

Inaugural Engaged Philosophy Workshop

The Natural World as The Foundation of Philosophy: Recognition, Protection, and the Dramatic Legacies of Rachel Carson

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Reception and dinner to follow
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Illustration, explanation and argument are the tools of environmental philosophy, introduced by Rachel Carson, who rarely receives the credit she deserves for her innovative methods. In this talk I will discuss the resonance of this method through decades of philosophy aiming to protect and defend the natural world. I will then explore implications for current praxis and politics, asking “How can environmental philosophy help protect water?” with a focus on the fight against the Dakota Access and other pipelines.