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On behalf of the **Robert Redford Conservancy**, we would like to invite you to join us Wed, February 26th at 4:15PM in Benson Auditorium on Pitzer College campus for a Book talk and Q&A with Professor Lisa J. Lucero. This event is open to the 7C Community and is part of the Redford Conservancy's Annual John D. Sullivan Lecture series on water in California.

Lisa J. Lucero will be discussing her recent Book, *Maya Wisdom and the Survival of Our Planet*.

Refreshments and light snacks will be provided!

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Robert Redford Conservancy presents a John D. Sullivan Memorial 7C Event

Maya Wisdom and the Survival of Our Planet

February 26 | Benson Auditorium, Pitzer College

Book Talk and Q&A: 4:15–5:15 p.m. | Reception: 5:15–6 p.m.

Featuring Lisa J. Lucero,

Professor of anthropology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Moderated by Susan Phillips, director of the Robert Redford Conservancy at Pitzer College



For this talk, Lucero discusses her recent book, *Maya Wisdom and the Survival of Our Planet*. She presents its major themes, including the Maya inclusive or non-anthropocentric worldview where they co-exist with nonhumans as part of the world, not separate from it. She highlights how the ancestral Maya collaborated with nonhumans resulting in a tropical landscape with green cities, rural farmsteads, gardens, fields, biodiverse forests, and sacred places. The Maya sustainably farmed for millennia without destroying their environment and provided tribute to their kings in 100s of cities. In return, kings performed vital ceremonies and maintained reservoirs through the annual dry season—a balancing act that succeeded for over 1,000 years. Maya insights are vital for the survival of our planet and call for collaborating with rather than dominating the nonhuman world, and their traditional knowledge provides concrete solutions to sustainably address climate change and environmental degradation. Maya resilience is a testament for how to move forward, and Lucero's book provides a roadmap for families to global corporations on how to do so.



Maya Wisdom and the Survival of Our Planet will be released January 27, 2025 (Oxford University Press); it is available to pre-order for \$17.47 using this promotion code: AAFLY66 (regular price, \$24.95).

Lisa J. Lucero (PhD, UCLA) is a professor of anthropology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. As an archaeologist, her interests focus on ritual and power, water management, the impact of climate change on society, sustainability in tropical regions, and the ancestral Maya. She has been conducting archaeology in Belize for over 35 years, authoring seven books and an array of articles and book chapters. She uses insights from past and present Maya knowledge and practices to promote sustainable strategies to address global climate change.



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