen.

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