

Biography of Kathleen Dean Moore

Kathleen Dean Moore is a philosopher, nature writer, public speaker, and defender of all that is wet and wild. Her work brings together the art of the essay, the wisdom of the natural world, and the moral clarity of philosophy to explore our place on the planet and our responsibilities for its thriving.

Moore's nature books have won the Oregon Book Award, the Pacific Northwest Booksellers' Award, and the Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award. Her work is published in magazines such as Audubon, Discover, The Sun, and the New York Times Magazine. She serves on the Boards of Directors for the Orion Society, the Oregon Humanities Magazine, and the Island Institute in Sitka, Alaska. She teaches writing workshops in beautiful places, from wilderness Alaska to the Apostle Islands.

She is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy from Oregon State University (OSU). She cofounded and is a senior fellow of OSU's Spring Creek Project of Ideas, Nature, and the Written Word. In recent years she has become a much sought-after speaker on how to address climate change and meet our moral obligations to the future of our one precious and imperiled home.

Recent Books by Kathleen Dean Moore

Riverwalking: Reflections on Moving Water (1995)

Holdfast: At Home in the Natural World

The Pine Island Paradox: Making Connections in a Disconnected World (2004)

Moral Ground: Ethical Actions for a Planet in Peril (2010)

Wild Comfort: the Solace of Nature (2010),

Website: <http://www.riverwalking.com>

Links to some of Moore's climate talks and essays

1. Online you can read this interview published in The Sun: [here](#).
or listen to a related talk published on Sep 23, 2013 [here](#).

"If Your House is on Fire." (44 minutes) Kathleen Dean Moore speaks on climate activism. She was the speaker at an event in Portland, Oregon educating people about industry attempts to move oil, coal and gas through the northwest.

An interview with Mary DeMocker of [The Sun](#) was published on May 23, 2013 [here](#). "If Your House Is on Fire: Kathleen Dean Moore" – Dr. Moore talks about why it's wrong to ruin the world, who profits from destroying the natural systems that sustain us, and ways we can "make our lives into works of art that express our deepest values."

2. "What Does Earth Ask of Us? Questions for a Resilient Future"

It was written in Alaska at 93 degrees at 11:00 p.m. in the evening.

Published on Jan 21, 2014. Produced by the Center for Humans and Nature. Presented in New York City. (15:35 minutes) Watch it [here](#).

3. Hear Kathleen read "The Rules of Rivers," in the Denali National Park Writer-in-Residence anthology [here](#). It was during her residency at the East Fork Cabin that she wrote the river metaphor that has become a beloved part of her climate talks.

4. Read a recent essay "Watching the World Go Away" [here](#).

5. Read another essay "What the World Asks of Us" [here](#).