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Dana Mount is an Assistant Professor at Cape Breton University in Canada where she teaches in the areas of world literature and North American aboriginal literatures. Her research spans environmental studies, cultural studies and postcolonial literature. Dr. Mount is also a member of an interdisciplinary research team studying the promise of under-utilised indigenous vegetables in Southwest Nigeria for women farmers.

Bringing together her background in environmental studies and postcolonial literatures, Dr. Dana Mount will talk about the field of ecocriticism and its relationship to postcolonial studies. This talk explores the question of what nature looks like in postcolonial literature, and suggests that the definition of nature needs to change. In order to represent a broader concept of the environment (one which encompasses both 'green' and 'brown' spaces), Dr. Mount suggests that we use the lens of the everyday. The idea behind this approach is to move away from the romanticization of nature and towards an environmental perspective that reflects our daily interactions with our everyday environments. These environments, Dr. Mount argues, need to become part of the conversations we have about environmental thought and action. Dr. Mount is interested in a range of environmental values and is moving towards a study of literary representations of garbage and waste in her future work.

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Place: FGG 201, Humanities Faculty



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Reading the Green in Postcolonial Literature