The workshop will honor Carson’s legacy beginning with exploration of our wonder, respect, awe, and love for ecosystems and the animals and plants within them with which our destiny is intertwined. The afternoon session will be an exploration of ways in which our actions and choices imperil both the health of our ecosystems and our own well-being here in Cincinnati.

The goal is to provide participants with a chance to engage with Rachel Carson’s work and legacy both experientially and academically for both personal and professional development. The hope is that many participants will integrate some facet of the workshop experience into their fall courses while taking advantage of the variety of activities (lectures, book discussions, bike rides, and theater performance, among others) that will take place during Sustainability Week October 1-8.

The workshop is open to faculty and staff, particularly those who anticipate engaging students in the theme and activities around Sustainability Week 2012. Please contact Kathleen Smythe (smythe@xavier.edu) by April 20 if you are interested in attending. Include a short paragraph about why you are interested in the workshop and how you see it integrating with your plans for the fall.

**Preliminary schedule**

10-10:30 Introduction

10:30-12 Wonder/Respect/Awe/Love

**Leon Chartrand: The Other Side of Trees**

We will explore the relation between the visible and invisible, between revealing and concealing, and how this contributes to our apprehension of a thing like the tree as meaningful. A Lakota lesson will allow us to rediscover a way of seeing, in line with Heidegger and Eliade, that accounts for much of our awe for the more-than-human world around us. (Prepare to be outside.)

12:00-1:00 Potluck lunch

1:00-2:30 Ecology

**Stan Hedeen: Toxins Today**

Should you be concerned about residing in some houses and apartments? Living in certain neighborhoods? Consuming locally-caught fish? This workshop session will examine how humans and other species may be impacted by the continuing occurrence of toxins in the tri-state area.

2:30-3:00 Discussion on combining the two approaches to our more-than-human world