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## EECP Welcomes New Faculty Members

At the December 2008 faculty meeting, the EECP faculty was pleased to welcome four new members, **Cecilia Herles, Dan Nadenicek, Piers Stephens, and John Waters.**



**Cecilia M. Herles** serves as the Assistant Director for UGA's Institute for Women's Studies, where she specializes in ethics, feminist philosophy, and environmental ethics. Herles received her Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Georgia in 2006. She also received a graduate certificate in Environmental Ethics in 2000.

**Daniel J. Nadenicek** is the new Dean of the College of Environment and Design at UGA. Prior to coming to UGA, he was the Chair of the Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture at Clemson University. Before coming to Clemson in 2002, he was at The Pennsylvania State University as director of the Center for Studies in Landscape History. Dean Nadenicek holds a Bachelor and Master's degrees in History from Mankato State University, as well as a Bachelor and Master's degrees of Landscape Architecture from the University of Minnesota. His research interests focus on landscape architectural history and theory, and his findings have been published in a number of nationally recognized venues. Among his publications is a co-authored book chapter (with Catherine M. Hastings), "Environmental Rhetoric, Environmental Sophism: The Words and Work of Landscape Architecture," which was published in *Environmentalism in Landscape Architecture* by Harvard University Press in 2000.



**Piers H. G. Stephens** joined the UGA Philosophy faculty in Fall 2008. His areas of specialty include environmental philosophy, ethics, political philosophy, and classical pragmatism. His forthcoming book, *Nature, Liberty and Dystopia: On the Moral Significance of Nature for Human Freedom* is under contract with Routledge for their Research in Environmental Politics series.

**John C. Waters**, Professor in the College of Environment and Design, is a noted specialist in philosophy, history, practice and advocacy of historic preservation. Among his many projects is the preservation and enhancement of the Founders Memorial Garden and House, home to the EECP. ■





**Phil Cafaro**

**“Flourishing or Growth? An Ethical Choice for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”**

Philip Cafaro, an associate professor in the Philosophy Department of Colorado State University, spoke on global warming. Cafaro suggested that, in the case of global warming, that today’s dominant economic paradigm is bumping up against physical and biological limits. As will likely become ever clearer in coming decades, endlessly growing populations, consumption, and economic activity is incompatible with human happiness and the flourishing of wild nature. The world’s peoples need to shift to an economic paradigm focused on providing sufficient resources for a limited number of people and on leaving sufficient resources for the millions of other species on Earth. For 2500 years, philosophers and thinkers, East and West, religious and secular, have argued that wealth is not the key to happiness and that goodness is better than greatness. Contemporary thinkers and leaders should work to convince our societies to grow up and accept this message, rather than trying to shoehorn a few more decades of economic growth into an already overstressed system.

**Sanna Barrineau**

**“The Influence of the Finnish National Epic, *The Kalevala*, on Modern Day Finland’s Environmental Ethic”**

Sanna Barrineau, an International Affairs major, received the 2007 Feighner Award. The Feighner Award is given for the Outstanding Undergraduate Certificate Paper. Barrineau presented her ideas about how Finnish environmental ethics may have evolved from Finland’s national epic, *The Kalevala*. The EECF was delighted

to have Rudy Quillian, as well as the Feighners, at a special awards dinner. Rudy Quillian was the original sponsor of the Feighner Award in honor of his nephew, Gordon R. Feighner.



Photo by Dorinda G. Dallmeyer

**Cecilia Herles**

**“An Ecological Feminist Perspective on Climate Change”**

Cecilia Herles, Assistant Director for UGA’s Institute for Women’s Studies (and new EECF faculty member), gave an ecological feminist perspective on climate change. Herles claimed women are disproportionately affected by climate change worldwide and she provided a feminist analysis with ethical concerns for humans, non-humans, and the environment. Her message advocated a lifestyle change that would nourish a partnership with nature.

**James Howard Kunstler**

**“The Long Emergency: Surviving the End of Oil, Climate Change, and Other Converging Catastrophes of the Twenty-First Century”**

Jim Kunstler, author of *The Long Emergency* and *The Geography of Nowhere*, spoke at the UGA Chapel, not to



offer solutions to global climate change or even offer hope to the room full of professors and college students, but to tell us that “we are in trouble.” His blunt statements offered the audience a bleak perspective on our future way of life. Audience members who came to hear solutions for climate change were sorely disappointed. Kunstler reminded us that “you

are the generators of your own hope,” and maintained that we cannot continue our current way of life.

**Neill Herring**

**“What’s Next for Georgia’s Environment”**

Neill Herring, an environmental lobbyist, ended the Fall seminar series by providing a glimpse into the politics of protecting nature. His stories from Washington and the Georgia legislature described the difficulty involved in creating sound environmental laws. ■

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### **Ethical Considerations for the Ogeechee River Greenway**

Reader: Alfie Vick

The city of Jewel, Georgia, is considering the construction of a Greenway along the Ogeechee River. The Greenway is approximately 7 miles long, and will be a recreational trail with pedestrian, bicycle, equestrian, and aquatic access. It crosses the property of 13 landowners. To date, the citizens of Hancock and Warren Counties, who share land on the proposed Ogeechee River Greenway corridor, have attended a community meeting in which the author presented concepts and ideas behind the Greenway. No construction has occurred. In this paper, I discuss the Greenway concept and ideas, including inventory and analysis studies, master plan development, and supplemental drawings. I conclude my paper with ethical considerations. Outside of not constructing the Greenway at all, I conclude that the best option is to construct a Greenway following the Ogeechee River proposed corridor with modifications. The modified trail would not cross the land of unwilling property owners, but instead would cross the Ogeechee from the Warren County side to the Hancock County side over bridges onto property of willing owners. This solution maintains a linear, unbroken Greenway along the Ogeechee and satisfies landowners of both counties. In this manner, I balance of the utilitarian good for all the involved communities with our Kantian obligations and responsibilities to property rights.



**Joan Musselman**

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### **Ethical Considerations for Palm Oil Production in Malaysia**

Reader: Peter Brosius

The product of the oil palm tree (*Elaeis guineensis*), palm oil, is widely grown in Malaysia for cooking oil and as additive in processed foods, especially in many non-food products such as biofuels. These plants are typically grown in large plantations, primarily on converted peatlands, and dipterocarp and mangrove forests. On the positive side, palm oil plantations provide coveted jobs in otherwise impoverished areas and a large source of income for the Malaysian government. On the negative side, palm oil plantations cause deforestation, loss of biodiversity, and adverse effects on indigenous populations. I argue from an ecocentrist perspective that sustainable palm oil production in Malaysia is a myth. I advocate not only for an immediate cessation of large-scale palm oil production, but also for a restoration of peatlands and rainforest areas. The loss of jobs and income in the short term are offset by value gained from increased biodiversity and sustainability.



**Sara Dykes**

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### **Evaluating Urban Growth Boundaries:**

#### **Are they a feasible land use tool?**

Reader: Judith Wasserman

In its current form, urban sprawl negatively affects communities financially, socially, and environmentally. One way communities have responded to this problem is smart growth. Within smart growth, communities have developed a specific tool: Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB). UGBs are boundaries between urban and rural areas. UGBs have been noted for their effectiveness

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**Amy Trice**



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in increasing the density of development inside the boundary while reducing the loss of forests and farmland outside the boundary. UGBs can significantly benefit a community. However, this tool has many critics. For example, there is a UGB around the Portland, Oregon metropolitan region. On the one hand, some believe that Portland's UGB is an important tool in curtailing its urban sprawl. On the other hand, some property owners argue that Portland's UGB represents a taking (in violation of the Fifth Amendment) because property rights are vested in the property owner, and the government is regulating the property owners' use of their land. Because of these kind of objections, it is unlikely that a UGB will ever be implemented around the Atlanta, Georgia metropolitan region. Furthermore, the framework for land use policies in Georgia, although progressing towards regional control of land use, are still dominated by local control over land use decisions.

### Amy Trice

#### Replacing the Idea of Wilderness with a Biosphere Reserve

Reader: Dorinda Dallmeyer

In my paper, I argue that the idea of wilderness is outmoded and should be replaced with the idea of a biosphere reserve. The idea of wilderness is outmoded for two reasons. First, humans and indigenous cultures are excluded from wilderness areas. Second, wilderness does not necessarily include entire ecosystems or hotspots of biodiversity. Many scientific studies show that when only small patches of land are preserved, the resulting fragmentation threatens population viability. To include humans and indigenous cultures, as well as entire ecosystems and hotspots of biodiversity, requires a new perspective: a biosphere reserve. A biosphere reserve conserves ecosystem function, allows long-term human occupation, and emphasizes the inherent value of ecosystems and species. I use the Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve, which is the southernmost biosphere reserve in the world, to show how a biosphere reserve can replace a wilderness. The Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve shows how scientists, local people, and authorities can work together to preserve culture, history, and ecology of a unique area in a sustainable and holistic fashion. ■



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**Co-sponsors:**  
EECF, The Willson Center for Humanities & Arts, the Certificate Program in Organic Agriculture, and the Odum School of Ecology.

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Peggy Barlett holds the Goodrich C. White Professorship in the Department of Anthropology at Emory University. Her interests in cultural transformation, and the challenges of sustainability to American society in particular, have led her to focus on Emory University as a hands-on arena of change. Several new “communities of practice” have emerged in the last two years: the Faculty Green Lunch Group, the Ad Hoc Committee for Environmental Stewardship (a grassroots efforts of faculty, staff, and students that has carried out woods walks and forest restoration projects), and the Friends of Emory Forest (a group that successfully campaigned for the passage of a University-wide Environmental Mission Statement, and new campus architectural commitments to “green buildings”). Emory is now building structures that implement its new mission statement and fostering awareness of sustainable practices. In addition, Emory seeks to emerge as an environmental leader in the city and region, thus providing a fascinating laboratory for her interests in cultural change and sustainability.



“Environmental Citizenship”



by Rasmus Karlsson

Rasmus Karlsson is a PhD Candidate in political science at Lund University, Sweden. His research interests traverse theories of intergenerational justice, sustainable development, and the temporal dimension of democracy. Karlsson’s visit is hosted by EECP faculty member Piers Stephens.

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Friday’s events will be held at the Coverdell Center and Saturday’s at the Callaway Building at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia.

In recognition of this year’s national Women’s History Month theme “**Women: Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet,**” the Institute for Women’s Studies will be sponsoring a great number of events, films, and lectures of interest to the EECP community.

For the month’s keynote event on March 20-21, the EECP is joining with Women’s Studies to present a symposium in honor of

the late Australian philosopher **Val Plumwood**, a leading contributor in the development of ecofeminism and radical environmental philosophy. Entitled “**Environmental Justice and Ecofeminism: Ethical Complexity in Action,**” the symposium will bring together prominent theorists, activists, and community members working on issues and questions that are deeply social and ecological.

The symposium will open at the Coverdell Center with a Friday afternoon keynote address by feminist ethicist and animal rights activist Lori Gruen (supported by a grant from the Willson Center for Humanities and Arts), and will continue on Saturday with sessions at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia.

Photograph of Dr. Val Plumwood (top-right pages 6 and 7) credit: Terry Milligan, nla-pic-anl3234165. National Library of Australia



Lori Gruen

### Invited speakers include the following:

**Lori Gruen** is associate professor of philosophy at Wesleyan University, whose current research lies at the intersection of ethical theory and ethical practice, including the ethical implications of human interactions with non-human animals.



Deborah Bird Rose

**Deborah Bird Rose** is a senior figure in the world of Australian anthropology. An impassioned advocate for land rights, she has formulated a model for “decolonisation.” She has worked with Aboriginal people in their claims to land, in protecting sacred sites, and in collaboratively documenting their relationships with totemic landscapes. Her most recent book is *Reports from a Wild Country: Ethics for Decolonisation*.



Teri Blanton

**Teri Blanton** is often called the “Erin Brockovich” of the social justice movement within the Appalachian coalfields for her tireless efforts to protect headwater streams, and ultimately to end mountaintop removal for mining of coal. Currently she is a Fellow with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, where she concentrates on the campaign to end mountaintop removal mining in eastern Kentucky and help create a sustainable and survivable energy future.



Jamie Baker Roskie

**Jamie Baker Roskie** joined the University of Georgia in the fall of 2002 as managing attorney of the Land Use Clinic. She supervises students in a variety of projects assisting local governments and other stakeholders with regulatory solutions to help preserve the environment while promoting quality growth. At the symposium, she will focus on one Georgia community’s quest for environmental justice — the community of Newtown in Gainesville, where residents have been fighting since the 1990s to end exposure to toxic chemicals.

The symposium also will feature panel discussions by faculty members from the EECF and Women’s Studies. Papers from the symposium will be collected in a special issue of the journal *Ethics and the Environment*.

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**There is no registration fee for the symposium; all meals are included.**



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Please check these Web sites for further updates and for more information about the many Women’s History Month events focused on environmental issues.

- ☑ EECF: [uga-eeep.com](http://uga-eeep.com)
- ☑ Institute for Women’s Studies: [uga.edu/iws](http://uga.edu/iws)

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### How to give!

Please contact **Stephanie Hall**, the Director of Development for the College of Environment and Design. She can be reached by phone (706-542-4727) or email ([slhall@uga.edu](mailto:slhall@uga.edu)) or visit the EECP Web site at <http://www.uga-eeep.com/>



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