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Former NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco to Speak at Bennington College

On [Thursday, April 19 at 7:30 PM](#), the Honorable **Dr. Jane Lubchenco** will speak on “Hope for People and the Ocean” as the 2018 Robert H. Woodworth Lecturer in Science. This event will take place in the Tishman Auditorium at Bennington College.

As part of the [Spring 2018 Science Workshop Series](#), on [Friday, April 20 at 1:00 PM](#), Lubchenco will be speaking on “Science in a Post-Truth World.” This event will take place in Dickinson 232 on the College’s campus. Both events are free and open to the public.

Can we use the ocean without using it up? The task is daunting given current trajectories in fisheries, plastics and other pollutants, and the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification. However, new scientific insights, tools, and partnerships are providing hope that it’s not too late to transition to more sustainable practices and policies.

In her lecture, Lubchenco draws on her four years as the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and the Administrator of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), her two years as the first U.S. Science Envoy for the Ocean, and her decades of research around the world to summarize the importance to people of sustainable use of the ocean, and approaches that are working.

“What I’ve always found remarkable about Jane Lubchenco is that she’s both made critical contributions to ‘pure’ science and been uniquely successful in bringing science and scientists into the public policy arena. That’s a very rare combination,” Natural Sciences faculty member **Kerry Woods** said.

Established in 1988 by former students, the **Robert H. Woodworth Science Lecture Series** honors a longtime Bennington biology faculty member and pioneer in the development of time-lapse photography.

About the Speaker

Dr. Jane Lubchenco is one of the world’s most influential ecological scientists. She trained as a marine biologist and earned her PhD from Harvard University. She is a long-time faculty member at Oregon State University and a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Royal Society, and the American Philosophical Society.

Lubchenco is a recipient of many awards, including a MacArthur Fellowship, the Public Welfare Medal of the National Academy of Sciences, and 20 honorary doctorates. After serving as president of several major scientific societies, where she was instrumental in bringing scientific expertise to bear on a wide range of environmental problems, in 2009, she was appointed by President Obama to Under-Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), with responsibility for U.S. fisheries management, ocean policy, weather satellite programs, and national climate assessments.

After leaving NOAA in 2013, Lubchenco was appointed as the first U.S. Science Envoy for the Ocean. She is particularly respected and admired for her work in engaging scientists with citizens and policy-makers to craft solutions to environmental problems while ensuring a strong economy and vibrant communities.

Thurs. April 19 | 7:30 - 9:00 PM

[Woodworth Lecture: Hope for People and the Ocean](#)

Tishman Lecture Hall

Can we use the ocean without using it up? The Honorable Dr. Jane Lubchenco, distinguished Professor of Zoology at Oregon State University, leading ecologist and environmental scientist, and former head of NOAA, discusses.

Fri. April 20 | 1 - 2 PM

[Science in a Post-Truth World](#)

Dickinson 232

Part of the [Science Workshop](#) series

The Honorable Dr. Jane Lubchenco, distinguished Professor of Zoology at Oregon State University, leading ecologist and environmental scientist, and former head of NOAA, will lead this discussion.

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