

6. Sep 7: William Baxter, "The Case for Optimal Pollution"

### Religion and Environment

7. Sep 9: Two readings

- a. Lynn White, "The Historical Roots of Our Ecological Crisis"
- b. Jamieson, "Religion and Worldviews" 20-22

8. Sep 11: **Pope Francis on Environment**

- a. "Faith and Science Can Find Common Ground"
- b. Pope's Encyclical on Environment
- c. Pope Francis' Call to Action Goes Beyond the Environment

### Environmental Justice

9. Sep 14: Peter Wenz, "Just Garbage"

- a. Optional additional reading; A Global Graveyard for Dead Computers in Ghana

### Property and Environment

10. Sep 16: **Oral Presentations (1) on Owning Nature, Property Rights, and Takings**

- a. "Who Owns the Moon?" Khana Smith
- b. "Property Rights and 'Takings' Legislation"
- c. Andrew Kahrl, "Beaches Are an American Right and Environmental Necessity"  
Rachel Starling
- d. Reed Watson, "Allow the Free Market to Protect the Environment" Gabrielle Wilde
- e. "'Claim the Sky' by Claiming Our Common Property Rights and Establishing an Atmospheric Trust"  
Myrill Tracy

### Environmental Ethics and Animals

11. Sep 18: **Video:** "The Witness" (43 minutes)

12. Sep 21: Jamieson, pp. 102-112 (on "Speciesism")

- a. Speciesism The Movie (trailer)

13. Sep 23: **Oral Presentations (2) on Using Animal for Food**

- a. Nicholas Kristoff, "Can We See Our Hypocrisy to Animals?" ALISSA DIGIANDOMENICO
- b. U.S. Research Lab Lets Livestock Suffer in Quest for Profit Michael Hollerbach
- c. Walmart Pushes for Improved Animal Welfare Christian Hughes
- d. Give Thanks for Meat (Pro eating meat essay contest winner; if interested see also other finalists essays)  
Jessica Curry
- e. Sierra, "Can You Eat Meat and Consider Yourself an Environmentalist?" (for oral presenter, I recommend reading ahead – Jamieson 121-125) Dillon Olivi

14. Sep 25: **Oral Presentations (3) on Other Uses of Animals**

- a. **Animal Experimentation:** "In U.S., Few Alternatives to Testing on Animals"  
Bryon McMahan
- b. **Hunting:** Douglas Chadwick, "The American Hunting Myth" Tanner Glaze



- c. **Fishing:** If Fish Could Scream (Peter Singer on Fishing Methods) Lila Wooten
  - d. **Zoos:** Susan Freinkel, "Why I Still Believe in the Zoo," Marc Bekoff, "Thick skins, tender hearts and broken spirits," and Ringling Brothers Circus to End Use of Elephants Chelsea Wimberly
  - e. **Pets:** "Animal Rights Uncompromised: 'Pets'" Sam Amash
15. Sep 28: Two readings
- a. Peter Singer, "All Animals are Equal"
  - b. Jamieson, pp. 112-116 (on "Singer's animal liberation")
  - c. In class Peter Singer with Steven Colbert
16. Sep 30: Two readings
- a. Tom Regan, "The Case for Animal Rights"
  - b. Jamieson, pp. 116-120 (on "Regan's rights theory")
17. Oct 2: Jamieson pp. 120-131 (on "Using animals" and "Killing versus causing pain")
18. Oct 5: Carl Cohen, "The Case for the Use of Animals in Biomedical Research"
19. Oct 7: Two readings
- a. Michael Pollan, "An Animal's Place"
  - b. Ted Kerasote on Vegetable Farming vs Hunting
  - c. Additional, optional reading: Bill McKibben, "The Only Way to Have a Cow"
20. Oct 9: Jamieson, pp. 131-144 (on "The conscientious omnivore, vegetarians and vegans, and animals and other values")
21. Oct 12: Mark Sagoff, "Animal Liberation and Environmental Ethics: Bad Marriage, Quick Divorce"
- a. Predation: Lion eating buffalo alive (In class video)
  - b. Additional, optional reading: Jeffrey McMahan, "The Meat Eaters"
22. **Oct 14: Midterm Exam**

**Biocentrism**

23. Oct 16: Paul Taylor, "The Ethics of Respect for Nature"
- a. In class Colbert Meatless Mondays and Plant Communication Research

*Monday (and Tuesday) Oct 19 & 20: Fall Break*

24. Oct 21: Paul Taylor, "Priority Principles,"
25. Oct 23: Jamieson, pp. 145-149 (on "Biocentrism")

**Ecocentrism**

26. Oct 26: **Oral Presentations (4) on ecocentric holism vs. individualism**
- a. Roger Caras, "There are Two Ways of Looking at it" Molly Moriarty
  - b. "States Seek Ok to Kill Sea Lions" Michelle Whitford
  - c. "Kill the Cat That Kills the Bird?" (Full article link on class webpage) Madalen Howard
  - d. Can Hunting Endangered Animals Save Species? (14 min video) Raenel Norsette
  - e. Jamieson, pp. 172-175 (on "Feral goats versus endemic plants") Allison Dejo
27. Oct 28: Two readings
- a. Aldo Leopold, "Preface to Sand County Almanac"
  - b. Aldo Leopold "The Land Ethic"

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28. Oct 30: Jamieson, pp. 149-153 (on "Ecocentrism")

**Extinction**

29. Nov 2: Holmes Rolston, Duties to Endangered Species

**Native vs Exotic Species**

30. Nov 4: Two readings:
- a. Jamieson, pp. 175-180 (on "Natives versus exotics")
  - b. Natives and Exotics: Don't Judge Species by their Origin



i. In class: Exotic Asian Carp (video)

### Climate Change

31. Nov 6: Henry Shue, "Deadly Delays, Saving Opportunities: Creating a More Dangerous World?"
32. Nov 9: Two readings:
- Franzen, "Carbon Capture: Has climate change made it harder for people to care about conservation?"
  - Jamieson "The rise and fall of America's climate deniers: How politics hijacked the fight against global warming"

**The Value of the Natural and Wild:** (J.S. Mill: The use of terms like "natural is "one of the most copious sources of false taste, false philosophy, false morality and even bad law")

33. Nov 11: **Oral Presentations (5) on the meaning and value of the natural**
- Do what is natural, you say? (reading begins on bottom of page) Bena Parker
  - Saving a Drowning Buffalo or Letting Nature Take its Course? Megan Carpenter
  - Tortoises with ipads Lauren Harper
  - Niagara Falls: America's Most Unnatural Wonder Brittany King
  - Bill McKibben's "The End of Nature?" Shanay Mickens

34. Nov 13: No Class

35. Nov 16: Two readings on Valuing Nature

- Jamieson, pp. 68-75 (on "Intrinsic value")
- Jamieson, pp. 153-162 (on "Valuing reconsidered," "The plurality of values," and "Aesthetic values")

36. Nov 18: **Oral Presentations (6) on managing nature**

- Sierra, To What Extent Should Humans Manage Nature If At All? Danielle Green
- Jamieson, pp., 169-171 (on "Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep versus mountain lions")  
Hydeia Wade
- Marris et al, Hope in the Age of Man (The Anthropocene) Randi Phillips
- Erle Ellis on Anthropocene and human created nature (8 min video) Nerathi Vanders
- Holmes Rolston, "Managing The Planet" Kiernan Henderson

37. Nov 20: Jamieson, pp 162-168 (on "Natural values")

### Wilderness

38. Nov 23: **Oral Presentation (7) on wilderness**

- Rethinking the Wild: The Wilderness Act Is Facing a Mid-life Crisis Liam Hodges
- Eco-millionaire's land grab prompts fury Alexander Bugarin
- John Perry, "The Nature of Wilderness" Ashlynn Anderson
- The Wilderness Paradox (A 4 page article) Asia Rivers
- Monbiot on Rewilding Tanner Wharton

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### Thanksgiving Break

39. Nov 30: William Cronon, "The Trouble with Wilderness; or, Getting Back to the Wrong Nature"
- Optional additional material: Saving Wild Places in the Anthropocene, Science Friday (Audio) with William Cronon

### Environmental Activism

40. Dec 2: **Oral Presentations (8) on Environmental Action**

- No Impact Man trailer and Lessons from Low Impact Week Tess Dooley
- Derrick Jensen, "Forget Shorter Showers" (if interested, see also: The Story of Change - Video)  
Maggie Muck
- Peter Singer "Ends and Means" Grace Hopkins
- Wendell Berry, Speech Against the State Government and Mountain Top Removal  
Catherine Wade
- "Would You Ever Break The Law in Support of an Environmental Goal?" Pierre Forgione

### Justice and Nature's Future

41. Dec 4: Jamieson, pp. 181-196 (on "Travails of the biosphere" and "Questions of justice")