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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