

Influenced by the Beaux Arts architecture of Europe, the City Beautiful Movement inspired building, landscaping, and city planning in the United States from the 1890s through the 1920s.
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ASEH Conference in Denver

ASEH's annual meeting will take place in Denver, Colorado, at the historic Brown Palace Hotel, from March 20-23, 2002. Originally completed in 1892, the lovely Brown Palace is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and stands only blocks away from Denver's 16th Street pedestrian mall, Lower Downtown (LODO) recreational district, Public Library, Art Museum, the Colorado Historical Society, and many other attractions. The conference will begin with a plenary session Wednesday evening, March 20, on the University of Denver campus. Four renowned scholars – Ann Fabian, Gregg Mitman, Philip Scranton, and Susan Strasser – working at the intersections of environmental history and other disciplines will address the conference theme, “Producing and Consuming Natures.” Sessions are scheduled for all day Thursday and Friday morning. Friday afternoon, those who wish to do so will be able to select one of five outstanding field trips: a hike in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, a trip to the National Center for Atmospheric

Research, a tour of the Denver Public Library and Museum of Nature and Science, a visit to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge, and a stroll through the urban environs in Denver. Saturday evening, after another full day of panels, Amory Lovins, a pioneering environmental figure, will present the keynote address at the conference banquet. Mr. Lovins, named by *Newsweek* magazine as “one of the Western world's most influential energy thinkers,” rose to prominence in the 1970s when he challenged conventional supply-side dogma by urging that the United States instead follow a “soft energy path.” Since then, he has authored or co-authored numerous influential books and articles, including *Energy War: Breaking the Nuclear Link* (1980) and *Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution* (1999). Among the many honors to his credit – including a MacArthur Fellowship and a Right Livelihood Award – in the year 2000, *Time* magazine presented Mr. Lovins with one of its “Hero for the Planet” designations.

◆ From the President's Desk

A Landmark Year

This is a landmark year for the American Society for Environmental History. We celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the publication of the society's journal, now co-published as Environmental History with the Forest History Society. During the past quarter century, we have seen our membership swell from a few dozen founders to a 1,400 member professional group devoted to promoting the interdisciplinary study of the history of human interactions with the natural world.

Our membership comprises university and college faculty and students, environmental managers, scientists, lawyers, museum professionals, secondary school teachers, writers, and others. All are interested in contributing to the development and dissemination of knowledge about humankind's relationship to the natural world and society's efforts to deal with the environmental consequences of urbanization, industrial development, and other aspects of social and economic change over time.

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The American Society for Environmental History seeks understanding of the human experience of the environment from the perspectives of history, liberal arts, and sciences. The Society encourages cross-disciplinary dialogue on every aspect of the present and past relationship of humankind to the natural environment. ASEH maintains a web site at <www2.h-net.msu.edu/~environ>. Contact <dwilliam@gw.snu.edu> to discuss including material on the web page.

Items for the next newsletter should be sent by September 14, 2001 to: Lisa Mighetto, Editor, 119 Pine St., Suite 207, Seattle, WA 98101. E-mail to <mighetto@hrassoc.com>.

Other correspondence should be directed to: American Society for Environmental History, 701 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27701-3147.

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ASEH Annual Giving

To capitalize on the accomplishments and momentum of the past quarter century, we are establishing an Annual Giving campaign to support the ASEH Endowment Fund. The ASEH Executive and Development Committees and the ASEH Denver Program Committee have kicked off the campaign with 100% giving and have created several named grants. We now ask for your help.

The ASEH Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is designed to enhance substantially the level of financial support we provide to underwrite scholarship in environmental history and to make this work more widely available to the larger public. The fund will support:

- The presentation of research by graduate students and low-income and international scholars at the society's annual meetings;
- The participation of minority/non-white scholars in ASEH and its annual conferences.
- The endowment of the society's annual prizes;
- An Executive Secretary to assist the society in its business operations;
- Fellowships to support environmental history research from the local to international level;
- The documentation of the history of the contemporary environmental movement.

How You Can Help

With these goals in mind, I would like you to consider making an Annual Gift, which is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law, to the American Society for Environmental History.

Your contribution may be made by check or credit card; or as a pledge, a gift of appreciated stock certificates, a bequest, or other form of planned giving. Please mail the form on page 7 in this newsletter to:

Mark Madison, ASEH Treasurer
 National Conservation Training Center
 Rte 1, Box 166
 Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Your contribution will enable us to enter our second quarter century with renewed commitment and opportunity for growth in realizing the society's goals. I am deeply grateful for your support and your careful deliberation of the society's needs.

Carolyn Merchant
ASEH President

◆ Grants

Travel Grants

Susan Flader and Carolyn Merchant, former and current presidents of ASEH, have jointly created a travel grant of \$500/year for 10 years, entitled the Ellen Swallow Richards Travel Grant, in honor of the chemist who introduced the term ecology to the United States in 1892 and developed the field of human ecology. The grant is one of several to be awarded by the ASEH Program Committee to students and low-income and international scholars who present original research at ASEH annual conferences.

Adam Rome, new editor of the society's journal, *Environmental History*, has established the Donald Worster Travel Grant with a pledge of \$500/year for 10 years in honor of his mentor Donald Worster, Hall Professor of History at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

With these contributions, the society now has 6 travel grants of \$500 each to be awarded by the ASEH Program Committee to qualified persons whose papers have been accepted for the ASEH Denver conference March 20-23, 2002. They include:

- The E. V. and Nancy Melosi Travel Grant, created by Martin Melosi
- Two Morgan and Jeanie Sherwood Travel Grants, created by Jeanie Sherwood
- The J. Donald Hughes Travel Grant, created by Don Hughes
- The Donald Worster Travel Grant, created by Adam Rome
- The Ellen Swallow Richards Travel Grant, created by Susan Flader and Carolyn Merchant.

To apply, students, low-income, and international scholars whose papers have been accepted for the Denver meeting may contact program chair Christopher Sellers, History Department, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794. Phone: 631-632-7514; E-mail: csellers@notes.cc.sunysb.edu

If you would like to create a named 10 year Travel Grant to assist students, low-income, and international scholars who present original research at ASEH annual conferences or contribute to the Travel Endowment, please mail in the form in this Newsletter.

Grants to Enhance Minority Participation in ASEH

An anonymous donor has presented ASEH with a challenge grant of \$5000 this year and \$5000 next year to help attract minority/non-white scholars and students to the society and its meetings. With matching contributions by the Society, the interest on the funds (about \$500 per year when fully funded) will be used to offset travel expenses for minority/non-white scholars and students from North America and the Caribbean who attend our annual conferences. The funds will be used for travel expenses

(such as car, air, train and bus expenses) and economical overnight expenses, and awarded not only to minority/non-white scholars featured on the program but also to students and other conference attendees. The funds will support applicants with small as well as with large needs and will be allocated by the ASEH vice-president and program committee.

To apply, minority/non-white scholars and students from North America (Canada, Mexico, and the United States) and the Caribbean who plan to attend or are presenting research at the ASEH Denver meeting (March 20-23, 2002) should contact ASEH vice-president Douglas Weiner, Department of History, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721. Phone: 520/621-3736; <dweiner@u.arizona.edu>.

If you would like to contribute to the Minority Participation Challenge Grant, please mail in the form in this Newsletter.

The Samuel P. Hays Research Grant Established

Through a generous gift of \$1000 per year for the next ten years, former ASEH President Donald Pisani has created the Samuel P. Hays Research Grant to support environmental history research, beginning in 2002. Application deadlines and procedures will be announced in a future ASEH newsletter. To augment the funding for this and other ASEH grants, Professor Pisani urges others to contribute to the ASEH Annual Giving Campaign or to make a similar pledge of annual support for the Samuel P. Hays Research Grant. If you would like to contribute to the Hays Research Fund, please mail in the form in this Newsletter.

◆ Books

Hughes, J. Donald. *An Environmental History of the World: Humankind's Changing Role in the Community of Life*. Routledge, London, 2001.

Carlson, Laurie Winn. *Cows and Human History*. Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 2001.



◆ **Conferences**

International Committee for the History of Technology – Call for Papers

Call for contributors to participate in a session focusing on Technology and the Environment at the 29th Symposium of ICOHTEC - The International Committee for the History of Technology, June 22-26, 2002, Granada, Spain. ICOHTEC <<http://www.icohtec.org>> is an international scholarly organization associated with the International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science and UNESCO, and in addition to its annual symposium, publishes an annual journal ICON. The general theme of the 29th Symposium is “Technology, Cultural Interchange and Globalization,” and it will have sessions on a number of themes. Please email James Williams <techjunc@pacbell.net>, if you are interested in participating. The overall session proposal must be submitted by January 15, 2002, so if you are interested in giving a paper, a 500-word abstract and a one-page c.v. will have to be delivered by email, not later than January 1st. Actual presentations at the symposium are about 20 minutes in length plus lots of discussion. If you have a longer version of the paper, the editor of ICON urges participants to submit them for possible publication.

Fourth Biennial University Education in Natural Resources Conference

The next University Education in Natural Resources (UENR) conference will be hosted by North Carolina State University, in Raleigh, March 14-17, 2002. This conference explores innovations and issues facing educators in natural resources fields. Penn State (1996), Utah State (1998), and the University of Missouri-Columbia (2000) hosted the three previous conferences. The series arose from two prior conferences, held in Denver (1992) and then Syracuse (1994). This tradition of examining and sharing ideas in natural resources pedagogy extends from the early roots of professions represented by participants.

Each conference in the series has blended plenary and breakout sessions devoted to issues surrounding and methods for engaging students in learning. Topics reflect the diverse subject areas, techniques, and perspectives of faculty and administrators across a broad spectrum of interests and responsibilities.

Registration will be \$200.00 and further information is available at <www.ncsu.edu/feop/uenr2002.html>. This page will expand as the program develops.

New England Historical Association Conference

The New England Historical Association (NEHA), an AHA affiliate, holds its Spring conference on April 20, 2002 at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy on Cape Cod. Proposed papers on any historical time, place or area may be submitted by January 15. Environmental history topics are especially invited. Contact Professor James O’Toole, Boston College, History Department, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467; <otoolejb@bc.edu> or see the web site: <www.wpi.edu/ljphanlan/NEHA>.

The City in North America

A conference on “The City in North America: Historical and Comparative Perspectives on Public Works and Urban Services, the Environment, and Political Culture” will be hosted by Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana (UAM) in Mexico City, October 24-26, 2001. Funding will be provided by the UAM as well as the Tenneco Lecture Series of the University of Houston and the Canadian Consulate in the United States. Georg Leidenberger of UAM and Martin Melosi of the University of Houston will serve as co-directors. Twenty-four scholars from the Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. have been invited to give presentations on the conference themes. There will be three keynote speakers who will introduce the general themes of the conference: H.V. Nelles (York University), Ariel Rodriguez Kuri (UAM-Azcapotzalco/Center for Mexican Studies, UC-San Diego), and Joel Tarr (Carnegie-Mellon University). For more information, contact Professor Georg Leidenberger at <glj@correo.azc.uam.mx>

◆ **Announcements**

Abel Wolman Prize

The Public Works Historical Society awarded the Abel Wolman Prize for the best book on public-works history in 2001 to Martin V. Melosi for *The Sanitary City: Urban Infrastructure in America from Colonial Times to the Present* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000).

John Muir Center

William R. Swagerty has been appointed the Director of the John Muir Center, University of the Pacific, Stockton, California.

Bibliographies Available

Anyone wishing to obtain a gratis copy of Jeffrey K. Stine and Michael C. Robinson’s *The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Issues in the Twentieth Century: A Bibliography* (US Army Corps of Engineers Environmental History Series, 1984), should send their request (with full postal address) to Jeffrey Stine at National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560-0629 or <stine@nmah.si.edu>.

ASEH Membership Surveys

Thanks to all ASEH members who returned their membership surveys, included in the summer issue of ASEH News. If you have not yet returned your form, please do so by October 12, 2001. We will summarize the results in the next issue (Winter 2001).

The Association for the Study of Literature and Environment (ASLE)

ASEH members may be interested in joining ASLE, the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment, an organization that is to environmental literature what ASEH is to environmental history. ASLE (pronounced "AZ-lee") was founded in October 1992 to promote the exchange of ideas and information about literature and other cultural representations that consider human relationships with the natural world. The name of the organization is meant to be as inclusive as possible, encompassing any text that illuminates the ways humans perceive and interact with the nonhuman environment.

An active and energetic community, ASLE encourages and seeks to facilitate both traditional and innovative scholarly approaches to environmental literature, ecocritical approaches to all cultural representations of nature, and interdisciplinary environmental research, including discussions among literary scholars and scholars in other relevant disciplines, such as environmental history. In addition to encouraging new nature writing, ASLE fosters contact between scholars and environmentally engaged artists, including writers, photographers, painters, musicians, and film makers. ASLE also promotes the incorporation of environmental concerns and awareness into pedagogical theory and practice.

ASLE holds a biennial conference in odd-numbered years and sponsors smaller, regional symposia in even-numbered years. As an Allied Organization of the Modern Language Association, ASLE regularly arranges panels and discussion sections at MLA's annual convention. ASLE also organizes sessions at meetings of regional MLAs, the American Literature Association, the American Studies Association, the Conference on College

Composition and Communication, and other professional organizations. In addition, ASLE maintains relationships with two international affiliates, ASLE-Japan and ASLE-UK.

ASLE sponsors two publications similar to *Environmental History* and *ASEH News*. *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* is ASLE's official journal. Published twice a year, *ISLE* provides a forum for critical studies of the literary, visual, and performing arts that address environmental considerations, including ecological theory, environmental history, and conceptions of nature. The journal also publishes book reviews, poetry, fiction, and literary nonfiction. *ASLE News*, sent to all ASLE members twice a year, publishes conference announcements, calls for papers, book reviews, classroom notes, journal notes, and letters from members and officers.

For more information, or to join ASLE, consult ASLE's web site, located at <<http://www.asle.umn.edu/>>. It contains news and information about ASLE; a comprehensive searchable bibliography; a handbook on graduate study in the field; listings of conferences, calls for papers, and job announcements; collections of course syllabi, news articles, and position papers; subscription information for ASLE's electronic discussion lists; and hundreds of links related to literature and environment.

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ASLE Public Relations Officer

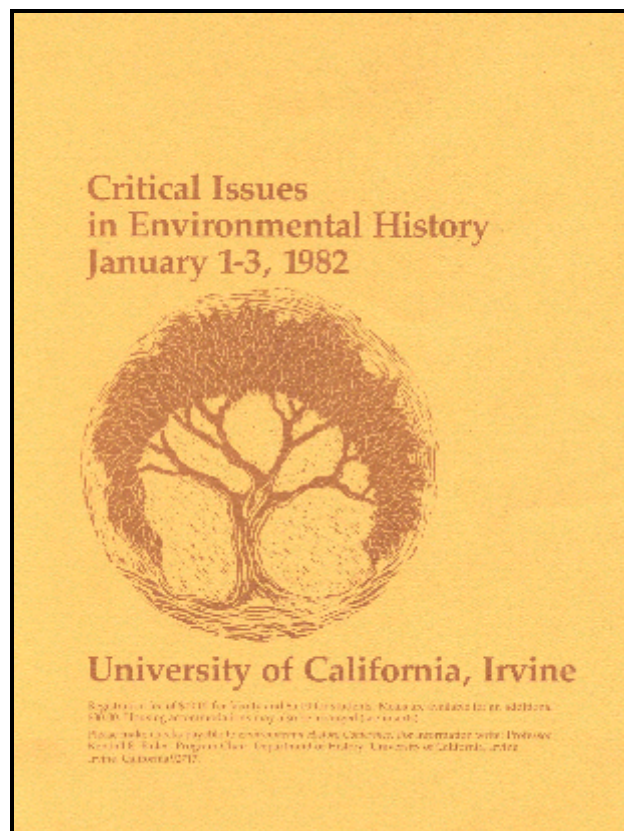
ASEH Awards, 2002

ASEH awards annual prizes for the best book, dissertation, article in Environmental History, and article outside Environmental History. This fall, the Society's prize committees will evaluate submissions that appear between November 1, 2000 and October 31, 2001. If you are interested in having your work considered, please send 3 copies of each submission by November 9, 2001 to Lisa Mighetto, HRA, 119 Pine Street, Suite 207, Seattle, WA 98101. Prizes will be awarded at the ASEH conference in Denver, March 20-23, 2002.

Landscape Workshop Held in Italy

An environmental history workshop, "The Native, Naturalized, and Exotic: Plants and Animals in European History," took place in Florence, Italy, on April 20-21, 2001, sponsored jointly by the History Department of the European University Institute, and the IUFRO-Forest History Group. Thirty historians, biologists, geographers, horticulturists, and designers from across Europe and the U.S. met to discuss how native and exotic organisms have altered, and been altered by landscapes and human societies. At least since the ancient Greeks, people have imported species from afar through accident or purpose, serving to vary diets, improve livelihoods, unleash pests, modify ideas and actions, even shape bias about migrant Homo sapiens – today's most pervasive exotic. As nobility and royalty sponsored elaborate collecting missions overseas, scientific societies and governments would classify and display this exotic diversity in ways that reflected regional mythologies. Following Columbian contact, patriots like Thomas Jefferson would argue with Comte de Buffon that New World species were every bit as big and beautiful as their Old World counterparts. During most of history, exotic species were usually prized, considered good, or assumed to offer special benefits, and not until the last one hundred years did their reputation turn full circle. When Americans began labeling their undesirables as alien or exotic, the British were preferring labels like pests, weeds, or vermin, with other Europeans variously favoring their own terms or else equivalents to these words – whether in land management or in garden design. Amply demonstrating the durability and the complexity of the debate between native and exotic, participants agreed that land managers, designers, and environmentalists should account for issues that may be as social and historical as they are ecological. A sample of presentations will be published in a special issue of the journal *Landscape Research* in early 2003. For more information about the workshop and planned publication, interested persons are urged to contact the workshop organizer, Marcus Hall <hall@wsl.ch>.

◆ From the Archives



This program from an early conference will be on display at the Denver meeting in 2002, along with other documents illustrating ASEH's heritage.

Position Open

The Institute for the History of Science at Goettingen University seeks an assistant professor in the history of science (from February 1, 2002, 3 years renewable; salary according to civil service pay bracket C 1). The successful candidate must have a Ph.D.. Field of specialization is open, but research should be compatible with the core interests of the institute and preferably draw on the historical resources of Goettingen University. Teaching duties include a survey course in the history of the exact sciences. A letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the names of three referees (but no samples of written work) should be sent by October 15, 2001, to Prof. Dr. Nicolaas Rupke, Goettingen University, Institute for the History of Science, Humboldtallee 11, D-37073 Goettingen, Germany. Further information may be obtained at this address, as well as by e-mail <nrupke@gwdg.de> or by checking the Institute's home page. Goettingen University is an affirmative action institution; given appropriate qualifications, women receive preferential treatment in fields in which they are underrepresented; given equal qualifications, people with disabilities will be accorded priority.

Attention Authors and Presses Book Exhibit at Denver Conference

If you are an author who would like to exhibit your books at the ASEH conference, please contact your publisher, or contact Debby Pitts at Scholar's Choice at <djpitts@scholarschoice.com> (716) 262-2048 ext. 108

Deadlines for Presses:

Nov. 5, 2001: camera-ready copy for advertisement in conference program

Nov. 5, 2001: listing in the conference program

Jan. 4, 2002: deadline for lowest registration fee

For more information about book exhibits, please contact Mark Fiege at <markfiege@colostate.edu>



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