

The Sustainable Campus Committee at  
Siena Heights University presents the

## WILLIAM ISSA ENDOWMENT LECTURE

# Land of Fire: The Longleaf Pine Forest

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Roughly 90 million acres of Longleaf Pine forest once covered the Southeast. From Virginia to Texas and south to the panhandle of Florida, it was the dominant forest of the South. By the early 1900's, only about 3% of that forest remained. Our thirst for lumber and turpentine products decimated the landscape. Fire, once a natural occurrence, began to be suppressed. Plant and wildlife populations declined with the demise of the forest. Modern conservationists are working across the Longleaf range to restore this landscape. Controlled burns are being used to mimic a natural fire regime. Millions of Longleaf pine seedlings are being planted. Native grasses and herbs are recovering. Through the art and beauty of the photographic lens, the audience will get an unprecedented view of restoration efforts by land managers to benefit several Longleaf specialists, including the Carolina Gopher Frog, Northern Pine Snake, Bachman's Sparrow, and the Red-cockaded Woodpecker.

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Dominican Hall

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**Reception to follow.**

