

Caring for all Life on Earth

Ecological Masculinities



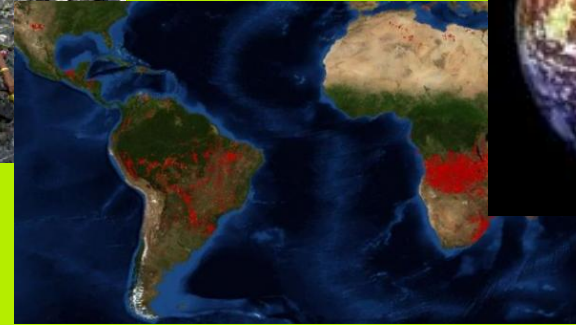
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September 2019

Earth Crises?

Environmental Crises

- climate change
- Biodiversity loss



Social Crises

- social, economic & financial inequalities
- rises in populism, xenophobia, white supremacy



Toxic Swaggers?



"We are entering a space between stories. After various retrograde versions of a new story rise and fall and we enter a period of true unknowing, an authentic next story will emerge. What would it take for it to embody love, compassion, and interbeing? I see its lineaments in those marginal structures and practices that we call holistic, alternative, regenerative, and restorative. All of them source from empathy, the result of the compassionate inquiry ..."

Charles Eisenstein (10 Nov, 2016)



Caring for Earth, Others and Self

"If we wish to uncover what is, rather than imposing what is not, if we wish to recognise and allow to flourish the complexity of interacting systems (including ourselves), if we wish to ex-ist rather than in-sist, if we wish to 'let things be' ... the way in which they are, if we wish to unite our head, hand and heart, we need to care"

Patsy Hallen, 1989





FourStreams*

- Masculinities Politics

- Various positionalities
- Critical Studies on Men and Masculinities (CSMM)

- Deep Ecology

- Psycho-spiritual biocentrism

- Ecological Feminism (Ecofeminisms/Ecofeminists)

- Socio-political gendered analysis

- Feminist Care Theory

- Gendered understandings about 'caring for' (ideological) and 'caring' about' (practical)

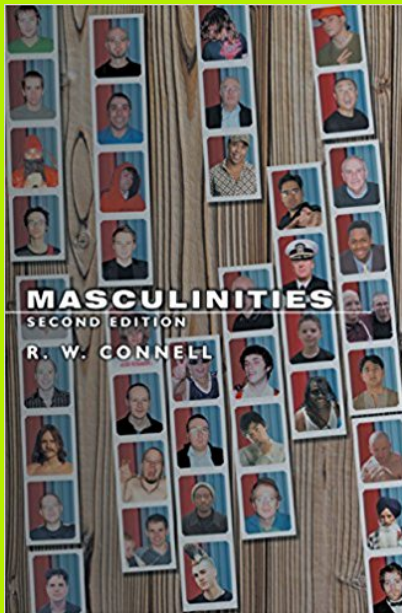
+ *with additional reference to Social Ecology*

→ *ethics of ecological communitarianism, informed by anarchist and socialist politics, to create libertarian municipalities – localised citizens managing their own affairs through face-to-face deliberative democratic processes, decision pathways and conflict resolution strategies, instead of states, which are really republics*

Masculinities Politics

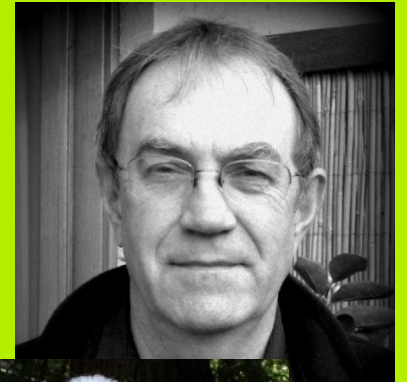


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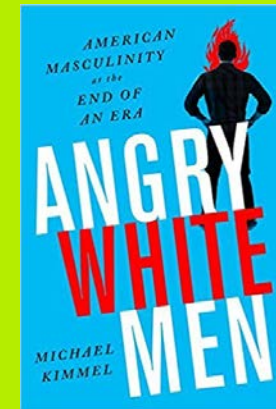
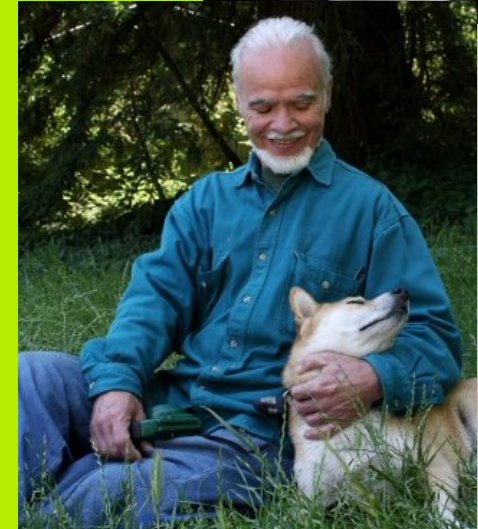


- Profeminist
- LGBTIQ+
- Masculinities of De-Colonisation
- Mythopoeetry
- Christianity and Environmentalism
- Men's Rights Groups

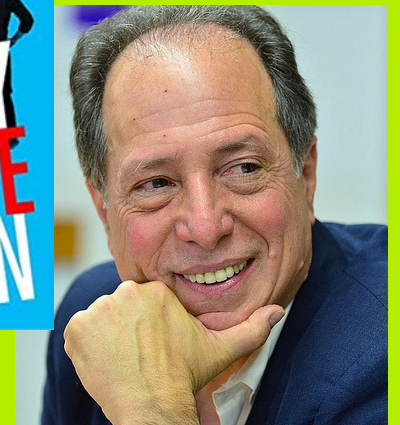
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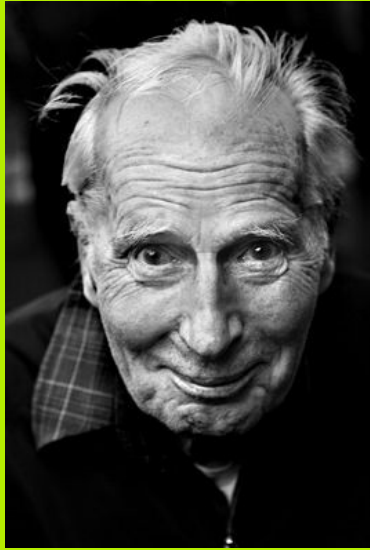


Shepherd Bliss



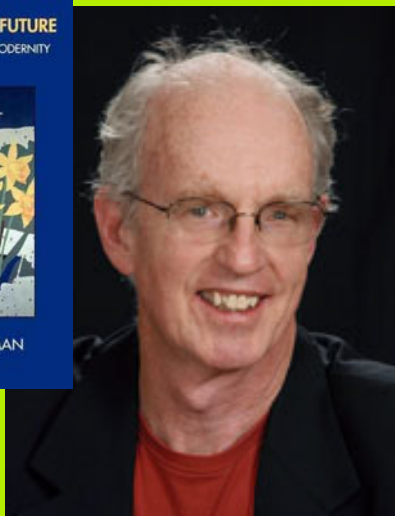
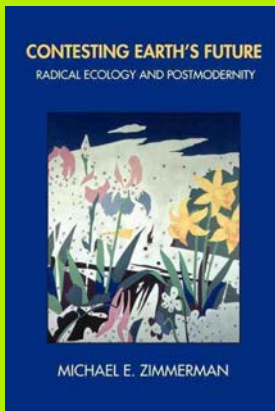
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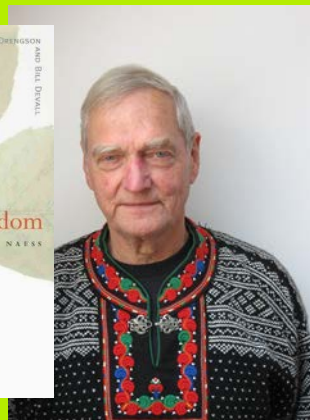
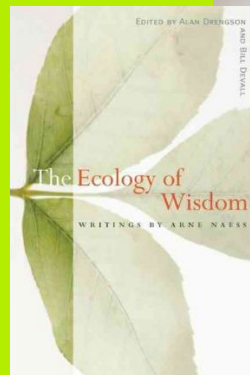


Arne Naess

shallow &
deep ecologies



Michael Zimmerman



Alan
Drengson

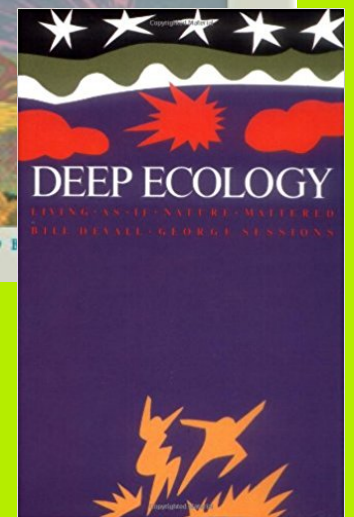
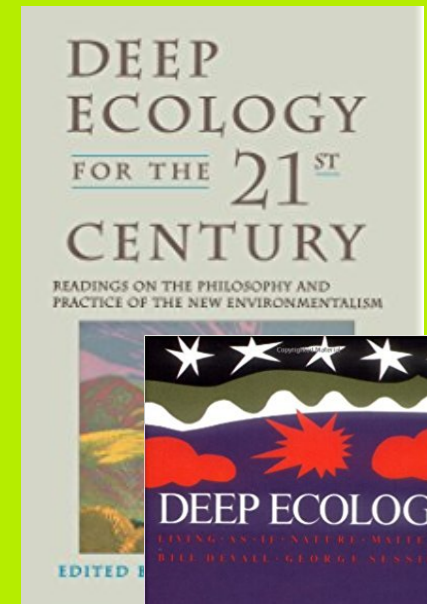
Deep Ecology



Bill Devall



George Sessions





Karen Warren

mutual oppression
of women & Nature

... trending twds
discussions on Gender and
Environment

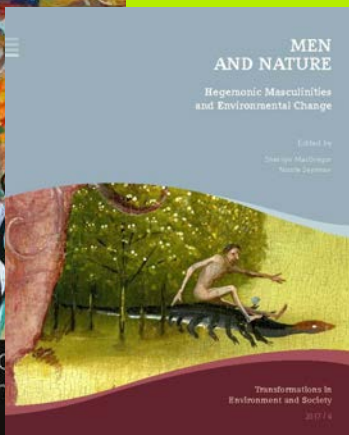
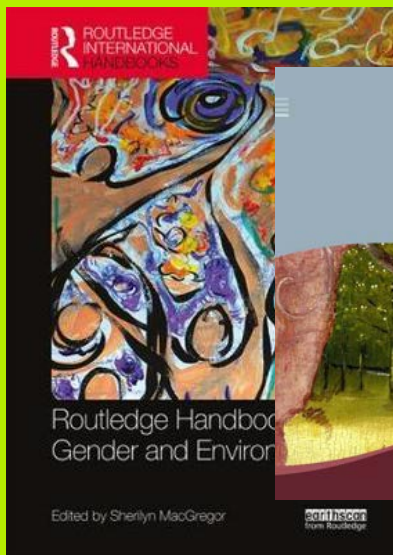
Ecological Feminism [Ecofeminisms/Ecofeminists]



Greta Gaard



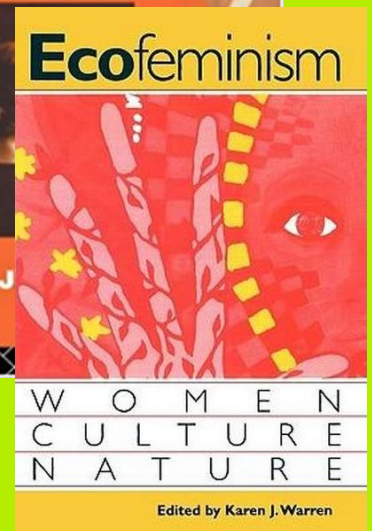
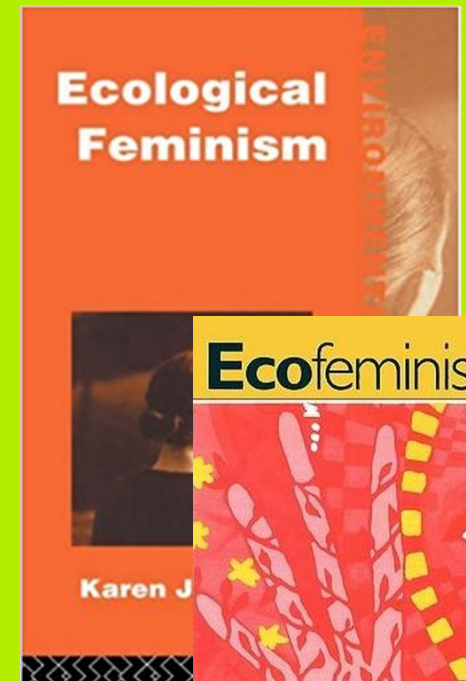
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Sherilyn
MacGregor



Nicole Seymour





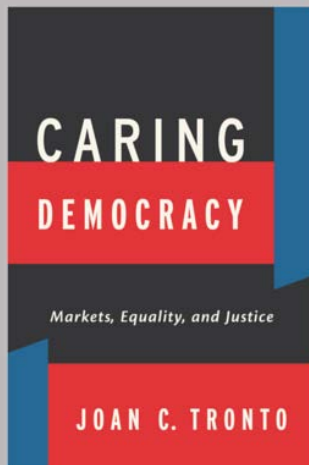
My contention is, first, that we should want more from our educational efforts than adequate academic achievement and, second, that we will not achieve even that meager success unless our children believe that they themselves are cared for and learn to care for others.

— Nel Noddings —

Feminist Care Theory

“Caring-for” (ideation) and “caring-about” (action)

- *Care is socialised → there are Ethics of Care (Carol Gilligan)*
- *Care is an ethical pursuit of goodness resulting in 'natural caring' (Nel Noddings)*



While men represent powerful activity as assertion and aggression, women in contrast portray acts of nurturance as acts of strength.

— Carol Gilligan —

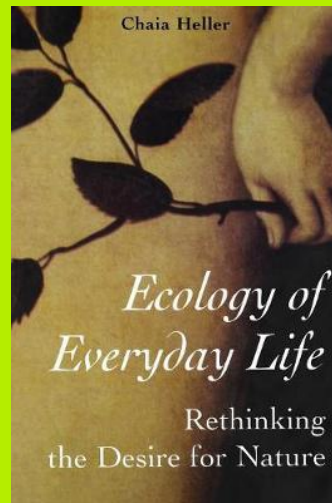
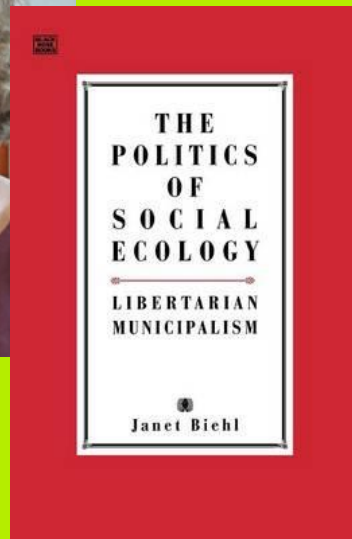
*Social Ecology

Bookchin (1988: 4), responding to Earth First! co-founder Dave Foreman's active interpretations of deep ecology, considering it:

"... vague, formless, self-contradictory, half-digested, ill-informed, muck that was nothing more than anti-humanist and crudely eco-brutal la-la, which had pulled humanity and the Earth into a bottomless pit of ideological toxicity and navel-gazing that caused one to get dizzy with a overwhelming sense of self-righteous intoxication."



Janet
Biehl



Chaia
Heller



Murray Bookchin

And ...

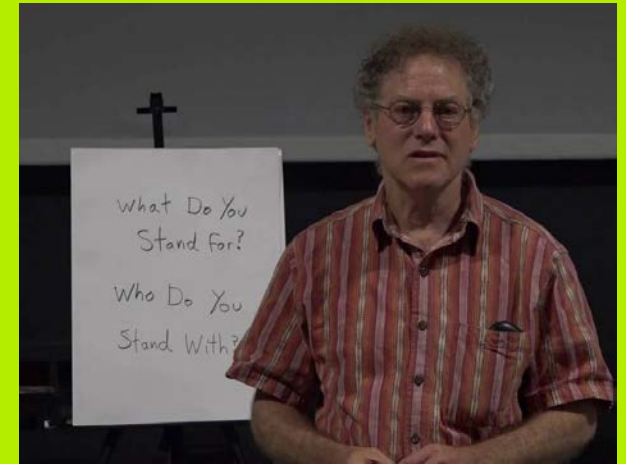
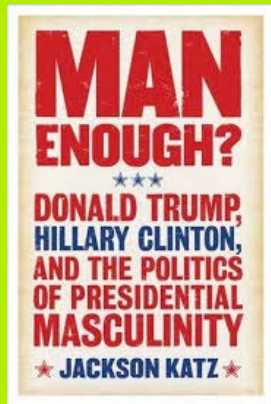
where are boys and men
in all of this?

... are these crises of society
and environment actually the
the failure of modern
Western masculinities?

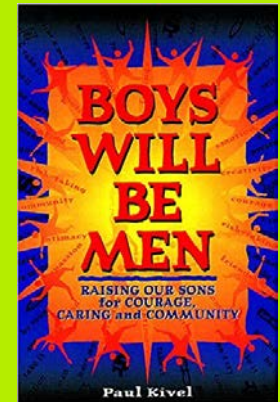




Jackson Katz



Paul Kivel



Tough Guise ...

What's beyond being
tough on the Planet,
Others and Self?

Masculine Ecologisation: Exit politics for the sake of all life



Industrial/Breadwinner Masculinities

Ecomodern Masculinities

Ecological Masculinities



A Central Premise

"... all masculinities have infinite capacities to care, which can be expressed towards Earth, human others and ourselves"

*Martin Hultman and Paul Pulé
(2017)*



Ecological masculinities

'Ecologising' Western maleness requires:

- a political and theoretical ***ecological masculinities***
- personal and practical ***ecomasculinities***

... broadening, deepening and widening our scopes of care

Connection to self ***in-relationship-with*** human and other-than-human Others.

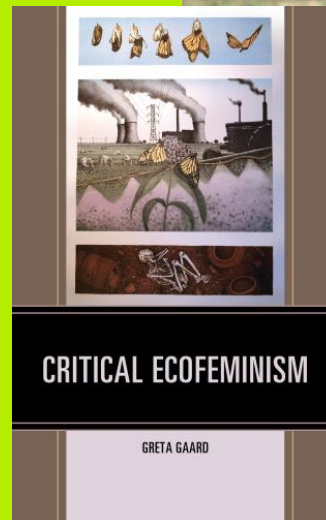
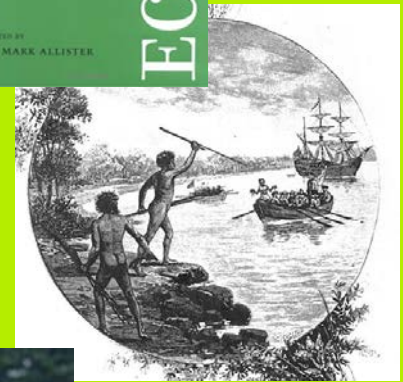
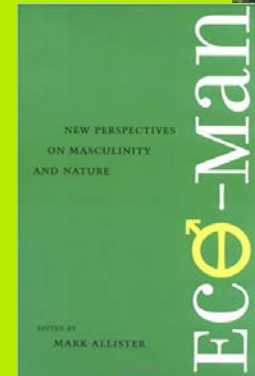


Ecologised masculinities so far ...

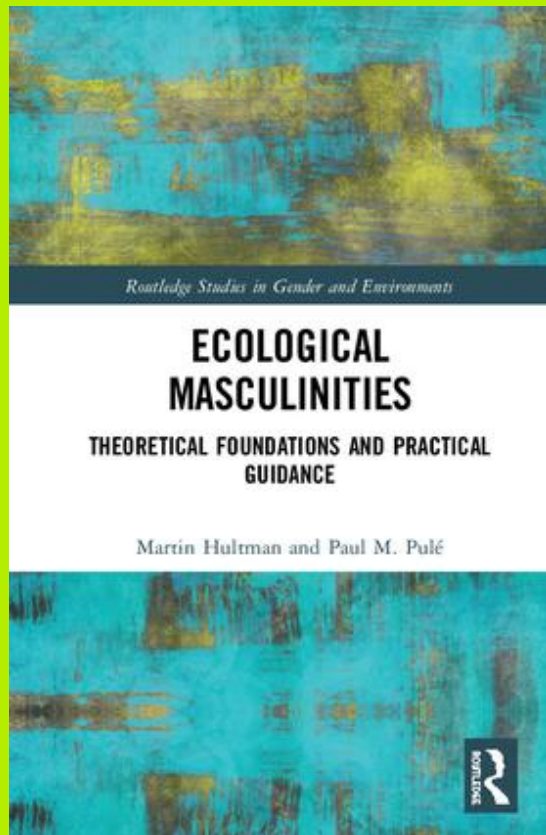
- Essentialised Earth Honouring
- Ecocritical Masculinities
- Environmental History
- Environmental Movements
- Farming Men and Rural Sociology
- Feminist eco-masculinity(ies)

... referencing "... feminist ecomasculinities' as fundamentally relational and objectionable to 'abstract individualism' ... [positing] that 'all human identities and moral conducts are best understood 'in terms of networks or webs of historical and concrete relationships'"

Greta Gaard, 2017



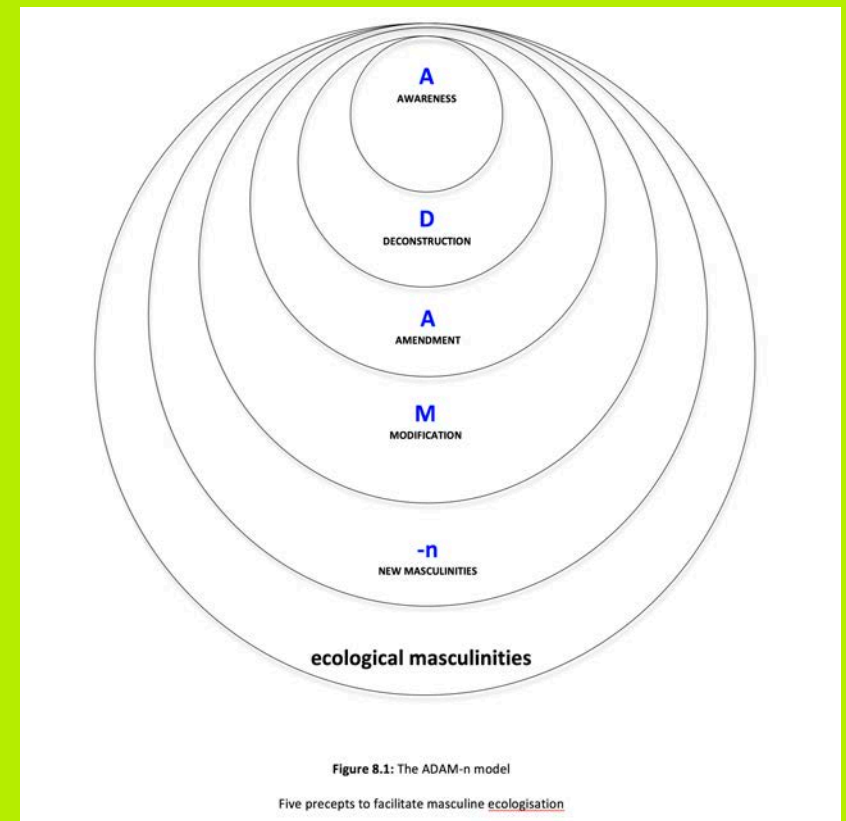
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- Zeal
- Superpower
- Hurts
- Wish

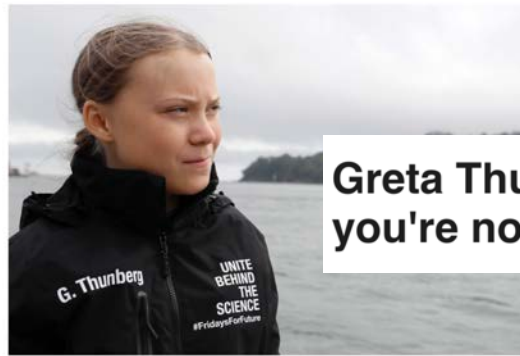
The need for masculine ecologisation ...

... by 'ecologised' refers to giving ADAM-n



Experimenting at the edges:

Conversations about masculinities and care



Teenage activist Greta Thunberg (Kirsty Wigglesworth/AFP/Getty Images)

Greta Thunberg to US politicians: 'Sorry, you're not trying hard enough'

The Misogyny of Climate Deniers

Women Climate Leaders Face 'Green Rage' Attacks

Why Minister McKenna needs security: the old masculine order is crumbling.



Green with rage: Women climate change leaders face online attacks

September 12, 2019 9:44pm BST

Ecological Masculinities Praxes

I don't know what your ecological masculinities will be like for you. But, I can share with you what its like for me ...

... our invitation is for you get curious about the ways you might generate broader, deeper and wider care in your life ... for Earth, others and yourself



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