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## *Counter Frictions: Truth, Beauty, and Romantic Cosmopolitics*

**Monday, October 4, 2010**

**4:30 pm, 322 Jordan Hall**

**Reception to follow in Reading Room**

Humboldt, *Natural Bridges of Icononzo*



Laura Dassow Walls is the author of *Seeing New Worlds: Henry David Thoreau and Nineteenth-Century Natural Science* (Wisconsin, 1995), *Emerson's Life in Science: The Culture of Truth* (Cornell, 2003), and, most recently, *The Passage to Cosmos: Alexander von Humboldt and the Shaping of America* (Chicago, 2009). She currently has a Guggenheim Fellowship to work on a book on Thoreau.