

Testimonials on Paddy Woodworth's presentations on restoration ecology, and ecological restoration

Curt Meine

Ecological restoration is a dynamic, still-emerging branch of conservation, one that is rich with promise, paradox, and passion. Through his book *Our Once and Future Planet*, and through his background work with many of the field's leading theorists and practitioners, Paddy Woodworth has become one of restoration's leading commentators and communicators. He has brought to the task the skill of a seasoned journalist, asking hard questions while communicating with clarity the complex challenges of restoration. I was pleased to learn that Paddy has begun to share his insights through teaching. I am equally pleased to recommend him as an instructor. The world needs this information, and Paddy is among those best qualified to share it.

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Peter Wyse Jackson

Paddy Woodworth is a remarkable professional - combining and bringing extraordinary skills as a writer, environmentalist, commentator, activist, journalist, teacher and communicator to all he does. For example, in his latest book, 'Our Once and Future Planet' he has demonstrated great skills as a science writer, communicating

in a compelling way the importance, current challenges and upcoming importance of ecological restoration, in what is a newly developing scientific discipline. I was therefore delighted when he accepted to become a Research Associate at the Missouri Botanical Garden in 2015. As a Research Associate he becomes part of a growing group of ecologists, researchers, practitioners and educators who understand that restoring ecosystems in response to habitat loss and climate change will be an urgent task for the coming century. Extensive ecological restoration will be essential if environmental sustainability is to be achieved and if we wish to safeguard the ecosystem services provided to humanity by natural systems. Paddy Woodworth's success as a teacher and presenter comes not only from the deep knowledge and passion that he brings to any subject he addresses, but also from his skills as a successful journalist, understanding the need to engage with his audience and communicate clearly.

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Bill Allen

My students, faculty colleagues and I were delighted to have Paddy Woodworth as an official Professor for a Day at the University of Missouri in Columbia (November, 2014). Whether lecturing, leading class discussions or giving a public keynote speech, Paddy demonstrated that he is a natural storyteller with an impressive command of facts, underlying issues and forces that shape them. We benefitted greatly from his wealth of international field experience. Paddy has excellent rapport with students and faculty alike. I especially appreciate the way he reveals himself in his writing and talks: as a professional journalist whose curiosity and intellect lead him from one important insight to another, wherever around the globe that may be. As a journalist and as a teacher, he is seemingly indefatigable.

William Allen, MS, MA, is a professor at the University of Missouri School of Journalism and College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. He is the author of Green Phoenix: Restoring the Tropical Forests of Guanacaste, Costa Rica (OUP, 20001).

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Andrew Hipp

Paddy Woodworth possesses as broad a perspective on ecological restoration as anyone I've met, and he conveys it well. As a researcher and a naturalist, I appreciate his insights into how broadly we might construe the activity of restoration. I left his book, his lecture, and conversation with him with a much richer understanding of what it means to undertake a restoration project. For practitioners, I suspect that his understanding of the many and diverse case studies he presents will provide a welcome backdrop to local or regional projects, casting the particular problems we all face in implementing a restoration into the context of similar problems faced by like-minded workers worldwide. Paddy Woodworth understands the social, logistical, and philosophical challenges underlying restoration, and he as enjoyable a conversationalist on the topic as he is a lecturer.

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Note: See also testimonials on my class-teaching skills from Dr Liam Heneghan of DePaul University, Chicago, for whom I taught a five-class course on restoration, and from Dr Cheryl Glotfelty of the University of Nevada (Reno), for whom I taught several classes, both attached separately.

