

# MANSFIELD CENTER

## FALL 2012 BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES



All presentations are free and open to the public.  
Unless otherwise noted, presentations will be held at 12:00 p.m.  
in the Mansfield Center Conference Room, Mansfield Library.

### Tuesday, September 18: NOTE SPECIAL LOCATION: UC Theater **Global Climate Change and the Ethics of Species Preservation**

Northeastern University Philosophy Professor Ronald Sandler

*Global climate change, in combination with other ecological stressors, dramatically increases the number of species at risk of extinction. However, it also undermines traditional species conservation strategies, place-based preservation and ecological restoration. In this talk I conduct a value analysis of ecosystem management goals and strategies under conditions of global climate change in order to determine whether it is appropriate to adopt novel, interventionist strategies such as assisted colonization to accomplish species conservation, or whether it is appropriate to shift ecosystem management goals away from species Conservation.*

### Wednesday, September 26

#### **Interning with the United States Department of State**

UM Senior Madeline Bermes

*A presentation on The U.S. Department of State's internship program for undergraduates. Madeline will discuss the application process and provide tips for prospective applicants. She will also speak about her internship experience, the joys of living in DC, and how to survive financially during your summer internship.*

### Wednesday, October 3

#### **Studying Climate Change in Vietnam: Shared Impacts**

Environmental Studies Professor Dan Spencer

*Studying Climate Change in Vietnam: Shared Impacts on Water, Forests, and Society*

*Join Dr. Dan Spencer as he discusses his upcoming wintersession courses to study climate change while immersed in Vietnamese culture and society. His program is a unique opportunity to study a local concern from an international perspective.*

### **-CANCELED-** Thursday, October 4: NOTE SPECIAL LOCATION: UC Theater

#### **Wolf, Moose, Philosopher: Environmental Ethics and the Isle Royale Wolf-Moose Project**

Michael Nelson, Associate Professor of Environmental Philosophy and Ethics at  
Oregon State University

*For nearly 55 years, scientists have been studying the relationship between wolf and moose, predator and prey, on Isle Royale in Lake Superior; making it the longest continuous study of a predator-prey system in the world. For the past decade, the project has included philosophers and writers, film makers and artists. Scientific findings from the project can be viewed as important checks on assumptions that underpin past and contemporary arguments surrounding wolf policy.*

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### **Reflections on Women's Empowerment in Southeast Asia**

State Department Exchange professionals from Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand

*Visiting State Department Exchange Professionals from Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand will share commonalities between their work at home and what they've learned about the U.S. with a focus on such issues as education, law, leadership, and violence against women.*

Wednesday, October 24: NOTE SPECIAL LOCATION: Todd Building 203

### **Wicked Problems, Deliberation, and Community Management of Irrigation Canals in Kara Kulja District, Kyrgyz Republic**

Mike Igoe, M.S. Candidate in Resource Conservation

*Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, communities in Southern Kyrgyzstan have confronted new challenges of natural resource management, especially with regard to crucial water resources. This presentation will discuss findings from a research project that sought to better understand how local institutions have emerged and continue to adapt to new and ever-changing social, political, and economic conditions.*

Tuesday, October 30: NOTE SPECIAL LOCATION: UC 330

### **Second (Third and Fourth) Thoughts on Geoengineering: Governance and Ethics in Climate Engineering Research**

Professors Jane Long of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Nancy Tuana of the Penn State University Rock Ethics Institute *Research into engineering the earth's climate is starting to gain momentum as public policy continues to languish. Professors Long and Tuana will discuss their recent work on critical issues involving the ethics and governance of geoengineering research.*

Wednesday, November 7

### **Translation, Literature and Modernization Regarding China**

Professor Luo Xuanmin, Ph.D., Tsinghua University, Beijing

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