

“SAVING THE WHALES” IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Launch of the new department of **Geography and Environment (GENV)**
at Trinity Western University

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, at 7:00 pm at the Northwest Bldg Auditorium (TWU)

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Elizabeth Zwamborn, whale researcher and TWU graduate, will take us on a tour of the Atlantic and the Pacific, wherever she has been studying whale acoustics. She has been part of a diverse array of research projects throughout her academic career, from camping out for months collecting recordings of orcas and sailing off the Galapagos Islands tracking groups of sperm whales, to combing the blueberry fields of Washington State looking bird pest problems and sorting through sea lion scat for evidence of their last meals. She completed a Master’s looking at long-finned pilot whale vocalizations and social structure off Cape Breton. She teaches a popular course on marine mammals for the Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies off the Washington State coast.



John Wood, Dean of Science, King’s University, Edmonton, AB will be convening a meeting of the creatures of concern (the whales). Dr. Wood’s research interests lie in urban ecology, campus sustainability and attitudes around edible insects. He has studied the behavior of White-tailed Jackrabbits and their population fluctuations in Edmonton. And he has published on university campus land use and sustainability practices. For the last 15 years, together with Dr. Heather Looy, he has explored how new food adoption practices are changing one aspect of Western exceptionalism – our cultural blind spot toward food insects. His recent publications include *An Ecological Perspective on the Role of Death in Creation, Imagination, Hospitality, and Affection: The unique legacy of food insects?*; *How Then Shall We Eat? Insect-eating attitudes and sustainable foodways*; and *Stewarding the Gift of Land: Christian campuses as land management models*.



Markku Kostamo, President of A Rocha Canada, will provide some ideas on how to save the creation for whales and for us. Markku is a Professional Biologist and outdoor enthusiast who has worked as an environmental consultant in the private sector. He is passionate about helping people from all walks of life experience the wonder of creation and the love of the Creator as they embrace their roles as stewards of God’s world. With his wife, Leah, he established A Rocha’s first Environmental Centre in Canada in 2003. The story of A Rocha’s beginnings in Canada is told in Leah’s book, *Planted*.