

# Austin Water Center for Environmental Research



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## The CER Lunchtime Lectures 2018

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### Nature and the American Mind

In 1967, the historian Roderick Nash published a foundational book about the American idea of wilderness entitled *Wilderness and the American Mind*. However, the American Mind contains more concepts of nature than just wilderness, and so, in 2018, we will explore the many aspects of **Nature and the American Mind**. This is a complex story that threads through our history and shapes beliefs, policies, science, and management practices today. We will begin the year by exploring four main **Concepts of American Nature** – wild nature, pastoral nature, urban nature, and the newly emerging concept of resilient nature. Through the summer, we will look at **Science and American Nature** – how the development of American natural history, biology, ecology, and environmental science has been shaped by these concepts of nature and the unique context of the New World. We will finish 2018 by exploring the history of the **Management of American Nature** - the early battle between preservationists and conservationists, the past and future of American agriculture, new ecological ideas about cities and urban design, and the future of nature...or its demise.

#### Concepts of American Nature

January	Wild Nature: The New World and Wilderness
February	Pastoral Nature: Agrarianism and Rural America
March	Urban Nature: Perspectives on Nature and the City
April	Resilient Nature: Discordant Harmony and New Ecology

#### Science and American Nature

May	American Natural History: Thoreau and New World Nature
June	American Biology: Natives, Immigrants, and Humboldt's Children
July	American Ecology: Stability, Integrity, and Leopold's Legacy
August	American Environmental Science: Carson and the Politics of Nature

#### Management of American Nature

September	Saving American Nature: Preservation, Conservation, and the Wild
October	Farming with Nature: Sustainable Agriculture and the American Family Farm
November	The Ecological City: Sustainability, Ecology, and Urban Metabolism
December	The End of Nature: Prospective Ecology, Environmental Ethics, and the Anthropocene

**Time: Noon to 1pm**

Free and Open to the Public – bring a lunch and learn

**Locations and Day of the Month –**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – *Senior Activity Center-Lamar (SAC-Lamar) at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room*

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - *Austin Water Center for Environmental Research (CER) at Hornsby Bend*

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday- *University of Texas Norman Hackerman Building (NHB). 100 E 24th St*

Various Thursdays - *One Texas Center (OTC) at 505 Barton Springs Road and South First Street, Room 325*

**The CER Lunchtime Lectures 2018 Schedule by Location and Date – Each Lecture is from Noon to 1pm**

<b>January Lecture – Wild Nature: The New World and Wilderness</b>	Jan 10 SAC Jan 16 CER Jan 24 UT Jan 25 OTC
<b>February Lecture - Pastoral Nature: Agrarianism and Rural America</b>	Feb 14 SAC Feb 15 OTC Feb 20 CER Feb 28 UT
<b>March Lecture - Urban Nature: Perspectives on Nature and the City</b>	Mar 14 SAC Mar 20 CER Mar 28 UT Mar 29 OTC
<b>April Lecture - Resilient Nature: Discordant Harmony and New Ecology</b>	Apr 11 SAC Apr 17 CER Apr 19 OTC Apr 25 UT
<b>May Lecture - American Natural History: Thoreau and New World Nature</b>	May 9 SAC May 10 OTC May 15 CER May 23 UT
<b>June Lecture - American Biology: Natives, Immigrants, and Humboldt’s Children</b>	Jun 13 SAC Jun 19 CER Jun 21 OTC Jun 27 UT
<b>July Lecture - American Ecology: Stability, Integrity, and Leopold’s Legacy</b>	Jul 11 SAC Jul 12 OTC Jul 17 CER Jul 25 UT
<b>August Lecture - American Environmental Science: Carson and the Politics of Nature</b>	Aug 8 SAC Aug 16 OTC Aug 21 CER Aug 22 UT
<b>September Lecture - Saving American Nature: Preservation, Conservation, and the Wild</b>	Sep 12 SAC Sep 18 CER Sep 20 OTC Sep 26 UT
<b>October Lecture - Farming with Nature: Sustainable Agriculture and the American Family Farm</b>	Oct 10 SAC Oct 16 CER Oct 11 OTC Oct 24 UT
<b>November Lecture - The Ecological City: Sustainability, Environmental Ecology, and Urban Metabolism</b>	Nov 8 OTC Nov 14 SAC Nov 20 CER Nov 28 UT
<b>December Lecture - The End of Nature: Prospective Ecology, Ethics, and the Anthropocene</b>	(Note the date!) Dec 5 UT Dec 12 SAC Dec 13 OTC Dec 18 CER

SAC - Senior Activity Center-Lamar - 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room at 29<sup>th</sup> and Lamar

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