

# How to Read a Map of Eden

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In Kentucky, a young earth creationist ministry is planning a \$150 million theme park, Ark Encounter, featuring a full-sized replica of Noah's ark. In this talk, Dr. Bielo explores how the creative team uses immersion to teach creationist history and convert a skeptical public. The goal of this project is to render creationism legible outside the frame of religion-science debates. Through this case, Dr. Bielo extends the dialogical approach to the construction of culture from his previous work on evangelical reading and the Emerging Church.

**Thursday, February 28, 2:30-4 pm**

**EV3 – 4408, Environment 3 Building, UW**

**Note:** Dr. Bielo will also speak on **Promises of Place: Reflections from the Emerging Church** on Friday, March 1st, 7:30 pm, Great Hall, Conrad Grebel University College

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