

## COMMONS SEMINAR SPA 099 (Spring 2012)

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### **Eco-conscious travel**

Is travel compatible with sustainable practices? How does an educated global citizen travel? How can we travel in ways that support the goals of sustainable lifestyles and use of renewable energy?

Objectives:

To further the notion of global citizenship; discover pathways to living sustainably in local and global contexts; develop a personal ethos of sustainable practices in travel, specifically. How we travel is how we live; and how we live is how we travel.

Method:

- Explore tenets of living sustainably (past and present)
- Read the experts' views from an interdisciplinary perspective
- Guest lectures from several on-campus leaders in sustainability education
- Discover sustainable practices among travel industry operatives (i.e., waste management in hotels and recreational areas) in Nashville and their hometowns.

Requirements:

Keep a journal (40%), participate actively in class discussion by reading thoughtfully and by asking good questions (35%). Final project (25%).

Required readings:

Czarnezki, Jason J. *Everyday Environmentalism: Law, Nature, and Individual Behavior*. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2011. (selections)

Honey, Martha. *Ecotourism: Who Owns Paradise?* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2008. (selections)

McKibben, Bill. "Lightly, Carefully, Gracefully" (Chapter 4) in *Eaarth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet*. New York: Times, 2010. pp151-212

Selections from various sources TBD

Meeting Schedule:

Meet Mondays at 3:10-5pm for six meetings (January 9-February 20). A field trip (3 hours) is an additional requirement of the course.