The Hidden Half of Nature: The Microbial Roots of Life and Health

David Montgomery and Anne Biklé
University of Washington

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3:15 p.m.
Faculty Dining Room

A reception will following the lecture and will feature BC Dining’s Menus of Change with food that is sustainable, healthy, and delicious

Prepare to set aside what you think you know about yourself and microbes. Good health—for people and for plants—depends on Earth’s smallest creatures. David Montgomery and Anne Biklé will tell the story of our tangled relationship with microbes and their potential to revolutionize agriculture and medicine, from garden to gut. They will discuss how to transform agriculture and medicine—by merging the mind of an ecologist with the care of a gardener and the skill of a doctor.

A book signing with the speakers will follow this lecture.

David R. Montgomery is a professor of geomorphology at the University of Washington and a 2008 MacArthur Fellow. He is the author of The Rocks Don’t Lie and other award-winning popular science books. He lives in Seattle with his wife, author and biologist Anne Biklé, and Loki, their guide-dog dropout.

Anne Biklé is a biologist and environmental planner. Her career spans the fields of environmental stewardship, habitat restoration, and public health. The Hidden Half of Nature is her first book.

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