

Terry Tempest Williams to headline Hamline's Annual Mahle Lecture in progressive Christian thought

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Renowned author, speaker, and activist Terry Tempest Williams; will keynote Hamline University's annual Mahle Lecture in Progressive Christian Thought, "Finding Beauty in a Broken World," which is also the title of her most recent book.

The lecture takes place Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 pm at Hamline United Methodist Church, located at 1514 Englewood Avenue in Saint Paul.

The event is free and open to the public, and free parking is available in the church lot.

A second event, "A Writer's Interview with Terry Tempest Williams" will take place the following day, Wednesday, April 21 at 7:30 pm in Sundin Music Hall located, 1531 Hewitt Avenue in Saint Paul. The interview will be conducted by faculty member Barrie Jean Borich and MFA student Nuria Sheehan.

Terry Tempest Williams has been called "a citizen writer," one who speaks out eloquently on behalf of an ethical stance toward life. A naturalist and fierce advocate for freedom of speech, she has consistently shown us how environmental issues are social issues that ultimately become matters of justice. Known for her passionate and lyrical prose, Williams is the author of the environmental literature classic, *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*. Her other works include *An Unspoken Hunger*; *Desert Quartet*; *Leap*; *Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert*; and *The Open Space of Democracy*.

Williams has testified before Congress on women's health issues, been a guest at the White House, and camped in the Alaska wilderness. In 2006, she received the Robert Marshall Award from The Wilderness Society, its highest honor given to an American citizen. She also received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Western American Literature Association and the Wallace Stegner Award given by The Center for the American West. Williams is the recipient of a Lannan Literary Fellowship and a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship in creative nonfiction. She is currently the Annie Clark Tanner Scholar in Environmental Humanities at the

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