

Fall 2014

Sustainable Futures Speaker Series

Ron Reed and Kari Norgaard

*“The Politics of Fire and the Social Impacts
of Fire Exclusion on the Klamath”*

Thursday, September 18
5:30pm-7:00pm BSS 166



Ron Reed is a traditional Karuk dipnet fisherman, spiritual leader, and the Cultural Biologist for the Karuk Tribe. Ron comes from a long and prominent family of traditional spiritual leaders and cultural practitioners, and is the father of six children. As the Karuk Tribe's Cultural Biologist, Ron has been an important tribal spokesperson who has communicated the cultural and health impacts of current river and forest mismanagement to audiences around the world. He also works at home to restore Karuk culture and society through reconnecting people, especially tribal youth, to the natural world. His work has been featured in prominent news outlets around the world including *National Geographic*, National Public Radio, *High Country News* and many more.

Kari Marie Norgaard is Associate Professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies at University of Oregon. Her research on climate denial, tribal environmental justice and gender and risk has been published in *Sociological Forum*, *Gender and Society*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Organization and Environment*, *Rural Sociology*, *Race, Gender & Class*, and other journals, as well as by the World Bank. Her first book, *Living in Denial: Climate Change, Emotions and Everyday Life*, was published by MIT Press in 2011. Norgaard is recipient of the Pacific Sociological Association's Distinguished Practice Award for 2005.



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