Author to Speak on “Dark Green” Nature Religion at UT

Author and professor Bron Taylor will discuss how a multi-faceted trend of “dark green religion” is becoming a global movement at the fourth annual David L. Dungan Memorial Lecture on Thursday, Feb. 20, at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.


The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Carolyn P. Brown Memorial University Center auditorium. After the presentation, Taylor will participate in a question-and-answer session, and a reception and book signing will follow. Both events are free and open to the public.

“We are excited to have one of the pioneers of the important new field of religion, nature, and culture deliver our fourth Dungan Memorial Lecture,” said Rosalind Hackett, department head of Religious Studies.

Taylor observes that since Charles Darwin published “On the Origin of Species” in 1859, a new, global earth religion has been rapidly spreading. This religion focuses on defending Earth’s biocultural diversity, with followers feeling belonging in nature, expressing kinship with non-human organisms, and understanding the world to be deeply interconnected.


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