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## **Author-Meets-Reader Panel and Reception for Pam McElwee's *Forests are Gold: Trees, People and Environmental Rule in Vietnam***

**Panelists: Dr. Heidi Hausermann (Human Ecology),  
Dr. Melanie McDermott (Sustainability Institute, TCNJ & Human Ecology),  
Dr. Pam McElwee (Human Ecology), Diya Paul (PhD Candidate Geography)  
and Hoang Mai Thach (PhD Student Geography)**

**Friday, September 29th, 2017, 3:30-6:00 pm  
Institute of Food Nutrition and Health, Room 101  
Cook Campus, Rutgers University  
~Light refreshments will be served~**



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### **Forests Are Gold**

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***Forests Are Gold*** examines the management of Vietnam's forests in the tumultuous twentieth century — from French colonialism to the recent transition to market-oriented economics — as the country united, prospered, and transformed people and landscapes. Forest policy has rarely been about ecology or conservation for nature's sake, but about managing citizens and society, a process the book terms "environmental rule." Untangling and understanding these practices and networks of rule illuminates not just thorny issues of environmental change, but also the birth of Vietnam itself. The book is available through the University of Washington Press, and through Amazon, in paperback, hardcover and electronic versions.

Pam McElwee is Associate Professor in the Department of Human Ecology. Her book *Forests are Gold: Trees, People and Environmental Rule in Vietnam* (U of Washington Press, 2016) recently won the European Association of Southeast Asian Scholars (EUROSeas) Book Prize for best social science book on Southeast Asia. She is also the co-editor of the book *Gender and Sustainability: Lessons from Asia and Latin America* (U of Arizona Press 2012). She received her PhD in Anthropology and Forestry & Environmental Studies from Yale University, and has conducted fieldwork on biodiversity, forestry and climate issues in Asia since 1996.

