

Imagine Lecture

# Planting our place

Since his childhood, internationally bestselling and prize-winning author Nickolas Butler (an Eau Claire native and graduate of Eau Claire Memorial) has seen a concerted effort on the part of the community to embrace Eau Claire's rivers and riverfronts, which were historically seen as nothing more than watery thoroughfares for the logging industry, or cooling mechanisms for local manufacturers. But this community has a new challenge: to further heal and reconcile with the landscape that was denuded of trees during the nineteenth century. And now, with the emergence of the emerald-ash borer, a new and pernicious loss of thousands of local trees, both along our streets and in the wild.

**Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 • 7 p.m.**

Luther Hospital Auditorium

Reception to follow at 8 p.m.



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**About the lecture**

The Imagine Lecture was inspired by the late Dr. David Winter's relentless pursuit of knowledge, innovation and never being afraid to envision something more, different or better. Its guest lecturers embody those ideals and bring them to life to inspire others.

