



MCLA’S 2026 SPRING SEMESTER GREEN LIVING SEMINAR

NATURE AND SPIRITUALITY

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM IN FCSI 121

- 1/28

LAND + THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY
DAVID CREWS, POET
- 2/4

FAITH UNDER FIRE: HOW RELIGION SHAPES CLIMATE CONCERN IN THE MIDDLE EAST
DR. NIMAH MAZAHERI, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
TUFTS UNIVERSITY
- 2/11

MINDFUL BIRDING AND THE SCIENCE OF AWE: IMPROVING OUR HEALTH & SAVING THE PLANET
DAVE EDSON, EDUCATOR AND NATURALIST
- 2/18

HOW RELIGION INFLUENCES OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ENVIRONMENT
DR. ALEXANDER DE SHERBININ, DIRECTOR & SENIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST
COLUMBIA CLIMATE SCHOOL'S CENTER FOR INTEGRATED EARTH SYSTEM INFORMATION (CIESIN)
- 2/25

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN THE STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE ANCESTRAL HOMELAND
BONNEY HARTLEY, TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MANAGER
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY
- 3/4

NATURE, WELL-BEING, AND INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES ON THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF PEOPLE AND CREATION
WAHIEŊHAWI “HAWI” HALL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY LIAISON FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS
CORNELL HEALTH
- 3/11

EMERSON’S TRANSCENDENTALISM AND ECOLOGY: POLITICS BEYOND CYNICISM
RUSSELL C. POWELL, RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE WORLD RELIGIONS
- 3/25

CARING FOR THE SACRED IN NATURE: THE ROLE OF CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES IN LANDSCAPE STEWARDSHIP
JESSICA BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NEW ENGLAND BIOLABS FOUNDATION
- 4/1

HOW THE CHURCH CAN ENGAGE WITH THE URGENT MORAL CRISIS OF CLIMATE CHANGE
REV. DR. JIM ANTAL, DENOMINATIONAL LEADER, ACTIVIST, AND PUBLIC THEOLOGIAN
- 4/8

HOW LAWS PROTECTING BIRDS STRENGTHEN HUMAN COMMUNITIES
MEREDITH BARGES, CHAIR, LIGHTS OUT CENTRAL NY, PHD STUDENT
SUNY COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY
- 4/15

THE CALL OF THE ECOZOIC: RELIGIONS ENTER THEIR PLANETARY PHASE
SAM KING, PROJECT MANAGER
JOURNEY OF THE UNIVERSE
- 4/22

LANDSCAPES OF THE SECULAR: LAW, RELIGION, AND AMERICAN SACRED SPACE
DR. NICOLAS C. HOWE, PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
WILLIAMS COLLEGE

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