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John Muir and the American Environmental Movement

Famed naturalist John Muir, often called the "father of the national parks," reveled in Earth's beauty and strove to preserve places such as Yosemite. His observations challenged ideas about the science of nature and how best to protect it. Using Muir's journals, letters, drawings, and manuscripts, curated at the University of the Pacific, we will explore his masterful observational skills and his legacy in the American environmental movement.



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YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Mike Wurtz



Mike Wurtz is associate professor and head of University of the Pacific Libraries' Holt-Atherton Special Collections and Archives in Stockton, California. He oversees access, acquisition, and preservation of hundreds of archival collections including the largest collection of works from naturalist John Muir. He teaches courses about Muir and wrote *John Muir's Grand Yosemite: Musings & Sketches,* a guide to Muir's drawings of the park. Wurtz is awaiting publication of an article about Muir and the Giant Sequoias.

TUESDAYS, JANUARY 26 THROUGH MARCH 2

8amPT | 9amMT | 10amCT | 11amET

Each live session is 90 minutes

- Tuesday, January 26
- Tuesday, February 2
- Tuesday, February 9
- Tuesday, February 16
- Tuesday, February 23
- Tuesday, March 2

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