

Philosophy Department

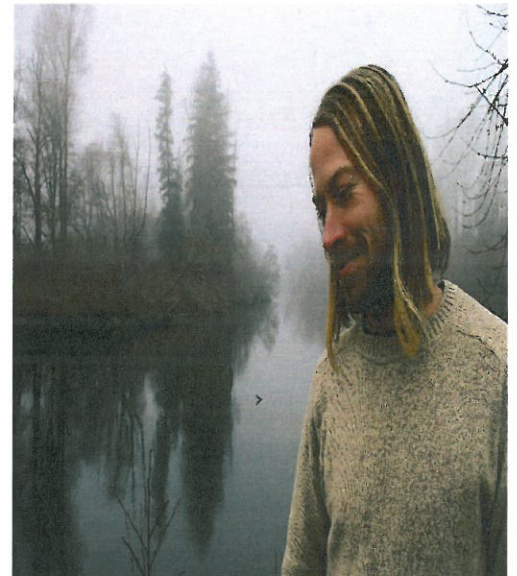
UNLEARN, REWILD

A Philosophical Talk by Miles Olson

When: Thursday, October 24th 4:00 – 5:20pm

Where: Building 355, Room 211 (Lounge)

What separates us from the rest of the natural world? Why is it that everything on this planet exists in a state of balance and synergy, with the exclusion of us? More importantly, how do we transform that? How do we rewild our minds, unlearn the conditioning, patterns and beliefs that lie at the root of our disconnect from self, others and the living world? Miles Olson uses personal stories and experiences as a springboard into these and other big questions.



Miles Olson has spent the past decade living off the grid, on the forested edge of a sprawling small city on Vancouver Island. During this time he has built a 'feral homestead' as a squatter, foraging, hunting, gardening and scavenging among a group of like-minded individuals dedicated to living close to the land, in alignment with their deepest values and truth. Olson's decade long experiment in deep green simplicity has given him an extensive toolkit of traditional living skills, along with a truly unique and fascinating perspective on the relationship between the human and nonhuman worlds, sustainability, freedom, ecology, and the human experience. Olson is the author of 'Unlearn, Rewild: Earth skills, ideas and inspiration for the future primitive' (2012, New Society Publishers). He has spoken to groups internationally about his journey and revelations.