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**ECOLOGICAL ECONOMIST JOSHUA FARLEY TO SPEAK AT 15TH ANNUAL
RACHEL CARSON FORUM AT THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE**

OLYMPIA, WA – Joshua Farley, from the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics, will deliver a speech entitled “The Tragedy of the Non-Commons: When the sustainable, just, and efficient allocation of resources demands community ownership” at 6 p.m. on May 10 at The Evergreen State College Longhouse and Cultural Center. Musical guests Dana Lyons and Luke Painter will entertain the audience with their unique songs and style.

Besides discussing the foundations of ecological economics and defining “the tragedy of the non-commons” Farley will move beyond the realm of economic theory. His talk will cover his experiences as part of an “*atelier*” or practical field workshop that took place in the Philippines investigating shrimp aquaculture and destruction of the native mangrove ecosystem.

Farley received his Ph.D. in Agricultural, Resource and Managerial Economics from Cornell University. He began teaching ecological economics in 1996 at the School for Field Studies Centre for Rainforest Studies, where he later served as director. He is currently a researcher at the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics at the University of Vermont.

2005 marks the 15th Annual Rachel Carson Forum, one of the largest free events open to students and community members on the Evergreen Campus. The Forum is hosted by the Graduate Program in Environmental Studies and funded by student activities fees. The Rachel Carson Forum was founded by Eli Sterling when he was a Master of Environmental Studies (MES) student at Evergreen. The forum was designed to bring a prominent environmental speaker to the Evergreen campus annually. Students in the MES program elect the speaker.

The Forum honors Rachel Carson (1907-1964) who is probably best known for *Silent Spring* (1962), which established the impacts of pesticides on ecosystems. A brilliant piece of scientific synthesis, *Silent Spring* created an ecological theory of pesticides that remains substantially intact today, over 40 years after its publication. Carson's writings were important in building the philosophy of modern environmental protection.

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