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Westbrook Lecture 2013

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 12-4 PM. LECTURE AT 1 PM

Dr. Sylvia Earle, Mission Blue
“Sustainable Seas: Vision and Reality”

Once thought to be “too big to fail,” the ocean is in trouble. Ocean and coastal ecosystems account for some two-thirds of the world’s natural capital, including half the oxygen we breathe, carbon sinks for climate regulation, storm protection, and food. Dr. Sylvia Earle, dubbed “Her Deepness” by the New York Times, will look at the past, present and future of the ocean. Join us to discuss ways to reverse the decline of our seas, the cornerstone of earth’s life support system, and the actions needed to ensure their future, and ours.

Sylvia A. Earle is Explorer in Residence at the National Geographic Society, founder of the Deep Search Foundation, and former Chief Scientist of NOAA. Author of more than 175 publications and leader of more than 100 underwater expeditions, she is the recipient of more than 100 national and international awards. Her research concerns the ecology and conservation of marine ecosystems and deep sea exploration. She was named Time Magazine’s first Hero for the Planet, a Living Legend by the Library of Congress, and was a 2009 winner of the TED Prize.