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On Humboldt's Planet: Cosmos, Gaia, and the Coming of the Anthropocene

Friday, 13 September | 7:00 p.m.

Hickman Building, Lecture Theatre, Room 105

Presented by [the Faculty of Humanities](#)

Professor Walls works in literature and science and has a continuing interest in the German natural scientist and explorer Alexander von Humboldt. Her books include *The Passage to Cosmos: Alexander von Humboldt and the Shaping of America* (Chicago 2009), and a future work, *Earthrise*, on the 19th-century concept of Earth as a living, self-making planet. Prof. Walls will discuss how the Anthropocene gives new meaning to Humboldt's concept of nature. She has been supported by the Guggenheim Foundation, the NEH, the Center for Humans and Nature, and the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies.

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*Prof. Walls lecture is part of the
Facing the Anthropocene with Alexander von Humboldt's
Views of Nature Colloquium celebrating Alexander von Humboldt's
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