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## "Ideology" A talk by Philip Terrie

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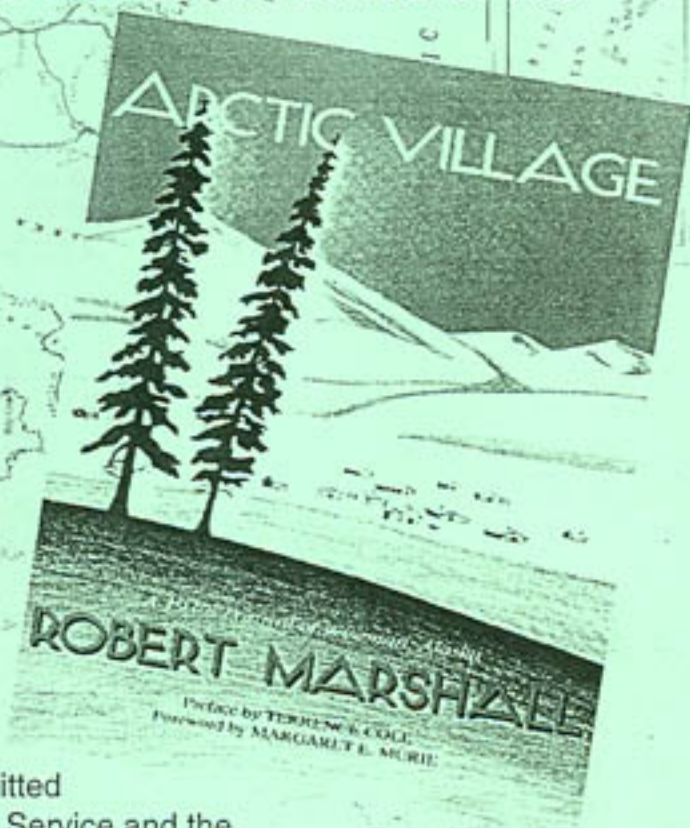
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Robert Marshall was one of the most important of early twentieth-century American conservationists. He was a founder of the wilderness Society, a committed progressive, and, as an employee of both the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, a major designer of federal land policy. Using the case of Robert Marshall, Professor Terrie explores the connections between progressive politics and the emergence of a wilderness ideology in the American Environmental movement. The combination of Marshall's progressive politics and his commitment to wilderness provide a significant counter argument to recent theorizing among some environmental historians to the effect that the wilderness movement is elitist and anti-progressive.

Dr. Philip Terrie is Professor of American Culture Studies and author of three books and many essays on environmental history and literature. His 1997 book, *Contested Terrain: A New History of Nature and People in the Adirondacks* was praised by environmentalist Bill McKibben, *New York Review of Books*, as "the finest general Adirondack history yet written, the book to which all subsequent accounts will have to refer." Dr. Terrie is currently a Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society, where he is working on a biography of conservationist Robert Marshall.



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