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Sean McGrath is a Canadian philosopher of religion in the most interdisciplinary sense of the term. After graduate work at the University of Toronto in both theology and philosophy, McGrath published several major works in the area of Heidegger and religion. In 2008 he was awarded a Humboldt Fellowship for research in Germany on the topic of the relationship between psychoanalysis and German Idealism. The fruit of that research was published in 2012 as *The Dark Ground of Spirit: Schelling and the Unconscious* (Routledge). He was inducted into the College of the Royal Society of Canada in 2014, the same year he began to work in the field of religious ecology. In 2015 McGrath founded a non-profit organization called For A New Earth with the aim of raising environmental consciousness. Out of many years of teaching and lecturing in environmental philosophy, McGrath published *Thinking Nature: An Essay in Negative Ecology* (Edinburgh, 2019), which Richard Kearney describes as “a radical contemplative attunement to the call of deep nature.” McGrath is perhaps best known for his work on renewing the study of Schelling in English-speaking academia. With Jason Wirth, he co-founded the North American Schelling Society in 2012. In 2021 he published the first of two volumes on the late Schelling's philosophy of religion, *The Philosophical Foundations of the Late Schelling: The Turn to the Positive* (Edinburgh University Press, 2021).