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LIB 331 (Boettcher Room)
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“Teaching Nature Poetry in the Age of the Anthropocene”

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The consensus among geologists and atmospheric chemists is that we are now living in the Anthropocene, or the Epoch of Man, which is defined by an anthropogenic fossil record and a footprint on earth so large as to trigger the sixth mass extinction. In this presentation, Dr. Carman presents a way of teaching nature-poetry, particularly the English Romantic writer John Keats’s “I stood tip-toe upon a little hill” (1816), as ecologically-conscious and as a useful pedagogical paradigm serviceable to those wishing to explore matters related to literature, the environment, and survival in the Anthropocene.

Bring your lunch and a colleague!