

## 2020 – Dr. Michael Paul Nelson



In 2020, although the in-person *Science Of The Service* did not occur due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were delighted to feature Dr. Michael Paul Nelson as our virtual keynote speaker. Dr. Nelson is a professor at Oregon State University, where he holds the Ruth H. Spaniol Endowed Chair of Renewable Resources and serves as the Lead-Principal Investigator for the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest Long-Term Ecological Research Program. He is the philosopher-in-residence of the Isle Royale Wolf-Moose Project in Lake Superior and the co-founder and co-director of the Conservation Ethics Group, an award-winning environmental ethics consultancy group fusing ethics with social and ecological science. Dr. Nelson's research, writing, and teaching focus is environmental ethics and philosophy: from the concept of wilderness to topics in the philosophy of ecology, from hunting ethics to theories of environmental education, from topics in wildlife ecology and conservation biology to questions about science and advocacy and the philosophical work of Aldo Leopold. He is called upon regularly by various government agencies and conservation organizations to assist with understanding the ethical implications of natural resource management decisions. Dr. Nelson holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Lancaster University, England.

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