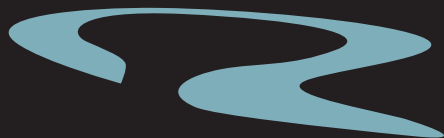


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## 2016 Idea of Nature Public Lecture Series Schedule (Flyer)

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# Interdisciplinary Explorations

## The Idea of Nature

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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 literature, art, philosophy, music, and other humanities 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 a no-host bar and appetizers.

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

### The Schedule

**Thursday, March 3, 2016 • 6 PM**



#### Messy Rivers are Healthy Rivers

**Ellen Wohl,**  
Professor, Department of Geosciences,  
Colorado State University

**Thursday, March 17, 2016 • 6 PM**



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

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

**Thursday, April 14, 2016 • 6 PM**



#### Adventures in a Natural History Museum

**Laurel Thatcher Ulrich,**  
300th Anniversary University  
Professor, Department of History,  
Harvard University

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## Past Lectures



### ***After Nature: Living in the Anthropocene***

**Jedediah Purdy,**

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



### ***Emily Dickinson and Science***

**Richard Brantley,**

*Professor Emeritus,  
University of Florida*



### ***Getting to the Roots of the Matter: Trees in 19th-Century Literature***

**Susan Oliver,**

*Reader of English Literature, University of Essex, England*



### ***Henry David Thoreau and Health in Nature***

**James Engell,**

*Gurney Professor of English,  
Harvard University*



### ***Robert Frost and the Forests of Vermont***

**John Elder,**

*Professor Emeritus,  
Middlebury College*



### ***The Poetics of Nature***

**James McKusick,**

*Dean of the Davidson, Honors College,  
University of Montana*



### ***The Nature of Slow Food***

**Dan Philippon,**

*Associate Professor of English,  
University of Minnesota*



### ***Romanticism, Blake and the Politics of Nature***

**Kevin Hutchings,**

*Research Chair in Literature, Culture, & Environmental Studies,  
University of Northern British Columbia*



### ***On Metaphor and Progress: Nature in 19th-Century Literature & Landscape Painting***

**Rochelle Johnson,**

*Professor of English & Environmental Studies, College of Idaho*



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

**Maria Tatar,**

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



### ***Nature: From Howling Wilderness to the Call of the Wild***

**David Lowenthal,**

*Professor Emeritus, Department of Geography,  
University College London*



### ***The Nature of a Spacious Life***

**Rebecca Kneale Gould,**

*Senior Lecturer, Environmental Studies, Co-director: Philosophy,  
Religion and Environment Focus, Middlebury College*