



WILD IDEAS WORTH SHARING Speaker Series

VISUALIZING BIODIVERSITY FOR A BETTER WORLD

How science, art, and imagination create change

Dr. Leighton Reid

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"Visualizing Rainforests in Tropical Cow Pastures"

As a restoration ecologist, Dr. Leighton Reid aims to improve ecological restoration outcomes through applied research, capacity building, and public engagement.

Dr. Reid has studied birds, bats, seed dispersal, tree communities, vascular epiphytes, and human dimensions of restoration in southern Costa Rica, small mammal communities in California and Oregon, and long-term plant community changes in eastern hardwood forests. Drawing on his experiences studying ecosystem recovery and restoration in Costa Rica, Madagascar, and Missouri, Leighton will share how observing natural history can reveal the ecological potential of degraded landscapes.



Dr. David Haskell

Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies, University of the South

"The Songs of Trees"

The lives of people and trees have been connected since the dawn of humanity. In the modern era these relationships take many forms, from industrial forestry and urban street trees to "conserved" nature and fuel for "green" electricity production. Dr. David George Haskell traveled to a dozen trees around the world to listen to these diverse interconnections. His work combines sound recording, conversations with local people, and investigations of the scientific literature, all rooted in repeated sensory engagement with the trees. The result is a book, *The Songs of Trees*, that combines contemplation and science, ethics and literature. Deborah Blum, Pulitzer winner and director of the Knight Science Journalism program at MIT wrote that Haskell "may be the finest literary nature writer working today."



WHEN

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Check-in/networking

6:45 p.m. Formal program

Free wine, beer, & light appetizers

WHERE

Missouri Botanical Garden

Ridgway Visitor Center

4344 Shaw Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63110

REGISTRATION

Free event but registration is required. Register by Monday, July 24 at <http://tiny.cc/WIWS>.

Convened by BiodiverseCity St. Louis and the 100+ organizations within its network, the Wild Ideas Worth Sharing series offers opportunities to network, learn, and envision a more biodiverse St. Louis region and world. In 2017, the series features local and global perspectives on how cities, communities, and entire cultures can live in ways that enable a greater diversity of life to survive and thrive, challenging us all to wildly rethink how we live, learn, work, and play.

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