

# Chris Vetrano

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Chris Vetrano is the founder and principal consultant of Just Listen to Nature. His academic background spans horticulture, holistic design, and psychology. He holds an AAS in Horticulture, a BS in Holistic Design, and both an MA and MS in Psychology. He is currently pursuing a PhD at Fielding Graduate University with a concentration in Health and Wellness. His dissertation research focuses on horticultural therapy.

His work explores how universities and organizations can move beyond gardens as passive spaces and develop thoughtful programs for learning, participation, and wellbeing.

### PRESENTATION TOPICS

- Introduction to Therapeutic Horticulture
- People, Plants, Place, and Program
- From Teaching Garden to University Program
- Therapeutic Horticulture in Tropical and Warm-Climate Settings

### FORMATS

- 45-minute guest lecture with questions
- 60-minute academic seminar
- 90-minute interactive workshop
- Customized faculty or staff session
- In-person or virtual presentation

### INTENDED DEPARTMENTS

Horticulture • Psychology • Human ecology • Landscape architecture • Public health • Sustainability • Student affairs • Continuing education

### AVAILABILITY

Available internationally, with particular interest in Asia and warm-climate settings.

### PEOPLE, PLANTS, PLACE, AND PROGRAM

People define whom the program serves. Plants offer purposeful activity, observation, care, and direct participation. Place shapes what is culturally, climatically, and practically appropriate. A clear plan connects people, plants, and place.

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