

Winter term 2008 reading and discussion groups coordinated by Perlman LTC

Find your armchair, light the fire, and settle back...we're inviting you to participate in two very different reading and discussion groups for winter term. You may want to get started during break so here's the basic information:

Winter reading and discussion group 1: *Human Responses to Climate Change*

Wednesdays January 9, Gould Library 305

January 16, February 13, Headley House, with refreshments

This group will read and discuss selections from two books: 1) Igor Krupnik and Dyanna Jolly, (eds.). 2002. *The Earth is Faster Now: Indigenous Observations of Arctic Environmental Change*, Fairbanks, Alaska: Arctic Research Consortium of the United States. 384 pp. and 2) Elizabeth Kolbert, 2006, *Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature and Climate Change*: Bloomsbury USA, 240 p.

Discussions (with the usual refreshments) will be Wednesday afternoons, 4:30-6 p.m. For the first two sessions, Ken Tape '99, will join us. Tape is a Headley House visitor during the first weeks of winter term, offering a course through ENTS on the Changing Arctic Landscape (ENTS 240).

For those who want to get a head start on the reading over winter break, books should be available soon through the Perlman LTC. And for more information on *The Earth is Faster Now*, the Table of Contents, List of Contributors, Preface and Introduction are available at http://www.arcus.org/Publications/EIFN/Earth_Faster_front.pdf.

Co-sponsors are the Perlman LTC and ENTS, with funding from the Mellon Faculty Lifecycles grant. During this year of campus focus on climate change, ENTS is also sponsoring a lecture series, and a variety of activities involving Carleton courses.

Winter reading and discussion group 2: *Stumbling on Happiness*, Daniel Gilbert

Thursdays January 31 and February 21, Headley House, with refreshments

Please join us for a lively and illuminating conversation about this engaging and challenging book, co-facilitated by Larry Wichlinski and Chico Zimmerman.

From the book jacket: Vividly bringing to life the latest scientific research in psychology, cognitive neuroscience, philosophy, and behavioral economics, Gilbert reveals what scientists have discovered about the uniquely human ability to imagine the future, and about our capacity to predict how much we will like it when we get there.

Join either (or both) group(s) by contacting Jennifer Cox Johnson (jcoxjohn@carleton.edu) x 4192 in the Perlman LTC.

From Mike Hemesath: May be of interest to those participating in the happiness book group? <http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/97>

1) Human Responses to Climate Change: Wednesdays Jan 9 (AGH), 16, and Feb 13

2) *Stumbling on Happiness*: Thursdays Jan 31 and Feb 21

All except January 9 are in Headley House, 4:30-6:00 pm with refreshments.