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## The Policy Turn in Environmental Philosophy

present

A Lecture by

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One of the oldest questions of philosophy concerns what counts as “first philosophy”—which domain of philosophy is the proper place for thinking to begin. This talk revisits the question of philosophic beginnings in order to suggest that environmental philosophy today needs to expand its approach to include a “policy turn” where philosophers begin from the projects and perspectives of other academic disciplines, public agencies, and policy makers. This approach will not only increase the relevance of environmental philosophy within society; it will also spur new insights within the more theoretical aspects of environmental philosophy.

Friday, February 6, 3:00 p.m. in EESAT 130

Frodeman is a researcher in the Center for Science and Technology Policy Research at the University of Colorado. He specializes in environmental philosophy and philosophy of science policy. He has held positions at the University of Texas, Colorado School of Mines, and the University of Tennessee, and has consulted for the U.S. Geological Survey. Frodeman is Principal Director of the **New Directions Initiative**, editor of **Earth Matters: the Earth Sciences, Philosophy, and the Claims of Community** (Prentice Hall, 2000), and author of **Geo-Logic** (SUNY, 2002). He is also Principal Investigator of the NSF-funded **Global Climate Change and Society Program**, where students explore the nature of scientific knowledge and the contribution social scientific and humanistic perspectives play in public policy debates.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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