

**The Future of Nature**  
Schedule of Events

**Thursday 10 September 2015**

**3:00pm-6:00 pm: Aboriginal Sharing Circle, Marble Inn Resort, Steady Brook**

Lead by Chief Mi'sel Joe, Miawpukek First Nation

6:00-10:00 pm: Registration; Barbecue, Marble Inn Resort

**Friday 11 September 2015**

8:30 am: Opening ceremonies, Arts and Science Atrium, Grenfell Campus, Corner Brook

9:15-12:00 pm: Concurrent sessions (to be live streamed and podcasted), Corner Brook Civic Centre

**Session 1: What is Nature?**

Moderator: John Russon (Philosophy, Guelph)

"Nature as a State of Mind"

Brian Schroeder (Philosophy, Rochester Institute of Technology)

"The Ecological Self"

Elizabeth Sikes (Psychotherapy and Philosophy, Seattle University)

"Extinction as a Philosophical Problem"

Stephen Crocker (Sociology, MUN)

"Nature after Naturalism. How the Resurgence of Dualism can Help Us"

Uwe Voigt (Philosophy, University of Augsburg)

"Nature and Value: Is it Always About Us?"

Craig Cramm (Philosophy, MUN)

"Nature, Culture and Wilderness"

Dieter Sturma (Philosophy, University of Bonn)

**Session 2: The Anthropocene and Climate Change**

Moderator: Jay Foster (Philosophy, MUN)

"Ecological Economics and the Objective Value of Life"

Gabriela Sabau (Environmental Policy Institute, MUN Grenfell)

“Imagining More: Beyond Sustainability”  
Brian Henning (Philosophy, Gonzaga University)

“Socio-Environmental Problems of the Marine and Coastal Wetlands in the Peninsula of Nicoya and its Impact on the Future of Nature: Three Case Studies”  
Jorge Manuel Luna Angulo (Dean, National University of Costa Rica)

“Displacement and Hospitality”  
Jens Soentgen (Environmental Science, University of Augsburg)

“Thinking Strategically About Energy as Citizens of Canada in the 21st Century”  
Patrick Tomlinson (Philosophy, MUN)

“The Future of Nature? Ecological Imaginaries and Possibilities of Hope”  
Heather Eaton (Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University)

### **Session 3: Newfoundland: Its Past and its Promise**

Moderator: Katherine Lockhart (Creative Gros Morne)

“Nature in the Margins: Reflections on People, Place, Nature, and Meaning”  
John Bodner (Folklore and Social Cultural Studies, MUN Grenfell)

“Revitalizing our Fisheries and Coastal Communities: Principles, Options and Opportunities”  
Barbara Neis (Sociology, MUN)

“Health of the Oceans: New Ocean Ethic”  
Gordon Slade (Shorefast)

“Forgotten Pasts, Tenuous Futures: Modernity’s Amnesia”  
Joël Madore (Philosophy, MUN)

“Everything that Isn’t Tied Down: On the Nature of Commodities”  
Reade Davis (Anthropology, MUN)

“What was Newfoundland? What Might it Still Be?”  
Sean McGrath (Philosophy, MUN)

12:00-1:00 pm: Lunch and poster session in the Arts and Science Atrium, Grenfell Campus, Corner Brook

**1:30-4:00 pm: Public Forum, Arts and Science Atrium, Grenfell Campus**

## **Does Nature Have a Future?**

Moderator: Sean McGrath (Philosophy, MUN)

Panelists:

Peter Trnka (Philosophy, MUN)

Kelly Vodden (Environmental Policy, MUN Grenfell)

Jason Wirth (Philosophy, Seattle University)

Blair Adams (Department of Natural Resources, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador)

Jens Soentgen (Environmental Science, University of Augsburg)

With contributions from:

Arnulfo Oxlaj (Mayan Medicine Man, Guatemala)

Stephen Blackwood (Philosophy, MUN Grenfell)

Peter Gratton (Philosophy, MUN)

## **4:30-5:30 pm: Art Exhibit, Rotary Art Centre, Corner Brook**

### **Nature Present**

Mary MacDonald, curator

With original works by:

Marlene Creates

Will Gill

Pam Hall

Matthew Hollett

Philippa Jones

Ingrid Mary Percy

Gerald Squires

Peter Wilkins

6:30-7:30 pm: Dinner, Marble Inn Resort

## **8:00-10:00 pm: Evening Gala, Grenfell Campus Fine Arts Theatre**

A program of contemporary dance, visual art, story and music, giving voice to environmental loss and hope

Act One: Contemporary Dance

“The worth of” by Sarah Joy Stoker

Featuring Sarah Joy Stoker and Lori Clarke  
New work by Candice Pike

Act Two: A Reading from Lisa Moore

Act Three: An Evening of Song and Story with Gerry Squires and Pamela Morgan, with  
introduction by Rex Brown

### **Saturday 12 September**

9:00 am: Bus leaves from Marble Inn for Bonne Bay Marine Station, Norris Point

#### **10:30 am-11:30 am: The Past, Present and Future of Bonne Bay**

“A Natural History of Bonne Bay”  
Robert Hooper (Marine Biology, MUN)

“Marine Protected Areas and Cod Liver Oil (They’re Good for You)”  
Bill Montevecchi (Psychology, MUN)

1:30-2:15 pm: Lunch at the Discovery Centre, Woody Point

#### **2:15 pm -3:00 pm: The Resilience of Nature, the Discovery Centre**

“Nature Needs Half”  
Eric Hebert-Daly (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society)

“The Song Goes On: Nature Never Stops”  
Antony Berger (Earth Science, Bonne Bay)

3:15-5:00 pm: Guided Hike, Tablelands

5:30-6:30 pm: Cocktails, Bonne Bay Inn, Woody Point

**Reading: Greg Malone, *Don’t Tell the Newfoundlanders***

6:30-7:45 pm: Dinner, Bonne Bay Inn, Woody Point

**8:00-10:00 pm: "The Muscle We Long With" (Musical Performance, St. Patrick’s  
Church, Wood Point)**

Created by David Maggs, directed by Rachael Peake

Features the poetry of Don McKay, set to imagery from Tom Cochrane and  
Marlene Creates

Music from Dark by Five

**Sunday 13 September**

**9:15-10:00am: Ritual for the Earth, Rocky Harbour (Gros Morne Cabins grounds)**

**10:30-12:30 am: Integral Ecology Round Table, Bonne Bay Marine Station**

Moderator: Michelle Rebidoux (Religious Studies, MUN)

Heather Eaton (Conflict Studies, Saint Paul University)

Miriam Martin (Religious Studies, Saint Paul University)

Jason Wirth (Philosophy, Seattle University)

Chief Mi'Sel Joe (Miawpukek First Nation Chief)

Gil Shalev (Havura Jewish Community, St. John's / Philosophy, MUN)

Greg Malone (Writer and Performer, St. John's)

Meranda Squires (Yoga Teacher, St. John's)

12:30-1:30 pm: Lunch

**2:30-5:30 pm: Hike and Boat Tour of Western Brook Pond**

7:00 pm: Closing Dinner, Rocky Harbour