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EXPLORE ENVIRONMENTAL THOUGHT AT UM SUMMER INSTITUTE

MISSOULA—

A University of Montana institute featuring leading scholars in environmental thought will be held July 10-28.

Presented by UM's Center of Ethics, "Exploring the Landscapes of Environmental Thought" will offer short courses, evening lectures, panel discussions and field trips.

Institute courses may be taken for college credit or for Montana Office of Public Instruction renewal credits. The registration deadline is June 1.

Holmes Rolston III, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Colorado State University, will present a lecture at the institute titled "Generating Intelligent Life on Earth: Six Looming Questions in Evolutionary Biology."

Rolston is widely recognized as one of the founders of environmental ethics and regarded as a leading world scholar on the philosophical, scientific and religious aspects of nature. He also will participate in a panel discussion, "Science, Religion and the Environment."

Andrew Light of the University of Washington, is the author and editor of 16 books in environmental ethics and policy, philosophy of technology, and moral and political philosophy.

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He will teach "Foundations of Environmental Thought" and will present an evening lecture titled "When We Restore Nature, What Do We Owe the Past?" Light also will participate in a panel discussion titled "The Death of Environmentalism."

Speakers that will teach courses, present lectures or participate on panels are William Chaloupka of Colorado State University, Ned Hettinger of the College of Charleston, Yuriko Saito of the Rhode Island School of Design, UM environmental studies Assistant Professor Robin Saha and UM Regents Professor of Philosophy Albert Borgmann, among others.

Two field trips also will take place in conjunction with the institute. Saha will lead a daylong trip to the National Bison Range and the Blackfeet Indian Reservation on Wednesday, July 12.

On Wednesday, July 19, Dan Spencer, who teaches in UM's Environmental Studies Program, will lead a field trip titled "Ethical Issues in Ecological Restoration after Wildfire."

Registration forms and a full schedule of events and course descriptions are online at <http://www.umt.edu/ethics>. UM students may register for institute courses online at <http://www.umt.edu/cyberbear>.

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