



**Thursday, Sep 30, 4:30pm-6:00pm**

**Keynote: Shifting Relationships: Our Belonging to Land**

**Presenter:** David Trubridge

**Moderator:** Robbie Dingeman

David brings the perspective of a sustainable designer working in Oceania. His love of nature and wilderness has made him deeply committed to the pursuit of sustainable design.

He traces the divergent evolutions of Western and Polynesian culture. How has the different world view of Polynesia influenced his thinking? At heart is our relationship to the land: our culture is built on the exploitation of land, while Polynesians say “I am the land and the land is me”.

The talk is about how we design, by looking into the underlying structure of our society, our relationship to land. Western design is an egotistical act of control, an external imposition. Knowing and understanding this is the first step to change. But if we don't change, we will continue our destructive course, whatever the talk of sustainability.