

2008 Ideas Matter Lecture series ~ free / public invited

Who Owns the Sky? ~ The Tragedy or Triumph of the Commons
OSU, Gilfillan Auditorium, Thursdays, 7 pm

Thriving forests, rich soil, clean air, fresh water, bountiful oceans--these are our common heritage. But in this thoroughly commodified and increasingly privatized world, the commons is everywhere diminished. Our challenge is to re-imagine the commons. How might our society be inspired to share both the gifts of the commons and the responsibility for their long-term well-being?

Jan. 10 **The Commons: Issues and Quandaries: Cassandra Robertson**, voice and guitar; **Rob Birdwell**, trumpet; **Kathleen Dean Moore**, philosophy; **Charles Goodrich**, poetry

Jan. 17 **Devon Peña**, environmental anthropologist, University of Washington, author, *Mexican Americans and the Environment: Tierra y Vida*.

Jan. 24 **Eric Freyfogle**, legal scholar, University of Illinois, author, *The Land We Share: Private Property and the Common Good*

Jan. 31 **Charles Wilkinson**, environmental historian, University of Colorado, author *Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations*

Tuesday Feb. 5 -- SPECIAL EVENT--Campus Carbon Challenge Kick-Off: **Gary Braasch**, photographer, *Earth Under Fire: How Global Warming Is Changing the World*
7 pm, Withycombe 109

Feb. 7 **Ted Jojola** (Pueblo), Regents Professor of Community and Regional Planning, University of New Mexico

Feb. 14 **Mark Hixon**, marine biologist, Oregon State University; chair, Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee,

Friday Feb. 15 --SPECIAL EVENT-- **Ann Pancake**, novelist, *Strange as this Weather Has Been*,
7 pm, Valley Library Rotunda

Feb. 21 **Kim Stanley Robinson**, novelist, the *Mars Trilogy*; *Forty Signs of Rain*, *Fifty Degrees below Zero*, and *Sixty Days and Counting*

Feb. 28 **Mary Wood**, environmental law, University of Oregon, author, *Nature's Trust: A Legal Paradigm for Protecting Land and Natural Resources for Future Generations*

March 6 Local Commons' Advocates

March 13 **David Korten**, Co-founder, Positive Futures Network; author, *The Great Turning: From Earth Empire to Earth Community*

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