

MEMORANDUM

TO: McKay Jenkins, Tilghman Professor of English

FROM: Douglas W. Tallamy, Chair, Entomology and Wildlife Ecology

RE: Proposal for a Minor in Environmental Humanities

I fully support the approval and implementation of the proposed Minor in Environmental Humanities. Despite the fact that, regardless of major, every student requires a healthy environment, and every student adopts a life style that impacts both the local and global environment, environmental issues have historically been treated only in science courses in ways that have held little interest for humanities majors. I am delighted to see this logical disconnect coming to an end. The proposed minor will effectively draw students of the humanities into subject matter that is critical to their future. I applaud Dr. Jenkins and his team for taking this initiative and we welcome students in this minor into our ENWC courses.