Environmental Ethics (Earth’s human moment)

This introductory course into the field known as “environmental ethics” has four goals: (1) to picture ourselves as belonging to Earth’s human moment; ((2) to explore the basics of environmental citizenship; (3) to acquaint students with the typical categorization of the academic field “environmental ethics,” and (4) to make some headway in understanding our current responsibilities as citizens of Earth. Faced with planetary environmental problems, can you develop a coherent and motivating picture of your role as a citizen of Earth?

Structure
Month 1: end January-mid-February: The human moment, an expression of planetary matter
   Bennett
   Davis

Month 2: end-February-late March: Structures of citizenship
   Nussbaum
   Ostrom
   Rolston III

Month 3: end March-April-early May: Adaptation
   Gardiner
   Thompson et al.

Readings

This course is open to all students, with or without background in philosophy. It is possible that some field trips will be part of the civic activism portion of the course.