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**9:30 'The Other Iraq': Environmental Imaginaries of Kurdistan
Dr. Diana Hatchett**

Location: Women's Center Mary Sue Cushman Room

The environmental imaginaries of "Kurdistan," a territory encompassing portions of Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and Syria, are central to claiming belonging and sovereignty in a contested landscape characterized as an "oasis" in the politically unstable Middle East.

**11:00 Eating in the Oil Sands: How Boreal Forest Foods Speak to Us
Dr. Janelle Baker**

Location: Guerry Auditorium

The Boreal forest in what is now known as subarctic Canada is a celebrated source of food and identity for sakawiyiniwak (Northern Bush Cree) communities, despite a rapid influx of oil and gas and logging activities in the area. This talk will tell the story of sakawiyiniwak stewardship, reciprocity, environmental monitoring, and survivance.

12:30 Shinrin-yoku (Forest Bathing)

Dr. Karen Kuers

Location: Women's Center Mary Sue Cushman Room

*Lunch time half-hour talk (all welcome to listen; *lunch provided while supplies last)*

1:30 Medicine Walk with local Herbalist Jen Cline

(Meet at Lake Cheston Pavilion) Sponsored by the Farm Club

3:00 Shake Rag Walk with Jon Evans (Meet at Green's View)

Have a look at the Cumberland Plateau's Spring Flora

7:30PM Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Local Food Heritage

Dr. Rick Stepp

Location: Convocation Hall

This talk examines what localized Traditional Ecological Knowledge can teach us about global environmental issues and food systems. Case studies draw on long term research from two areas of the world with some of the highest biocultural diversity related to food: the Highland Maya Region of Southern Mexico and the Greater Mekong Region of Southeast Asia.

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10:00 Medicine Walk with Dr. Thomas Powell

(meet in front of Snowden, limit 25)

A chance to locate edible and medicinal plants on the domain.

11:00 Workshop I: Arts Based Engagement in Ethnobiology

Dr. Janelle Baker

Location: Women's Center Mary Sue Cushman Room

Participants will be invited to participate in a series of arts-based activities for engagement with ethnobiology, including relationships with more-than-humans, news sources, and reflections.

12:00 Multispecies Entanglements in Great Lakes

Agricultural Landscapes

Dr. Lindi Masur

Location: Women's Center Mary Sue Cushman Room

Engaging a Posthumanist Paleoethnobotany, this talk examines relationships between early farmers, their crops, weedy species, animals, and ancestors in agricultural fields to consider the agency of non-human actors in the construction of cultural landscapes and local cuisine.

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1:00 Herbarium Tour (Meet at Spencer Hall) **J.T. Michel**

2:00 Psychoactive or Spirit?: Sociality, Shamanism, and the History of Hallucinogenic Plants in South America

Dr. Stephen Berquist

Location: Women's Center Mary Sue Cushman Room

Psychoactive plants have long played a central role in Andean and Amazonian religion and cosmology. Recently, foreign tourists seeking shamanistic experiences have begun to impact local communities and economies, prompting a debate on the ethics and politics of psychedelic tourism. What can we learn by juxtaposing these debates in the present with plant-based rituals of the past?

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4:30 Workshop II: Tasting Biocultural Diversity:

Indigenous Tea from its Center of Origin in Southeast Asia

Dr. Rick Stepp

Location: Social Lodge

Participants will learn about tea and biocultural diversity and sample tea from the area where it was first domesticated in the Bulang Mountains.

7:30PM Tree listening?

Dr. David Haskell

Location: Convocation Hall

Both literal and metaphorical listening to trees can help us to understand their lives. By using our unaided ears, recording and sonification technologies, and conversations with people whose lives are entangled with trees, we gain insights into the many ways that trees are champion ecological networkers.

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10:00 Ethnobiology: The Future of the Science of Survival

Dr. Janelle Baker and Dr. Rick Stepp

Location: Women's Center Mary Sue Cushman Room

Topics will include why humanity needs ethnobiology, the continuing relevance of the field, and jobs in applied ethnobiology.

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