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2020 Idea of Nature Public Lecture Series Schedule (Handbill)

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Thomas Cole (1801-1848). View from Mount Holyoke, Northampton, Massachusetts, after a Thunderstorm - The Oxbow. 1836. Oil on canvas, 51 1/2 x 76 in. (130.8 x 193 cm). Gift of Mrs. Russell Sage, 1908 (08.228). The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, U.S.A. Photo Credit: Image copyright © The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Image source: Art Resource, NY

The Series

The goal of the series is to promote interdisciplinary inquiry about the environment and to foster dialogue across the campus and community, based on the premise that *big questions need interdisciplinary answers*.

How are conceptions of nature expressed in the sciences, literature, art, philosophy, music and other disciplines? How did ideas of nature change from 1660 to the present, a period of radical change and revolution?

These lectures are **free and open to the public** and will be followed by a reception with appetizers.

All events will be held in the **Simplot Ballroom, Boise State Student Union Building**. Free parking available.

The Schedule

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 • 6 PM



The Buzz About Bees

Thor Hanson

Author and Biologist

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 • 6 PM



Idaho First: How Archaeological Discoveries on the Lower Salmon River Change Our Perspectives on the Peopling of the Americas

Loren Davis

Professor of Anthropology, Oregon State University

Thursday, April 16, 2020 • 6 PM



Thomas Cole and the Destruction of American Nature

Alan Wallach

Ralph H. Wark Professor of Art and Art History Emeritus, William and Mary College



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Past Lectures (selected)



**Deliberate Living:
The Challenge
of Walden in the
21st Century**

Laura Walls

*Professor of English, History,
and Philosophy of Science,
University of Notre Dame*



**A Tapestry of
Nature: Emerging
Themes of
Disturbance and
Recovery**

Nalini Nadkarni

*Professor of Biology,
University of Utah*



**After Nature:
Living in the
Anthropocene**

Jedediah Purdy

*Robinson O. Everett
Professor of Law,
Duke University*



**Adventures in a
Natural History
Museum**

**Laurel Thatcher
Ulrich**

*300th Anniversary University
Professor, Department of
History, Harvard University*



**John Muir and
the Religion
of Nature: A
Bankrupt Legacy?**

Donald Worster

*Professor Emeritus,
Department of History,
University of Kansas*



**The Wolf Trap:
Entering the
Woods through
Fairy Tales**

Maria Tatar

*John L. Loeb Professor of
Folklore & Mythology,
Harvard University*



**Rights of Nature:
The Future of
Idaho's Landscape**

Paulette Jordan

*Formerly in the
Idaho House of Representatives
and candidate for governor
of Idaho.*



**Changing Views
of Nature**

Bernd Heinrich

*Professor Emeritus in Biology
University of Vermont*