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PUBLIC LECTURE OFFERINGS

THE SOUNDS AND SILENCE OF BIRD SONG: REMEMBERING RACHEL CARSON

Provides an appreciative reflection of Carson's significance to modern environmental policy and thought, while exploring the ways contemporary environmental and Indigenous movements offer alternative paradigms of environmental care and conservation.

LOSS & WONDER AT THE WORLD'S END: DARWIN, COLONIALISM, AND THE LOST TRIBES OF THE FUEGIAN ARCHIPELAGO

Based on long-term fieldwork in southernmost Chile and Argentina, this lecture examines the legacy of Darwin in the region, particularly on the lives of Indigenous peoples of the Fuegian Archipelago.

CULTIVATING CLIMATE CITIZENS: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

Describes the ways in which universities can ensure that students are equipped with the tools and sense of purpose to become resilient and adaptable citizens, as well as climate leaders in their communities.

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CLASSROOM DISCUSSION TOPICS

ETHNOGRAPHY: EXPERIMENTS IN WRITING

1. What makes ethnographic writing unique? This discussion includes an overview of some of ethnography's key conventions as well as in-class writing exercises.

SENSE OF PLACE

2. What is the relationship of "place" to culture? This discussion includes an overview of the ways anthropologists and others have approached place and landscape as political, contested, and central to understanding cultural identity.

ANIMALS & HUMANS

3. What studying animals has taught us about being "human"? This discussion includes both a discussion of insights from multispecies anthropology as well as animal studies research that challenges human exceptionalism.