



# MCLA'S 2026 SPRING SEMESTER GREEN LIVING SEMINAR

# NATURE AND SPIRITUALITY

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM IN FCSI 121

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**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  
WAHIEÑHAWI "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 VAL-  
UES 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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