

Robin Wall Kimmer
Guilford College Campus Visit
& Pre-Visit Programming

Final Itinerary: Feb. 8 Version

QR CODE FOR ROBIN WALL KIMMERER LECTURE REGISTRATION (link)

Dates

Feb 9, Braiding Sweetgrass Book Group, 6:30-8:30, Gilmer Room
Feb 17, Braiding Sweetgrass Book Group, 11:30-1 Gilmer Room
Feb 21, Panel Discussion, 7-9pm, Bryan Jr.
March 1, Robin Wall Kimmerer, 4-5:30, Dana Auditorium



Robin Wall Kimmerer

Robin Wall Kimmerer: Background Info

Podcast: On Being podcast, Robin Wall Kimmerer Interview with Krista Tippett, Oct 20, 2020

Robin Wall Kimmerer, Macarthur Fellow Class of 2022

Emergence Magazine Podcast the Serviceberry
https://emergencemagazine.org/essay/the-serviceberry/

David Marchese, "You Don't Have to be Complicit in Our Culture of Destruction," *New York Times* January 23, 2023.

Audio books



Braiding Sweetgrass Book Groups

Evening Book Group

Thursday, February 9, 6:30-8:30 - Gilmer Room - Co-hosted by CPPSET

Greeters: Lisa Lee, Michele Malotky, Nick Mangili

Afternoon Book Group

Friday, February 17, 11:30-1 - Gilmer Room
Greeters: Lisa Lee, Theo Baker, Tom Guthrie

Chapters to highlight

- Learning the Grammar of Animacy, p. 48
- Asters and Goldenrods, p. 39
- A Mother's Work, p. 82
- Old Growth Children, p. 277
- People of Corn, People of Light, p. 341

Link to Discussion Starter Slides for February 9
Link to Discussion Starter Questions for February 17

Braiding Sweetgrass Panel Discussion

Tuesday, February 21, 7-9 PM - Bryan Jr Auditorium



Braiding Sweetgrass Panel Discussion Flyer
Braiding Sweetgrass Panelist Bios

Around 50 attendees at the Braiding Sweetgrass Panel

Quotes from Students about the Panel:

"As a spiritual thinker and aspiring scientist, I was moved by the connections our speakers made between the two. They pointed out the irony of Western science in its attempts to isolate specific elements of a complex system, our inability to perceive with our limited senses, and the numbing environment in which science most often takes place which strips us of our curiosity. This validated my belief that whimsy has its place in the quest for empirical understanding. We must reach beyond the limitations of our human capacity for knowing, and seek others to guide us through the puzzle



of nature. Not being able to have the answers does not mean we cannot learn or should not attempt to do so. There are lessons we can learn without having to know the *why* behind every little thing. Other beings hold answers we may never arrive to, but they also have lessons for us to help guide us towards harmony with our environment. Skywoman did not pick apart her animal friends, did not isolate them, nor did she ask them for all the answers. She asked them to show her the way and to share their unique talents with her in order to shape the world into what it is. *This* is how we listen, and *this* is how we learn."

"As I learn about the impact of losing one's identity, I find myself seeking people, such as last night's panelists, to lead the journey for their recovery. I think every student should be given the opportunity to be reached through physical contact with nature. If we are to be involved in the healing process, as the panelists propose, then we need to stop being told how and what to teach by oppressive systems and embrace holistic methods that speak to a person's heart."

"wow wow wow. what a panel that was. I was honestly really emotional during some parts of it and violently sobbed for 4 hours after everything was all said and done eric. This panel, while amazing to sit in and listen to, brought up so many feelings and thoughts for me. Thoughts I've had for the past couple years of my life now. Not knowing my place in the world, what ethnicity I can claim without starting some whole debate and being that person who brings up statistics, like I just got my 23&Me results back. After the panel I walked. Walking around campus at night, looking at the stars, talking to the stars, and just laying on the ground looking and talking to the stars. I have very fond memories of my grandparents at nighttime and outside with the stars so I felt comforted with them. I think that my grandparents can hear my voice when I talk to the stars. Last night was something for me. It was something I needed. I needed to hear it."

"The most important thing I got from the panel was an insight into how formalized education has repressed indigenous peoples and their ways of knowing. Before last night it was something I had heard of and about but couldn't see the ways it played out in my own classes. The point about strict control being the primary pillar of white supremacy and how that ties into our education system was also phenomenal. That was something that I had genuinely never thought of before, I guess because it is hard to look at a system you are already IN. I don't think I will ever be able to not notice again... I have not read braiding sweet grass but after that talk, I am going to. I am already on my own small journey to learn the woods a bit better and this book seems like a fantastic addition to that. I am glad I attended the panel, it was interesting and not something I would normally seek out for myself."

March 1 - Robin Wall Kimmerer Campus Visit Timeline

12-2pm **Woods Walk** Meet at Founders Hall (rain plan is Founders Lounge)
Leaders: Liz Nicholson, Wess Daniels, Michele Malotky
Around 40 attendees,
Participants included students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members
Highlights: white oak falling and our discussion of the Chestnut ghosts in the woods and the forests need for fire at the Underground Railroad Tree (botanically a Tulip Tree, not a Tulip Poplar)







4-5:15 Robin Wall Kimmerer Public Lecture, Dana Auditorium

Ushers/Greeters: Nick Mangili, Theo Baker, students
Public Lecture: Program
Around 800 attendees (980 registered)

Traditional Welcome Vivette Jeffries-Logan and Nora Dial-Stanley

College Welcome Kyle Farmbry and Pippin Bucholtz

Introduction Vivette Jeffries-Logan

Braiding Sweetgrass Robin Wall Kimmerer

5:15-5:45 Book Signing Robin Wall Kimmerer (Dana Hall Lobby)

Scuppernong Books sold books
Piedmont Land Conservancy shared information

6-7:30 Dinner in the Gilmer Room


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UN Millennium Ecosystem Report 2006




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