

The Scholarship of Sustainability

Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. beginning February 13, 2014

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Session 1: Beginning the Search

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- Eric T. Freyfogle, "Culture and Our Environmental Plight" (Feb. 2006)
- Fred Magdoff & J. B. Foster, "The Planetary Ecological Crisis" from Magdoff & Foster, *What Every Environmentalist Needs to Know About Capitalism* (Monthly Review Press 2011)
- Wendell Berry, "Conservation Is Good Work" from Berry, *Sex, Economy, Freedom & Community* (Pantheon Books 1993)
- Donald Worster, "The Shaky Ground of Sustainable Development," in *The Wealth of Nature: Environmental History and the Ecological Imagination* (Oxford Univ. Press 1993).

Session 2: The Costs and Possibilities of Capitalism

- Paul Hawken, Amory Lovins & L. Hunter Lovins, "The Next Industrialism," in *Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution* (Little Brown & Co. 1999)
- Fred Magdoff & John Bellamy Foster, "Can Capitalism Go Green?," in *What Every Environmentalist Needs to Know About Capitalism* (Monthly Review Press 2011)
- Max H. Bazerman & Ann E. Tenbrunsel, "Stumbling Into Bad Behavior," *New York Times*, April 20, 2011
- James Gustave Speth, "Off the Pedestal: Creating a New Vision of Economic Growth," www.e360.yale.edu, 2011

Session 3: Fragmentation and Cultural Flaws

- William Odum, "Environmental Degradation and the Tyranny of Small Decisions," *Bioscience*, vol. 32:9 (1982)
- Eric T. Freyfogle, "Simplicity, Community, and Private Land," in Samuel Alexander, ed., *Voluntary Simplicity: The Poetic Alternative to Consumer Culture* (Stead & Daughters, Ltd. 2009)
- Donald Worster, "Thinking Like a River" in *The Wealth of Nature: Environmental History and the Ecological Imagination* (Oxford Univ. Press 1993).
- Richard D. Lamm, "Human Ignorance and the Limited Use of History," in Bill Vitek & Wes Jackson, eds., *The Virtues of Ignorance: Complexity, Sustainability, and the Limits of Knowledge* (Univ. Press of Ky. 2008)

Session 4: Other Forms of Life

- Eric T. Freyfogle, excerpt from "An Ecological Foundation" (draft of Dec. 19, 2013)
- Dale Jamieson, "Animal Liberation is an Environmental Ethic" in Jamieson, *Morality's Progress* (Oxford U. Press 2002)
- Two letters, "Animal Rights and Conservation," *Conservation Biology*, vol. 22:4 (2008)
- C. Josh Donlan, "Restoring America's Big Wild Animals," *Scientific American* (June 2007)

Session 5: Climate Change and the Role of Science

Bill McKibben, "Global Warming's Terrifying New Math," *Rolling Stone*, July 19, 2012
Justin Gillis, "Climate Panel Cites Near Certainty on Warming," *NYTimes*, Aug 19, 2013
Eric T. Freyfogle, excerpt from "Science and Morals" (draft of Jan. 3, 2014)

Session 6: Seeing and Valuing Nature

Aldo Leopold, selections from *A Sand County Almanac and Sketches Here and There* (Oxford U. Press 1949): "January Thaw," "Draba," "Bur Oak," "Sky Dance," "Great Possessions," "Prairie Birthday," "Illinois Bus Ride," "Thinking Like a Mountain," "Conservation Esthetic"
Eric T. Freyfogle, excerpt from "*A Sand County Almanac at 50: Leopold in the New Century*," *Environmental Law Reporter* (January 2000)

Session 7: Sharing the Earth

Carolyn Merchant, "The Environmental Justice Movement," in *American Environmental History: An Introduction* (Columbia U. Press 2007)
Eric T. Freyfogle, "Notes on Environmental Justice" (Oct. 2007)
Peter Burdon, "Environmental Protection and the Limits of Rights Talk" (Aug. 2012)
Peter Singer, "Climate Change," in Singer, *Practical Ethics* (3d ed. Cambridge U. Press 2011)
Steven Lee Myers & Nicholas Kulish, "Growing Clamor About Inequities of Climate Crisis," *NY Times*, November 16, 2013
Stephen Gardiner, "The Ethical Dimension of Tackling Climate Change," www.e360.yale.edu 2013

Session 8: Otherworldly Religions

Lynn White, Jr., "The Historical Roots of Our Ecological Crisis," *Science* (March 1967)
Donald Worster, "The Wealth of Nature," in E. Freyfogle, ed., *The New Agrarianism* (Island Press 2001).
Robert McKim, "On Comparing Religions in the Anthropocene," *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*, vol. 34:3 (2013)

Session 9: New Directions for Conservation

Mary C. Wood, "Introduction" to *Nature's Trust: Environmental Law for a New Ecological Age* (Cambridge U. Press 2013)
James Gustave Speth, "Environmental Failure: A Case for a New Green Politics" *Yale Environment 360* (2008), <http://e360.yale.edu>
Eric T. Freyfogle, "Wanted: Environmental Leader," in *Agrarianism and the Good Society* (U. Press of Kentucky 2007)
Mike Tidwell, "To really save the planet, stop going green," *Wash. Post*, Dec. 6, 2009
"How going green may make you mean," *Guardian* (London), March 15, 2010
Dan Kahan, blog post on motivated reasoning at *Science and Religion Today* (2011)
Second National Risk & Culture Study (2009)
Judith Plant, "Searching for Common Ground: Ecofeminism and Bioregionalism," *The New Catalyst* (Winter 1987/88)