The California History Institute and John Muir Center

Since 1948, the University of the Pacific has hosted the California History Institute, established by Rockwell D. Hunt as an annual spring conference sponsored by the California History Foundation. The John Muir Center was created in 1989 to honor California’s most famous environmentalist and founder of the Sierra Club. The University holds the John Muir Papers in its Library’s Holt-Atherton Department of Special Collections. This conference is the seventh to focus on John Muir.

The Powell Scholars are recipients of the University’s top merit scholarship, which is named in honor of Robert and Jeannette Powell. The students represent all units of the university. Their academic achievement is complemented by their service to the university, local and global communities.

April 22 (Thursday) - DeRosa University Center, University of the Pacific

4:00 PM - Guests arriving in Stockton on Thursday will find a group of Muir Symposium presenters and attendees gathered at The Lair, in DeRosa University Center. No host bar.

5:30 PM - Lecture by Michael Pollan, U.C. Berkeley, author of The Omnivore’s Dilemma; to be broadcast live to DeRosa Center from McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento. Join us for this free event.

April 23 (Friday) - Grace Covell Hall, University of the Pacific

8:00 AM - Registration; Coffee, tea, and Scottish scones
Parking in B lots only, no permit necessary. Overflow parking in Central Methodist Church across the street from campus on Pacific Avenue. Those pre-registered will have pre-printed name tags at the door. Pre-registration cost is $70 for the symposium or $85 at the door.

9:00 AM - Welcome (Dean Tom Krise, College of the Pacific); Introduction of Muir-Hanna Family members; John Muir Center and Holt-Atherton Special Collections staff.

Introductory Session

9:20 AM - An Essay on John Muir’s Phenomenal Science
Bonnie Gisel, author of Nature’s Beloved Son: Rediscovering John Muir’s Botanical Legacy and curator of LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite National Park

10:00 AM - Coffee & Tea break
**Morning Session**

Introduction by Mark Brunell, Biological Sciences, The College

10:15 AM - *The Flora of Yosemite: What Muir Didn’t Know; What We Don’t Know*
Dean Taylor, Botanist, University and Jepson Herbaria, and Yosemite National Park Resource Management Botanical Team

11:00 AM - *Muir and the Big Trees of Calaveras*
Michael Wurtz, Archivist, Holt-Atherton Special Collections

11:30 AM - *Rediscovering John Muir’s Botanical Legacy*
Presentation by Stephen Joseph, Photographer
Introduction by Bonnie Gisel

12:00 - **Lunch** buffet in Grace Covell featuring Scottish fare

12:40 PM - **Keynote, Icons in the Life of John Muir**
Richard G. Beidleman, Professor Emeritus, The Colorado College; and Research Associate, Jepson Herbarium Archives, University of California, author of *California’s Frontier Naturalists* (2006)
Introduction by Dale McNeal, Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences, The College

**Afternoon Session**

1:45 PM - *Continuing John Muir’s Legacy of Glacier Research in Yosemite National Park*
Greg Stock, Yosemite National Park
Introduction by Lydia Fox, Earth and Environmental Sciences, The College

2:30 PM - Undergraduate Research on Muir at Pacific
Students in *John Muir’s World* course at Pacific will summarize their research projects

3:40 PM - *To See the Way the Pieces Fit Together: Muir through the Eyes of a Sometime Scientist*
Dick Shore, Class of ’59; zoologist and Muir environmental educator
Introduction by Bonnie Gisel

4:30 PM - **Wine and Cheese Reception featuring Muir-Hanna Winery, Napa**
Sponsored by Holt-Atherton Special Collections, University of the Pacific Library

**Book signing by authors present:**
Bring your own copies or purchase new copies from Barnes & Noble in Grace Covell Hall

Bonnie Gisel & Stephen Joseph Donald Worster Richard Beidleman Royal Robbins Graham White Caroline Cox

**April 24 (Saturday) - Grace Covell Hall, University of the Pacific**

8:00 AM - Registration; Coffee, Tea, and Scottish scones
8:45 AM - Welcome, Brigid Welch, Dean, University of the Pacific Libraries

**Environmental Education Session**

Introduction by Bill Swagerty, John Muir Center

9:00 AM - *John Muir’s Impact on Environmental Education in the United Kingdom*
Graham White, photographer, editor, and educator; Coldstream UK

10:00 AM - *Keeping John Muir Relevant via the World Wide Web and Internet*
Harold Wood, Chair, Sierra Club John Muir Education Committee and webmaster, John Muir Exhibit

10:30 AM - Coffee & Tea break
10:45 AM - **John Muir in the New World**
Film by Catherine Tatge, Global Village Media, New York City, producer;
a film in progress for PBS, American Masters
Introduction by Shan Sutton, Head of Holt-Atherton Special Collections

11:30 AM - **Lunch** buffet in Grace Covell featuring 19th Century Californian Cuisine

12:15 PM - **Keynote, John Muir and the Religion of Nature**
Donald Worster, Professor of History, University of Kansas and fellow, Yale University,
Introduction by Caroline Cox, Department of History, The College

1:30 PM - **Muir's Mountaineering and Muir's Footsteps at Pacific**
Introductions by Dan Shipp, Vice President for Student Life, Pacific

**M.O.V.E., Environmental Stewardship, and John Muir at Pacific** (Dan Shipp; Kristina Juarez,
Graduate Assistant for Student Leadership and Involvement; Jason Velo, Director of University
Center and Student Activities; and Carol Brodie, Sustainability Coordinator)

2:30 PM - **Muir and Climbing in Yosemite**
Royal Robbins, mountaineer and entrepreneur, Modesto CA
Introduction by Evan Kristiansen, Rock Wall Instructor, Baun Fitness Center

3:15 PM - **When I Behold: A Scientist and Naturalist Walks With the Spirit of Joy** (Reflection on the Symposium)
Barbara Mossberg, President Emerita, Goddard College and Senior Scholar, James MacGregor
Burns Academy of Leadership, University of Maryland; Professor and Director of Integrated
Studies, California State University, Monterey Bay
Introduction by John Phillips, Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology, The College;
Volunteer, LeConte Memorial Lodge

3:45 PM - End of Symposium in Grace Covell; reconvene in the University Library

4:00 PM - **The Spirit of John Muir: An Inaugural Event in Honor of President Eibeck**
Sponsored by the Powell Scholars and Pacific’s Department of Visual Arts
Program by Stephen Joseph, photographer
Comments by Dr. Pamela Eibeck, President
Introduction by Powell Scholars: Anastasya Uskova and Alexis Duclos

5:00 PM - **Wine and Cheese Reception featuring Muir-Hanna Winery, Napa**
Sponsored by The Associates of the University of the Pacific Library and
The Powell Scholars Program

**Exhibitors:** Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife, California Conservation League, Audubon Society, Raven
Tours, Yosemite Association

**Exhibits:** Documents and photographs from the John Muir Papers, University of the Pacific Library,
Muir-Hanna Trust, Shan Sutton, curator;
Sierra Club Climate Change Exhibit, George Pettit, creator

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
JOHN MUIR: NATURALIST & SCIENTIST SYMPOSIUM, April 21-24

Cost and Registration Information:
- The John Muir Birthday Celebration (April 21) and the Michael Pollan broadcast (April 22) are free and open to the public.
- Pre-registration cost to the public for the symposium on April 23-24 is $70, and at the door, $85. Pre-registration is due by April 15; after this date please call John Muir Center about availability.
- Pre-registration for the Pacific Community is $50 for the entire symposium or $25 for either day.

Registration fees include two lunches, two receptions, and coffee, tea, and scones both mornings. Vegan and non-vegan entrees will be available at the luncheons. We are not able to accommodate credit card charges, but we can do Banner transfers for members of Pacific.

We are accommodating as many students as possible with no fee, but space is limited. Students as well as faculty and staff must pre-register.

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Please check what you plan to attend:
- □ John Muir Birthday Celebration, WPC, April 21 @ 4:00 pm
- □ Michael Pollan broadcast, UC, April 22 @ 5:30 pm
- □ Symposium, Friday, Grace Covell, April 23
- □ Reception, April 23 @ 4:30 pm
- □ Symposium, Saturday, Grace Covell, April 24
- □ Spirit of John Muir Program, Library, April 24 @ 4:00 pm
- □ Reception, April 24 @ 5:00 pm

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We look forward to seeing you at the Symposium!