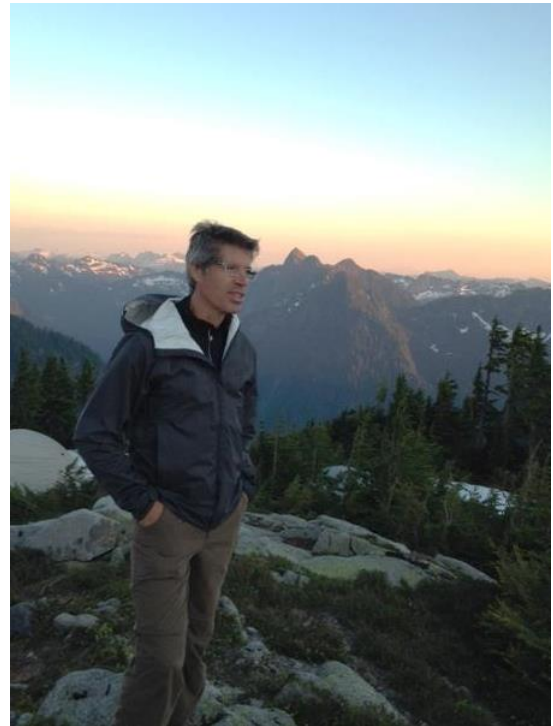


We are pleased to announce that Thomas H. DeLuca, professor and director of the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences (SEFS), University of Washington, will present the 2014 Edward Wenk, Jr. Endowed Lectureship in Technology and Public Policy on Thursday, November 6, 2014, beginning at 4:30pm in Kane Hall, Room 210.

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Thomas H. DeLuca is professor and director of the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences (SEFS) at the University of Washington (UW). A forest soil scientist and ecosystem ecologist, Dr. DeLuca conducts research and directs a School with ~40 faculty members, 160 graduate students, and more than 400 undergraduate students. SEFS operates several facilities on the UW campus, along with four outlying research and education centers. Prior to his post at SEFS, Dr. DeLuca served as NERC-University Joint Chair in Environmental Sciences in the School of Environment, Natural Resources and Geography at Bangor University, UK (2009 – 2012). He also served as a Senior Forest Ecologist with the Wilderness Society (2006 – 2009) and as a Professor of Forest Soils at the University of Montana in the College of Forestry and Conservation (1994 – 2006). During the past 20 years, Dr. DeLuca has conducted research in a variety of topics across temperate, boreal, maritime and Arctic settings. Primary research interests include the influence of disturbance on N and C cycling in forest, prairie and tundra ecosystems, fire ecology of temperate and boreal forests, biological N₂ fixation in forest ecosystems, sustainable forest management and forest restoration. Dr. DeLuca has authored more than 90 refereed research papers, including papers in *Science* and *Nature*. Dr. DeLuca holds a Ph.D. in soil microbiology and biochemistry from Iowa State University (May 1993), an M.S. from Montana State University in soils; and a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Soil Science.



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