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James MacKinnon

Rewilding Victoria: Remembering and Restoring Nature in the City

Wednesday, 6 November 7:30 p.m.

David Turpin Building, A-Wing, room A120

Presented by the **School of Environmental Studies**

To know what is, you must know what was. This is the simple truth that J.B. MacKinnon explores in his new book *The Once and Future World: Nature As It Is, As It Was, As It Could Be*. The natural world, he argues, has been lost not only to human rapaciousness, but also through a great forgetting. MacKinnon calls on us to examine the nature of the past in order to “rewild” the earth in the future. “The history of nature is not only a lament,” he writes. “It is also an invitation to envision another world.” MacKinnon is the author or co-author of four books of nonfiction, including *The 100-Mile Diet* (with Alisa Smith), a bestseller widely recognized as a catalyst of the local foods movement. His writing in print and online has won more than a dozen national and international awards, including Canada’s highest prize for literary nonfiction. MacKinnon lives in Vancouver, Canada.

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