

ASTROBIOLOGY, GAIA, AND THE ANTHROPOCENE IRONIES

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What is the Anthropocene? Why does it matter? And how should we assess it? Dr. Simmons' lecture will explore scientific, ethical, and religious answers to these questions and argues that they are inextricably linked. He proposes that the new science of astrobiology's use of the religious idea of Gaia offers a fruitful perspective on these matters by suggesting that the Anthropocene is most distinctive when least conspicuous.

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