

Literary Art in the Anthropocene



Instructor: Dr. Robert Lapp

Date/ Time: Monday 10 am-noon

Session Dates: October 23 (1 session)

Location: Bill Johnstone Activity Room

Participants: Minimum 5, Maximum 35

Course Outline:

This presentation reflects on a career of teaching English Literature at Mount Allison, and on how global change impacted my research, the curriculum, and how I taught. In literary studies generally, the urgent pressures of climate wilding, social injustice, and an epidemic of mental illness has forced a new calibration of the balance between curating the past and representing the present (let alone preparing for the future). My own work shifted from researching esoteric aspects of late-18th century “Romanticism” to advocating for a new kind of “Romantic Ecology,” and from teaching witty relativism to inculcating “critical hope” and even climate activism.

Instructor Bio:

Robert Lapp is a recently retired professor of English Literature at Mount Allison, where for 25 years he taught 18th- and 19th-century British Literature, poetry, and ecological literature.

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