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Featured Speakers:



Timothy Egan is the author of seven books, including *The Big Burn*, about the story of the nation's biggest wildfire and the creation of the US Forest Service, which is the basis for a newly released PBS film featured on American Experience.



Joel Salatin is a full-time alternative farmer in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. He writes extensively for agriculture magazines and is a popular speaker who defends small farms, local food systems, and the right to opt out of the conventional food paradigm.



Peter Annin is the author of *The Great Lakes Water Wars*, which has been called the definitive work on the Great Lakes water diversion controversy. He is also co-director of the Mary Griggs Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation at Northland College.



George Archibald's conservation efforts over the past 40 years has given flight to crane conservation worldwide. He unites people from diverse cultures and countries to work together to preserve the landscapes necessary for the survival of both cranes and people.

Reaching Underserved Audiences Panel:

Dr. Antonieta Avila is Assistant Professor of Second Language Education at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. She advocates for access to equitable education highlighting the need to support bilingual and bicultural resources.



Iris Gonzalez is the Community Engagement Specialist for Sixteenth Street Community Health Center's Department of Environmental Health. Iris has managed green infrastructure initiatives in three neighborhoods surrounding the KK River.



Cynthia Gonzalez is committed to student success and believes students should be the driving force behind curriculum and their learning. She is focused on providing experiences that meet students' linguistic and cultural needs.



Venice R. Williams serves as the Executive Director of both Alice's Garden Urban Farm and The Body and Soul Healing Arts Center. She is also the Education Services Coordinator for the Center for Resilient Cities, Milwaukee office.

