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Summary: Kathleen Dean Moore, 2012-13 Environmental Studies Scholar in Residence, will give a public lecture on Tuesday, October 23, and a public reading on Wednesday, October 24. Both events will be held in the HFA Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

(October 22, 2012)-The Environmental Studies Program is pleased to welcome Kathleen Dean Moore, distinguished professor of philosophy at Oregon State University, as its 2012-13 Scholar in Residence. Moore will give a public lecture on Tuesday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m. as well as a public reading on Wednesday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m. Both events will be held in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall, with receptions and book signings to follow.

Moore’s public lecture—“Why It’s Wrong to Wreck the World: Climate Disruption and the Moral Obligation to the Future”—will take place on Tuesday, October 23. It will address the idea that climate change is a scientific, technological, and moral issue that warrants a moral response. A second presentation entitled “The Work of the Writer in a World of Wounds” will be held on Wednesday, October 24. Moore will read from her creative non-fiction work and discuss the authorial act of finding wonder and responding to the current environmental crisis.

Moore is a philosopher, nature writer, public speaker, and defender of all that is wet and wild, best known as a nature writer whose essays question and celebrate cultural and spiritual connections to the Earth. Her latest work, MORAL GROUND: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril, gathers testimony from the world’s moral leaders who call us to honor our obligations to future generations. Her earlier works include Wild Comfort: The Solace of Nature, Riverwalking: Reflections on Moving Water, Holdfast: At Home in the Natural World, and The Pine Island Paradox.

Moore is a recipient of the Oregon Book Award, the Pacific Northwest Booksellers' Award, and the Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award. Her work has been published in magazines and journals such as Orion, Audubon, Discover, The Sun, and the New York Times Magazine as well as Conservation Biology and the Journal of Forestry.

Moore serves as Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Oregon State University (OSU), where she teaches environmental ethics and philosophy of nature. She is co-author of the new Environmental Humanities Initiative at OSU, which integrates science and humanities to provide leadership for complex times, and is the founding director of the Spring Creek Project for Ideas, Nature, and the Written Word. She lives in Corvallis, Oregon and writes in her family’s cabin on the edge of a cove in Southeast Alaska.

Moore's books are available in the bookstore and will be available for purchase at the public presentations.

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