



Between the Human Animal and the Animate Earth: Falling Awake - MEMA3022

As the climate veers toward catastrophe, the many losses cascading through the biosphere make vividly evident the need for a transformation in our relation to the living land. With cultural ecologist and geo-philosopher David Abram, author of *Becoming Animal: An Earthly Cosmology* and *The Spell of the Sensuous*, we will open and explore our animal experience of the earth around us – tapping the forgotten rapport between our creaturely senses and the sensuous terrain. How do we maintain our basic sanity and our coherence in relation to the dumbfounding news skittering into view from every corner of the planet? We'll explore both the wild ecology of perception and the elemental magic of language and storytelling — engaging our creaturely experience toward the aim of cultural metamorphosis.

Join David Abram, ecologist, and geo-philosopher on this experiential two day immersion as we lure into a more intimate exchange with the breathing biosphere — a full-bodied venture into the mysterious realm beyond the borders of the modern mind.

Facilitator: A cultural ecologist and geo-philosopher, **David Abram** is the award-winning author of *Becoming Animal: An Earthly Cosmology* and *The Spell of the Sensuous*. Described as "revolutionary" by the Los Angeles Times, as "daring" and "truly original" by Science, David's writing helped catalyze the burgeoning field of ecopsychology. His work engages the ecological depths of the imagination, exploring the ways in which sensory experience, poetics, and wonder inform our relation with the animate earth. David's essays on the cultural causes and consequences of environmental disarray appear often in such journals as *Shambhala Sun*, *Orion*, *Adbusters*, *Environmental Ethics*, *Biosemiotics*, *Parabola*, and *The Ecologist*, as well as in many anthologies in a host of fields. Named by the Utne Reader as one of a hundred visionaries currently transforming the world, David lives with his family in northern New Mexico.

Length: 1 evening, 2 days

Date: Fri, Sat & Sun, Oct 4, 5 & 6, 2013

Time: Fri 7pm – 9pm, Sat 10am – 4pm, Sun 10am – 2pm

Cost: \$295 + applicable taxes

Best to Register by: Fri, Sep 20, 2013

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