



GREEN COLLEGE INTERDISCIPLINARY AND CROSS-SECTORAL SERIES
HOPE IN THE ANTHROPOCENE
SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS AND INSPIRATIONS

With humanity's creation of a new geological era marked by dominant human influences on planetary processes, the Anthropocene seems to offer little hope. And yet, the same ingenuity that enables human domination over the Earth also allows a certain genius in addressing the many rising environmental and sustainability challenges. **Hope in the Anthropocene** showcases such inspirations and solutions in tackling climate change, harnessing energy, feeding humanity, governing states, and meeting our collective water and sanitation needs all while respecting Indigenous peoples and protecting nature and its benefits for people.

Hope in the Anthropocene is a collaboration between Green College and the Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability at the University of British Columbia (IRES).



Jonathan Foley is the Executive Director of the California Academy of Sciences, where he is also the William R. and Gretchen B. Kimball Chair. A world-renowned scientist, his work focuses on the sustainability of our planet and the ecosystems and natural resources we depend on. Throughout his career, he and his colleagues have contributed to our understanding of worldwide changes in ecosystems, land use and climate, global food security and the sustainability of the world's resources. This work has led Dr. Foley to become a trusted advisor to governments, environmental groups, foundations, non-governmental organizations, and business leaders around the world. Dr. Foley has published over 130 scientific articles, including many highly cited works in *Science*, *Nature* and the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. His research has also been featured on the covers of *National Geographic*, *Nature* and *Scientific American*.

Green College Lecture

PLANET VISION: WHY WE FIRST NEED TO BUILD A SHARED, POSITIVE VISION OF THE FUTURE TO ADDRESS OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

Coach House, Green College, UBC
Wednesday, March 21, 5-6:30 pm

Learn more about PlanetVision, a multi-faceted campaign, blending museums exhibits, web and social media and a future book and lecture series, to inspire people to take everyday actions to ensure a more sustainable future. By seizing simple opportunities in our food, water and energy systems, we can all make a real difference to issues like ecosystem decline and biodiversity loss, the degradation of our natural resources and the mounting challenges of climate change. PlanetVision shows us how and gives us hope.

Those attending talks at Green College are warmly invited to come to dinner. For information on making dinner reservations, see www.greencollege.ubc.ca/how-attend-dinner

IRES Seminar Series

ADVENTURES IN SCIENCE COMMUNICATION: SHIFTING FROM THE LAB TO A MUSEUM, AND THE LESSONS LEARNED ALONG THE WAY

AERL Theatre (Room 120), 2202 Main Mall, UBC
Thursday, March 22, 12:30-1:30 pm

Dr. Foley will discuss his experience with science communication transitioning from academia to an NGO. Until recently, he was the Director of the Institute on the Environment (IonE) at the University of Minnesota, leaving the academic world in 2014 to run the Cal Academy in San Francisco, one of the world's leading sustainability science and education NGOs. His work at the Cal Academy helps him reach a much larger audience across a broader political and cultural spectrum, which brings hope for widespread cultural change.

