

**Wayne Carmichael** 

TUESDAY, March 12, 2019

# GANDHI AUDITORIUM of WHITE HALL WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

**5:00 PM RECEPTION LOBBY of WHITE HALL** 

6:00 PM LECTURE FREE PARKING IN LOTS 14, 16, 17

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## Wright State University presents The Wayne Carmichael Lecture In Environmental Sciences

#### **MR. DAVE NOLIN**

"Discovery and Renewal on Huffman Prairie, where Aviation Took Wing"



Dave Nolin tells the region's story from before the time when great continental glaciers covered much of what is now Ohio to the present. He will address the natural and human history of the site known as Huffman Prairie located on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the changes made to it by Native Americans, early settlers, farmers, flood control engineers, and the U.S. government. He will describe how part of the natural prairie survived, spurring its restoration into a shining example of the tallgrass prairies that once graced Midwestern landscapes. Expect some stunning visuals of the varied life of the prairie, as well as an overview of the Dayton Aviation National Historical Park that protects and interprets the Wright brothers' flying field.

Mr. Nolin grew up in Fairborn, where he graduated in 1980 from Wright State University with a BS in Biology. He received his MS in Biology from Wright State in 1984. Mr. Nolin's thesis research was on the use of nest boxes by American Kestrels on Dayton area nature reserves.

In 1985, he joined the Park District of Dayton-Montgomery County as the agency's first Land Stewardship Specialist. For 30 years, he was employed by the Park District, now called Five Rivers Metro Parks and was responsible for habitat management and land acquisition. He negotiated and closed on over 7,000 acres of new natural areas and conservation easements for the agency during that time. In 2012, Mr. Nolin was awarded the Jack Hanna Resource Conservation Award by the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association.

Mr. Nolin retired from Five Rivers Metro Parks in 2015 and is now volunteering for several conservation entities including Greene County Park District, Centerville-Washington Park District, Beaver Creek Wetlands Association, BW Greenway Community Land Trust, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Five Rivers Metro Parks, and Upper River Fund of the Dayton Foundation. Mr. Nolin is married to his wife of 38 years, Catherine Queener, also a Wright State grad and long time employee, and they have a son Jacob who is 25 and an English teacher in China.