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– Carl Safina, *The View from Lazy Point: A Natural Year in an Unnatural World*



# STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Friday, March 6, 2015



## WELCOME

Dennis Assanis, PhD  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

## REMARKS

Minghua Zhang, PhD  
Dean, School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences  
Director, Marine Sciences Research Center

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Carl Safina, PhD

## CLOSING REMARKS

Dennis Assanis, PhD

## Friends of the Carl Safina Endowed Research Chair



“I read Carl’s first three books back to back, and then when *The View from Lazy Point* came out, I was so moved by his writing that I started stalking him. His response was so gracious, there was no way I could resist endowing this chair.”

— *Ann Hunter-Welborn, HW Fund*

“Our support for Dr. Safina’s work, and his investiture as the Endowed Chair of Nature and Humanity, honors his passionate leadership for conservation and community.”

— *The Kendeda Fund*



“I have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Carl Safina over many years. I can say without hesitation that few people have done more to influence thinking and provide leadership in the realm of ocean conservation.”

— *Julie Packard*

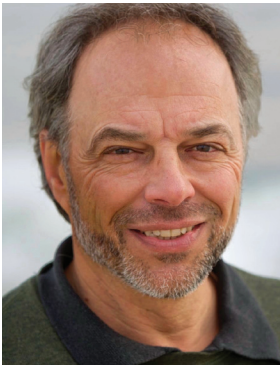
“Carl Safina has helped unravel and explain to us some of the beautiful mysteries of nature.”

— *Anne Earhart, Marisla Foundation*



“I support Carl’s work because he makes a difference in how people see and understand our relationship with the natural world. He’s a true inspiration to many.”

— *Andrew E. Sabin, Andrew Sabin Family Foundation*



## Carl Safina Endowed Research Chair for Nature and Humanity

CARL SAFINA, PHD  
SCHOOL OF MARINE AND  
ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES

Carl Safina's writing shows how humanity is changing the natural world and what those changes mean for wildlife and people. His early work focused on seabird ecology, then on fishing policy.

In the 1990s he helped lead campaigns to ban high-seas driftnets; rewrite U.S. federal fisheries law; work toward international conservation of tunas, sharks and other fishes; achieve passage of a United Nations global fisheries treaty; and reduce albatross and sea turtle drownings on commercial fishing lines. Along the way, he became a leading voice for conservation.

Safina's books include *Song for the Blue Ocean*, *The View from Lazy Point* and *Beyond Words*, and he is the host of the PBS television series "Saving the Ocean." His writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *National Geographic* and *Audubon Magazine* and in a new foreword to Rachel Carson's *The Sea Around Us*. He has been profiled on "Nightline" and in *The New York Times*, appears frequently on National Public Radio, and has been featured on the Bill Moyers PBS special "Earth on Edge." His honors include the John Burroughs Medal, James Beard Medal, Chicago's Brookfield Zoo's Rabb Medal, the Orion Book Award, National Academies' Science Communication Award, Pew and Guggenheim fellowships, and a MacArthur "genius" grant. *Audubon* named him one of the "100 Notable Conservationists of the 20th Century."

Safina is the inaugural holder of the Carl Safina Endowed Research Chair for Nature and Humanity at Stony Brook University and is the founder of The Safina Center. He also co-chairs the steering committee of the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science in the School of Journalism. He has a BA in environmental science from SUNY Purchase, an MS and a PhD in ecology from Rutgers University, and honorary doctorates from Drexel University, Long Island University and the State University of New York.







## Stony Brook University Endowed Professors and Chairs

The following members of the Stony Brook University faculty currently hold endowed professorships or chairs. They represent the breadth and depth of academic excellence at Stony Brook University.

### Alfonse M. D'Amato Chair in Italian and Italian American Studies

Established 2000

Peter Carravetta, PhD

### Ambassador Charles A. Gargano Chair in Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging

Established 2013

Michael Poon, MD, FACC, FSCCT

### Edmund D. Pellegrino Professor of Medicine

Established 1987

Benjamin J. Luft, MD

### Evelyn G. Glick Professor of Experimental Medicine

Established 1990

Arthur P. Grollman, MD

### Henry Laufer Endowed Associate Professor of Physical and Quantitative Biology

Established 2008

Gábor Balászi, PhD

### Joel Strum Kenny Professor in Cancer Research

Established 2001

Yusuf A. Hannun, MD

### Leslie P. and Muriel Oberleder Professor in Geriatric Medicine

Established 1996

Suzanne D. Fields, MD

### Louis and Beatrice Laufer Endowed Chair in Physical Biology

Established 2008

Ken A. Dill, PhD

### Marsha Laufer Endowed Assistant Professor of Physical and Quantitative Biology

Established 2008

Sasha Levy, PhD

### Marvin Kuschner Professor of Pathology

Established 1988

Kenneth R. Shroyer, MD, PhD

### Simons Chair of Medicine

Established 2012

Vincent W. Yang, MD, PhD

### Tarrson Family Professor of Periodontology

Established 2013

Vincent J. Iacono, DMD

### William and Jane Knapp Chair in Pharmacological Sciences

Established 2005

Basil Rigas, MD, DSc



