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Increasing consumption of minerals and energy has led to an unprecedented destruction of what we know as nature. Joining protests in defense of the environment some indigenous groups have made public what is being destroyed is other-than-human beings, crucial participants in world-making practices that do not abide by the ontological division between nature and humanity. Presenting the idea that nature is not only such, the talk discusses an emergent "politics across divergence", or the possibility for alliances that require becoming through what Isabelle Stengers has called "interests in common *are not the same interests.*"

ABOUT MARISOL DE LA CADENA

Marisol de la Cadena is Professor of Anthropology at the University of California, Davis, and the author of *Earth Beings: Ecologies of Practice Across Andean Worlds* and *Indigenous Mestizos: The Politics of Race and Culture in Cuzco, Peru, 1919–1991*, also published by Duke University Press.

ABOUT DAVID W. MCCURDY

Established to honor David W. McCurdy, who founded Macalester's anthropology department in 1975, this annual lecture will bring to campus leading scholars in all areas of anthropology. McCurdy is the author of numerous textbooks for teaching both cultural anthropology as well as anthropological methods, including the widely used *Conformity and Conflict*, now in its 15th edition. He is a renowned teacher and was made the subject of an article in 1977 by *Change Magazine* for innovative teaching in anthropology. He was the recipent of the Macalester Distinguished Teaching Award in 1995, and in 1997, he received the first teaching award given by the American Anthropological Association.

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