

Call for Papers
Virginia Humanities Conference
The Intertwining of Nature and Culture



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The Virginia Humanities Conference invites proposals for papers, panel sessions, presentations, or performances that investigate the intertwining of nature and culture. Much contemporary rhetoric articulating environmental exigencies imply clear distinctions between nature and culture. However, human alliances with various species and the resulting cultural formations indicate a more complicated and nuanced cooperation and blurring of any distinction. How is it that cultural adaptations distinguish themselves from natural processes? Humanities scholars, writers, artists and musicians have much to contribute to understanding this intertwining of nature and culture. Dr. John Tallmadge will deliver a keynote speech addressing questions concerning the role of the humanities in the environmental movement's quest for a sustainable society, the role of the humanities in environmental education, and the humanities contribution to enriching consciousness raising, public discourse, and clarifying the public role in discovering a sustainable culture.

Please submit proposals by email to Dr. Kip Redick, President of the Virginia Humanities Conference, kredick@cnu.edu. Deadline for receipt of proposals: February 1, 2013.