

## Schedule

### Thursday, May 18

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| 7:30 am–8:30 am   | Registration & Continental Breakfast   |
| 8:30 am–8:45 am   | Welcome & Forum Introduction<br><b>William Linton</b>  |
| 8:45 am–9:45 am   | <i>Bewusstseinskultur: The Natural State, Connectedness, and Non-egoic Self-awareness</i><br><b>Thomas Metzinger</b> |
| 9:45 am–10:30 am  | Essence of the Sacred<br><b>Wade Davis</b>   |
| 10:30 am–10:45 am | Break  |
| 10:45 am–11:45 am | The Re Enchantment of Food<br><b>Odessa Piper</b>  |
| 11:45 am–1:15 pm  | Lunch  |
| 1:15 pm–2:15 pm   | Deep Time Mind<br><b>Marcia Bjornerud</b>  |
| 2:15 pm–3:15 pm   | Kinship from the Ground Up<br><b>Gavin Van Horn</b>  |
| 3:15 pm–3:45 pm   | Break  |
| 3:45 pm–4:45 pm   | Panel Discussion<br><b>T. Metzinger, O. Piper, M. Bjornerud, G. Van Horn;</b><br><b>Moderator: Steve Paulson</b>     |
| 5:00 pm–7:30 pm   | Reception: Kornberg Center for Research & Development  |

### Friday, May 19

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|-------------------|--|
| 8:00 am–9:00 am   | Registration & Continental Breakfast   |
| 9:00 am–9:15 am   | Day Two Overview<br><b>William Linton</b>  |
| 9:15 am–10:15 am  | LSD and the Mind of the Universe<br><b>Chris Bache</b>   |
| 10:15 am–10:45 am | Break  |
| 10:45 am–11:45 am | Sanctuary: Relearning How to Take Refuge in the Earth<br><b>Dekila Chungyalpa</b>                  |
| 11:45 am–1:00 pm  | Lunch  |
| 1:00 pm–2:00 pm   | Why We Are the Only Humans in the Universe and Why it Matters<br><b>Marcelo Gleiser</b>            |
| 2:00 pm–2:15 pm   | Break  |
| 2:15 pm–3:15 pm   | Panel Discussion<br><b>C. Bache, D. Chungyalpa, M. Gleiser;</b><br><b>Moderator: Steve Paulson</b> |
| 3:15 pm–3:30 pm   | Closing<br><b>William Linton</b>   |
| 3:30 pm–4:00 pm   | Dessert Reception: BioPharmaceutical Technology Center Institute                                   |

# Nature, Earth and Humanity:

## *The Evolution of Connection*



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## The Evolution of Connection

Our presenters will explore relationships of human society to the planetary environment and to the larger dimension of time and space.

## Key Questions

How do our perceptions and perspectives intersect with the reality of how our decisions impact our planetary home?

How can we foster a culture of consciousness that respects all living beings and natural resources, and, possibly, is restorative?

## Musicians & Immersion Artists

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## Presenters

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Appleton Professor of Natural Philosophy and Professor of  
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### Thomas Metzinger, Ph.D.

Professor; Director: MPE-Research Network; Adjunct Fellow:  
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### Odessa Piper

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### Gavin Van Horn, Ph.D.

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## Moderators

### William Linton

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### Penny Patterson

Vice President, Communications, Promega Corporation,  
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### Steve Paulson

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