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**From Profession to Passion: Making a Late Career Move to #Getoutside
Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in Stevenson 401**

Turning a passion into a profession might be good advice. But what about transitioning in your profession to pursue a passion late in a career? Dr. Ebata spent over 20 years as an applied scholar who developed technological and community-based programs to support families experiencing normative and non-normative stresses. He then set off in a new direction to see if spending time outside in nature could promote positive family relationships. In this talk he will describe a theoretical framework developed with his former student, Dina Izenstark, and a series of studies examining how time in nature affects families, and the meaning that family-based nature activities have in the memories of college students. He will discuss the implications that these results have for contemporary families.

**The Humans in Nature Project: Engaging students to engage the public
Friday, February 7, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. in Schroeder 214**

The Humans in Nature (HIN) project was initiated as a way of disseminating results of research on the effects of nature on individuals and families for lay audiences and professionals who work with families. Staffed by undergraduate and graduate students, the project is a web-based effort that relies on social media as a way of informing people of the benefits of nature and inspiring them to spend time outside. The project provides students an opportunity to synthesize research and communicate it to the public, and to learn strategies of social media marketing. Students are encouraged to pursue interests in writing, photography, and videography to create products for the project.

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