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# Understanding Place

A PROJECT OF THE PLACE STUDIES INITIATIVE  
BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

## 'Understanding Place' weekday lunch talks

The concept of "place" is difficult to define. The origins of the word not only suggest a geographical location, but also, ironically, movement.

What thought processes do we go through in defining place? Is it a space, a setting, a position, or an idea?



During the fall semester the Place Studies Initiative will host discussions about various concepts we use to understand "place." Everyone is welcome to attend; all talks will take place in Academic West room 211.

The talks will begin at noon with a 20-minute opening presentation about a specific concept and then will move on to a discussion. Lunch will be available for the first 20 people who arrive, so if you're running late, be sure to bring something to eat.

If you have questions, contact Brandn Green,  
Place Studies Initiative Director at [bgreen@bucknell.edu](mailto:bgreen@bucknell.edu).  
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### LECTURES 2013-2014

*All events will begin at noon*

Adrian Mulligan, Bucknell University  
Associate professor of geography  
**"Identity"**  
(9-11-13)

Chris Martine, Bucknell University  
Associate professor of biology  
**"Rarity"**  
(9-25-13)

Alf Siewers, Bucknell University  
Associate professor of English  
**"Headwaters"**  
(10-9-13)

Duane Griffin, Bucknell University  
Associate professor of geography  
**"Natural"**  
(10-23-13)

Jason Cons, Bucknell University  
Assistant professor  
of international relations  
**"Boundary"**  
(11-6-13)

Clare Hinrichs, Penn State  
Professor of rural sociology  
**"Local"**  
(11-20-13)