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The Real News in an Unnatural World

In an era of fake news, the real facts and a guide to the future often emerge from science, a truth that is often obscured in the 24/7/365 news cycle. So how does one communicate the real information emerging from the scientific endeavor, always cognizant of its provisional and relatively slow-moving nature? Decades in science journalism and experience with everything from traditional print publications like *Scientific American* and new media empires like TED suggest that the key may be presenting facts embedded in a story of how those facts came to be known, as well as the emotional highs and lows of the scientists and others pursuing this knowledge and world-changing ideas. From the quixotic quest of a marine biologist who wants to fertilize the ocean to a young man's obsession with the passenger pigeon and its resurrection, the story of the scientific passions of the Anthropocene -- our brave new unnatural world -- we will look at how these stories may enable us to finally combat climate change, biodiversity loss, and other ills plaguing the world today.