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Human Desires and Environmental Realities
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A Note from the 2007 Program Committee

A Conference on the Cutting Edge

The program committee is pleased to present the program for the 2007 meeting of the American Society for Environmental History—Living on the Edge: Human Desires and Environmental Realities. We first discussed this program a few months after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused so much destruction along the Gulf Coast, and those events were fresh in our minds and influenced the committee’s interest in examining perceptions of risk and social responses to environmental disasters and the idea of living on the edge: edges of danger, edges of continents, edges of poverty, and the space between history and other disciplines. Although the Gulf Coast was the source of our interest, we asked participants to think broadly about the deep complexities of dealing with environmental hazards, and the varying roles of science, government, politics, and community. Conference participants responded well beyond what we could have imagined—both in the sheer number of submissions and in the depth and range of topics.

In keeping with the conference theme, many sessions, roundtables, posters, and breakfast meetings address themes of disaster, risk, cities, and science. Some sessions consider everything from the history of New Orleans to the way historians use science to understand events like hurricanes, flooding, and other natural disasters and their relationship to human society. Others sustain the focus on living on the edge as they consider environmental justice and animals, as well as the more established topics of forests, conservation, and agriculture. Still other sessions demonstrate the strong interdisciplinary flavor of the conference and the society’s membership with themes that cut across geographical and cultural boundaries, from the Ottoman Empire to Star Trek. As with past conferences, this one enjoys a strong international representation both with scholars from and with sessions on Europe, Africa, South America, and Canada. Conference attendees will also notice the large number of roundtables that deal with topics related to coastal issues as well as with the method and craft of writing environmental history. In this regard, one of the program’s highlights is the participation of non-historians and scientists—from climatologists to anthropologists—whose sessions include everything from hydrology and geography to public memory and the environment.

The conference plenary will start off the meeting by bringing together multiple views on coastal vulnerability. The conference will also feature a keynote talk by King Milling (chairman of the Louisiana Governor’s Advisory Commission on Coastal Restoration and Conservation), a pre-conference “rolling seminar” of New Orleans, and an appearance by former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt.

The chair thanks the members of the committee for their support and hard work. Laura Watt brought the views of a seasoned ASEH presenter to the committee’s tasks and oversaw the posters. Betsy Mendelsohn, a common name for everyone participating in this year’s conference, was essential to the organization of the conference and went far beyond the call of duty. Suffice it to say that we would not have this program without her. Craig Colten deserves special recognition as well for putting together the key parts of the program for us—the plenary session and keynote address—for reaching out to geographers (many of whom are on the program), and for bringing us all together. Steve Pyne engaged us in the process early, and pressed us to take an interdisciplinary approach, especially to reach out to scientists. Lisa Mighetto, as always, provided invaluable support.

The committee would like to extend a final thanks to our membership, the real organizers of this conference. We were truly impressed with the thought, creativity, and passion that went into the proposals. And we can only conclude that this year’s conference demonstrates how environmental history continues to sharpen its purpose and meaning—to be truly on the cutting edge—by finding new approaches to familiar questions, and by asking familiar questions of new topics. We wish you the very best at this year’s meeting.

The 2007 Program Committee

David Louter, Chair, National Park Service, Seattle
Laura A. Watt, Sonoma State University
Betsy Mendelsohn, University of Maryland
Craig Colten, Ex-officio, Louisiana State University
Welcome to Baton Rouge

The earliest inhabitants of this site built small mounds some 5,000 years ago where the LSU campus now resides. These residents took advantage of the numerous environmental niches offered by the river: its alluvial floodplain and the well-drained uplands atop the Pleistocene Terrace. The site was on the edge of several valuable natural resource zones.

The name “Baton Rouge” derives from observations made by early French explorers of a tree trunk stained red by native peoples. Contact with Europeans and their diseases decimated indigenous populations and opened the land for settlement by foreigners. Baton Rouge was founded on the edge of major human settlement eras.

Even though French in name, the place where Baton Rouge now exists was never a viable French settlement. Instead it owes its origins to English and Spanish imperial visions. Its French name is somewhat misleading in terms of the city’s colonial genealogy. Baton Rouge was on the edge of competing imperial geographies.

Baton Rouge is the first place upstream from the river’s mouth not prone to flooding. The strategic position was accentuated by the fact that Baton Rouge is the head of navigation for ocean-going freighters. These features made Baton Rouge an attractive location for petroleum-related industries in the early 20th century. Baton Rouge’s site placed it on the edge of industrial development in the South.

Baton Rouge’s population in 1900 was largely Anglo/African-American, with some Spanish-speaking Canary Islanders, and a few French. Downstream and also across the river the Acadians had established small farms and created a distinct and prominent Francophone region. But Baton Rouge is not Cajun. It is on the edge of an obvious cultural divide.

When politicians moved the state capital from New Orleans to Baton Rouge in 1849, they deliberately sought to remove the seat of government from the French-dominated city. The new location was at the strategic intersection of French and Anglo, Creole and Redneck, Catholic and Protestant, cypress and pine, sugar and cotton regions of the state. Baton Rouge was on the edge of most major political, social, and environmental assemblages.

Enjoy your stay in our “edgy” city.

Craig Colten
Local Arrangements Chair

The 2007 Local Arrangements Committee

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Conference Information

Accommodations
The Sheraton Baton Rouge Convention Center Hotel is the site of the conference. The hotel is situated in the southwest corner of what was once known as Beauregard Town – one of the city’s first suburbs – and on the site of “Catfish Town”– a locale where town and riverfront merged in a rough industrial district. The meeting rooms are in the former Illinois Central warehouses. The hotel is well situated in the emerging museum district and immediately adjacent to the mighty Mississippi River. Built within the past decade, the hotel represents an effort to restore lodging and travel services in the downtown. A casino is adjacent to the hotel if you have too much money.

Rates and Reservations
The Sheraton is offering conference attendees a rate of $102/night for a double room and a special rate of $89/night for a double room for students. All rooms are subject to local taxes. The hotel will honor the conference rates until February 10, 2007. After this date, the conference rates will not be available.

Registrants will need to make their own reservations at 888-627-8567. Please indicate you are with the “American Society for Environmental History” conference.

All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card. Cancellation must be made 24 hours before planned arrival or your credit card will be charged. The hotel can provide particulars on its billing policies.

Check in and Check out
Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is noon.

Hotel Contact Info:
Sheraton Baton Rouge Convention Center
103 France Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
225-242-2600
225-2422601 (fax)

Registration
See attached Registration Form at the end of the program for details.

Transportation
Public Transport
Air: Baton Rouge (BTR) has reasonable service through several major hubs: Dallas (American), Houston (Continental), Atlanta (Delta) and Memphis (Northwestern). The airport is less than ten miles from the conference hotel and is far easier to use than Louis Armstrong Airport in New Orleans (MSY – about 80 miles away). More airlines serve New Orleans. At press time www.flymsy.com indicated Reliant Transportation offered a shuttle from New Orleans to Baton Rouge. It requests 48 hour notice for reservations (866-925-8110) with prices starting at $90 for two travelers.

At the Baton Rouge airport cabs are available ($13), but there is no commercial shuttle service. The hotel operates a complimentary shuttle and you can schedule your return to the airport at the main desk in the lobby. The hotel encourages you to schedule any use of the shuttle in advance.

Land: The City of New Orleans Amtrak train (from Chicago) stops about 40 miles away in Hammond. The Amtrak Southern Crescent (NYC to NOLA) has a stop in Slidell and New Orleans - connections to Baton Rouge from New Orleans by bus are available. Greyhound bus service has a terminal about a mile from the hotel.
Sea: Baton Rouge is the head of navigation for ocean going freighters. I’m told a few tramp freighters still offer guest cabins. So you may be able to arrive by water. The Delta Queen and her sister ship also make stops at Baton Rouge on some of their cruises. While arrival by water might be romantic, land or air might be the more efficient options.

Personal Autos

Most major auto rental firms have operations at BTR and MSY airports. In Baton Rouge you may rent from Avis, Hertz, Budget, National, or Enterprise.

Interstates 10 and 12 pass through Baton Rouge and I-55 connects with I-12 40 miles east of town. For anyone traveling westbound on I-10 to Baton Rouge from points east of Biloxi, Mississippi, please note you can save considerable time by taking the shorter I-12 at Slidell, Louisiana, rather than continuing on through New Orleans on I-10. Signs at the split do not indicate Baton Rouge as a destination on I-12. There is free parking at the hotel in a multi-story garage.

From the West: Take Interstate 10 East and exit onto Nicholson/Highland Road which is immediately off of the bridge. Circle around to Nicholson Street and drive approximately ten blocks north to France Street. Turn Left and the hotel will be on the left side of France Street.

From the East: Take Interstate 12/Interstate 10 West to Interstate 110 North. Proceed north on I-110, exit onto Government Street, and turn left (west). Proceed on Government Street and turn left (south) onto St. Philip Street. The hotel is located at the corner of St. Philip Street and France Street.

Around Downtown Baton Rouge

The Sheraton Hotel is on the edge of downtown and a free shuttle operates in the downtown during an extended noon hour – 10:30-2:30. You can print its route at: http://brgov.com/dept/ddd/trolley.htm. City buses also operate throughout the city and can be caught near the hotel. The web site is: http://www.brcats.com/.

For walkers, runners, and bicyclers there is a lighted and paved bike path atop the levee that starts at the hotel and extends 2.5 miles south to LSU. The levee crest path continues beyond LSU as an unpaved route for about 80 miles where the paved surface resumes outside New Orleans. Probably you can catch a bus back if you run that far.

Local Weather

For the qualitative minded, March in Baton Rouge is a simply delightful month. One can break out the spring garb (no more overcoats, but you can get by with a wool jacket early in the month). It’s a between season for some of the flowering plants. The Japanese Magnolias might still be on their last legs, and the earliest sun-drenched azaleas may be blooming. March is prime crawfish season (and please don’t refer to our mudbugs as crayfish!). For the quantitative, February averages 50, with average daily low of 38 and average daily high of 62. In March the average temperature is 62, with average daily lows of 50 and highs of 73. Early March will bring temperatures below the monthly averages, but no freezes and no snow! Rain can be expected. We get an average of three inches in March, so keep moisture in mind when packing.

Cancellations

Cancellations must be made in writing to the address on the registration form. Requests received by Feb. 14, 2007 will receive a full refund, less a $30 processing fee, following the conference. Requests made after March 14, 2007 will receive a 50 percent refund of the registration fee, following the conclusion of the meeting. Fees for special events, breakfasts, and field trips will not be refunded. Cancellation of rooms must be done through the hotel and are subject to its requirements for notification.

Questions

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Conference at a Glance

Tuesday, February 27
3:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open - Capitol Atrium

Wednesday, February 28
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open - Capitol Atrium
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Rolling Seminar – departs from front of hotel on France Street
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Opening Reception - Shaw Center for the Arts, with Special Guest Speaker, Bruce Babbitt, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior

Thursday, March 1
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Discussions - Capitol Atrium
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open - Capitol Atrium
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open - Ascension Room
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Group I
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Group II
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch – Presidential Address Luncheon
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Group III
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Group IV
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Plenary Session – Livingston Room

Friday, March 2
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Discussions - Capitol Atrium
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open - Capitol Atrium
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open - Ascension Room
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Group I
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Group II
12:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Field Trips - Depart front of Hotel on France Street
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. History of the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry (related program at LSU)
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Graduate Student Reception
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Environmental History Editorial Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Fundraiser: Cajun Fais Do-Do on the Levee, Red Stick Plaza (see map)

Saturday, March 3

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Discussions - Capitol Atrium
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open - Capitol Atrium
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Exhibits Open - Ascension Room
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Group I
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Group II
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Group III
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Group IV
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ASEH Business Meeting
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. ASEH Awards and Keynote Banquet - Capitol Atrium

Exhibitors

Ascension Room
American Society for Environmental History
Forest History Society
University of Virginia Press
University of Washington Press
University of Arizona Press
University of Pittsburgh Press
University of Nevada Press
Louisiana State University Press
University of North Carolina Press
University Press of Kansas
Oxford University Press
Rutgers University Press
Ohio University Press
University Press of Colorado
Cambridge University Press
Resources for the Future
Scholar’s Choice
Texas A&M University Press

Book Exhibits will be open from:
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday

Coffee, teas, and water will be available in the Ascension Room during all breaks.
Field Trips, Friday, 12:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sign up early and bring mosquito repellant. Please note that several of the field trips, including the Rolling Seminar to New Orleans, will involve stops in environments known to breed pesky mosquitoes. West Nile virus has been a regular visitor to this region and repellant containing “deet” is considered the most effective deterrent. Buses depart from the front of the hotel on France St.

**Louisiana State Capitol Grounds: Nature in the City**

“Capitol Park” is the latest designation given to the collection of buildings and their surrounding landscapes that comprise the downtown Baton Rouge area where the Capitol building is located. Constructed under the auspices of Huey P. Long, the Louisiana State Capitol exists at an interesting ecotone between the slightly higher Pleistocene Terrace, the Mississippi River to the west, a former bayou tributary of the Mississippi now levied and renamed Capitol Lake to the north, historic military buildings, commercial districts, residential neighborhoods, and the growing governmental complex. These disparate but related elements all come together within and on the edges of this newly defined park. The tour will explore each of these areas and its relationship to the larger landscape surrounding the capitol. This is a walking tour; please wear comfortable and appropriate shoes.

John B. Welch, a Louisiana landscape architect, landscape historian, and a Ph.D. candidate in cultural geography at L.S.U. will lead the tour.

**Environmental Justice in the Chemical Corridor**

Tour Louisiana’s petrochemical corridor, home to many critical environmental justice confrontations along the mighty Mississippi River. This tour will consider the complex relationships that arise within a former plantation-dominated landscape, altered by resettlement of former enslaved people with the help of the Freedman’s Bureau, and arrival of multinational industrial corporations in the 20th century. Visit with local leaders who have stood up against some of the oil and chemical giants and corrupt public officials. Observe some of the many neighborhood buyouts where residents have successfully fought against serious pollution problems and economic disparities. Learn more about some of the most incredible struggles, efforts, challenges and victories, which make this part of our nation a treasure to hold and behold.

Your tour guide will be Willie Fontenot who served for twenty-seven years as the Community Liaison Officer for the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office. In that capacity he helped to organize several hundred citizen’s groups on environmental struggles across this and more than thirty other states.

**From Manor Houses to Swamp Dwellers: Sugar Cane, Habitant, and Crawfish**

For more than 200 years, the plantation became the focal point of south Louisiana’s economy. The plantation landscape is conspicuous for its dominant “Georgian” mansion and numerous other functional structures. But part of the floodplain landscape once included small farms owned by the French-speaking *habitants* that were more numerous than plantations and constituted a substantial portion of the “Bayou Country’s” riparian settlements. Both plantation and Cajun farm developed distinctive appearances on the natural levee of the Mississippi and clearly reflect survey systems and human exploitation of specific resources. As one leaves the natural levee’s “high ground” and travels into the swamp “to the back,” the settlement pattern reflects the swamp dweller’s dependence on fishing, crawfishing, raising turtles and, at one time, harvesting Spanish moss and cypress timber. All of these elements will be observed and discussed on this field trip along the Mississippi River’s natural levees and into a portion the Atchafalaya swamp complex. “Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler”

Don Davis is a geographer with more than 30 years experience in the bayou country of Louisiana. He is currently the Director of the Oil Spill Research and Development Program at Louisiana State University.
Old River Control Structure

The Old River Control Structure and associated structures are part of a complex built to ensure that the Atchafalaya River doesn’t “capture” the Mississippi. Geologists predicted in the late 1940s that, without building a structure at Old River, the Mississippi River would change course by the mid-1970s and flow down the Atchafalaya—the unforeseen consequence of a cutoff made by Captain Henry Shreve almost 120 years earlier. New Orleans would be left on a salt water estuary. Both navigation and water supply would be imperiled. Built to prevent this disaster, the Old River Control Structure has been a source of controversy ever since its completion in 1959. Besides the low sill structure separating the Mississippi from the Atchafalaya River, the complex consists of an overbank structure, an auxiliary control structure, a hydroelectric plant, and a navigation lock connecting the Red, Atchafalaya, and Mississippi rivers. At Old River, you will see an orientation slide show and then visit the various parts of the complex. Additionally, we will stop at the Morganza Floodway, a vital component of the Corps of Engineers lower Mississippi flood control system, on the way up to Old River. Sturdy shoes are recommended.

Tour guides will be Martin Reuss, long-time Senior Historian with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (now retired) and author of Designing the Bayous: The Control of Water in the Atchafalaya Basin, 1800 - 1995 (2004) and Carey McNamara, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Operations Manager, Old River Control Structure.

Invasive Species: St. Francisville, Louisiana

Many of us are fairly knowledgeable about a variety of environmental history topics, but how often do we think about ornamental gardening, plant introductions, and horticultural history and then think INVASION? This field trip will take you to two historic plantation homes located in the most diverse ecosystem in Louisiana – the Tunica Hills region, where the loess bluffs support the most species-rich assemblages in any southern forest – to examine the impact of introduced vines, shrubs, and trees. We will spend some indoor time discussing key events in the history of horticulture and plant introductions as well as learning about the formation and history of the Tunica Hills. Then we will tour the historic gardens of Rosedown Plantation State Historic Site with the Rosedown Horticulturalist, Trish Aleshire. From there we will travel to Oakley House, Audubon Plantation State Historic Site to visit the home and grounds where artist-naturalist John James Audubon found inspiration for many of his bird studies in the 1820s. We will walk around both sites and get close up views of many of the south’s worst non-native plant invaders. Sturdy walking shoes and warm clothing recommended.

Field trip organizer and leader will be Dr. Hallie Dozier a biologist and an Assistant Professor in the Agriculture Extension division of the School of Renewable Natural Resources at LSU.

Birding in the Atchafalaya

This promises to be one of ASEH’s best birding trips. Travel deep into the Atchafalaya Basin – “America’s Wetland” as the tourism folks like to say – to view early spring birds. Travel across the raised causeway that traverses the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway to Whiskey Bay, gateway to the Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge. Please wear appropriate footwear for mucky wetland conditions, and rain gear is advisable.

Your guide will be Kurk Dorsey, intrepid ASEH birder, assisted by local Cajun birding authority, Marty Guidry.
Poster Presentations
Capitol Atrium


2. Ken Zontek, Yakima Valley Community College, “Buffalo Nation: The North American Indian Effort To Restore The Bison”


5. Eric Proebstling, University Of Arkansas, “Ecology And Economy On The Edge Of America: Community And Settlement In Arkansas, 1820-1860”

6. Gillian Little, University Of Missouri-Kansas City, “Urban Arcadia: City Farming In Modern America”


8. Monica Gisolfi, University Of North Carolina Wilmington, “From Public Nuisance To Health Threat: The Environmental Consequences Of Large-Scale Agricultural Production”

9. Michael Steinberg, University Of Hawaii, “Historical Sightings Of The Ivory-Billed Woodpecker (1920-Present) And The Politics Of Re-Discovery”

10. Jason Davis, University Of Florida, “Evolution Of Protected Areas And Conservation In Monteverde, Costa Rica”


15. Joseph Goddard, University Of Copenhagen, “On The Edge: Penurbia In America”

16. Kevin Marsh, Idaho State University, “Geographic Information Systems And Environmental History”


18. Kate Graves, Michigan Technological University, “Gauging The Risk: Perceiving Climate Change In The Financial Sector”

Wednesday, February 28

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Registration Desk Open - Capitol Atrium

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Rolling Seminar – Departs promptly at 8:00 a.m. from the front of the hotel on France Street

Rolling Seminar. The Rolling Seminar is a special, pre-conference field trip to New Orleans to permit attendees to witness the extensive damage caused by Hurricane Katrina and the current state of recovery in the Crescent City. Three buses will depart the conference hotel on the morning of Wednesday, February 28 at 8:00 am. Each bus will deliver its riders to three destinations that reveal the range of damage and recovery since August 2005. The buses will rotate through the three stops so that only one bus will be at a stop at any given time. Buses will return to the hotel by 5:00 pm.

Stops will include the 17th Street Canal Levee Breach and the Lakefront, the now infamous Lower Ninth Ward, and the French Quarter and Riverfront. At each stop, local experts will meet with attendees to discuss the immediate impacts of the hurricane and the long-term consequences at the respective sites. Ron Hagleman, a hazards geographer with expertise in hurricane evacuation from Texas State University (and former faculty member at University of New Orleans) will be the seminar leader at the 17th Street Canal site. Ari Kelman, environmental historian from U.C.-Davis and author of A River and Its City, will be the seminar leader at the French Quarter stop. Richard Campanella, a geographer at Tulane University and author of Geographies of New Orleans, will lead the seminar in the lower 9th Ward. Additional representatives from the Corps of Engineers and local organizations will also be on hand.

Riders will view a BBC video on Hurricane Katrina while in route to New Orleans.

A box lunch will be provided (see registration form for options).

This field trip is free to the first 150 registrants who specify that they wish to participate. It will take place a day before the conference and you will need to arrive in Baton Rouge a day before the field trip. PLEASE sign up only if you are certain that you can arrive on time and participate. We want to fill every seat and would hate to turn people away, and then have no-shows. It will be too late to accommodate stand-bys the on day of departure. Be sure to indicate on the registration form if you wish to participate.

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Opening Reception - Shaw Center for the Arts, with Special Guest Speaker, Bruce Babbitt, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior
Thursday, March 1

**NICHE Breakfast**
Network in Canadian History & Environment.
Canadian environmental historians, Canadianists, or any other interested conference participants are welcome to attend.
Alan MacEachern, University of Western Ontario, amaceach@uwow.ca

**Public History I Breakfast** - Environmental History Careers Outside the Academy
This is a breakfast discussion led by Matt Pearcy, US Army Corps of Engineers (an agency historian), Matthew.T.Pearcy@hq02.usace.army.mil, and Heather Lee Miller, Historical Research Associates (a consulting historian), hmiller@hrassoc.com.

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**Group I**

**Session A**
LIVINGSTON

**Acts of God?: Environmental Disasters in Cross-Cultural Perspective**
Organizer: Gregory T. Cushman
Chair: S. Max Edelson

- Rennie B. Schoepflin, California State University - Los Angeles, "Shaking foundations: Americans, earthquakes, and theodicy"
- Gregory T. Cushman, University of Kansas, "The colonial politics of hurricane prediction: from Havana to Manila to Galveston, 1870-1900"
- Brett L. Walker, Montana State University, "Hell at the Hojo Coal Mine (Japan, 1914)"
- Comment: S. Max Edelson, University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign
Session B
BIENVILLE (2nd floor – see hotel floor plan)
Organizer: Michael Wise
Chair: Jon Coleman

- Eric Stoykovich, University of Virginia, "Sheep, tariffs, and anti-predator laws in the political economy of early United States, 1805-1870"
- Michael Wise, Montana State University, "Wolves and whiskey: economy, ecology and predation in the Whoop-up Country"
- Mark Barrow, Virginia Tech, "The fur flies over big cats: science and the politics of endangered carnivores during the Age of Ecology"
- Comment: Jon Coleman, Notre Dame University

Session C
IBERVILLE B
Water Flows Downhill but Power Flows Up: Some Episodes of Hydraulics and Politics
Organizer: John Cloud
Chair: Frederick R. Davis

- John Cloud, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Central Library, "Leveling disaster: the roles of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and vertical datums in mediating and remediating disaster along the Lower Mississippi River"
- Melanie Stansbury, Cornell University, "Designing for disasters or social engineering: Engineering and administrative lessons learned from 19th century colonial water projects and U.S. western expansion"
- David Vail, Utah State University, "From dry-farming to irrigation and back again: the contentious history of Utah’s Cache County Water Conservation District No. 1"
- Comment: Frederick R. Davis, Florida State University

Session D
BATON ROUGE A
Urban health and infrastructure: Philadelphia, Lake Charles, Chicago, and New York City
Organizer: Joel Greenberg
Chair: Martin Melosi, University of Houston

- Joel Greenberg, Field Museum of Natural History, "The Canals that saved Chicago and their biological impacts on a river"
- Gilda Anroman, Medical College of Georgia, "Infectious disease in Philadelphia, 1690-1807: an ecological perspective"
- Zack DeLaune, Louisiana State University, "Unwelcome neighbors? Pollution vs. economic growth in the industrialization of Lake Charles, Louisiana, 1940-1960"
- Betsy McCully, City University of New York - Kingsborough Community College, "'Offensive Exhalations': pollution, poverty, and disease in 19th century New York City"
Session E

BATON ROUGE B

Defining Environmental Edges to Anaconda's Global Mining Enterprise
Organizer: Fredric Quivik
Chair: Kent Curtis
- Fredric Quivik, Quivik Consulting Historian, Inc., "Conflict along the edges of the living and the non-living environments: mining v. farming in Montana’s Deer Lodge Valley in the early 20th century"
- Paul Lucier, Independent Scholar, "Mining the boundaries: Anaconda's campaign to capture Butte, 1900-1920"
- Comment: Katherine Morrissey, University of Arizona

Roundtable F

IBERVILLE C

Doing Environmental History Outside the Modern Age: Problems and Paradigms
Organizer: Richard C. Hoffmann
Chair: Verena Winiwarter, Universität Klagenfurt (Klagenfurt-Graz-Wien) - Wien, Fakultät für Interdisziplinäre Forschung und Fortbildung (IFF), Zentrum für Umweltgeschichte (ZUG)
- W. Jeffrey Bolster, University of New Hampshire, "American colonial and maritime historian"
- Richard C. Hoffmann, York University, "Medieval Europe"
- Kairn A. Klieman, University of Houston, "Colonial Africa"
- Peter Perdue, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "Traditional imperial China"

Session G

IBERVILLE A

This is a double-length session that lasts until 12 noon

Colonial Science, Forestry, and the Political Arena
Organizers: Brett Bennett and Gregory Barton
Chair: Ravi Rajan
- Brett Bennett, University of Texas - Austin, "Disaster and decline in 19th century British Indian forestry histories"
- Alan MacEachern, University of Western Ontario, "'Famous by their Misery': the British response to a colonial disaster, 1825"
- Gregory Barton, Indiana University East, "Empire forestry and its post-colonial legacies: failure or not?"
- Benjamin Weil, University of California - Santa Cruz, "Forest or flood: the ongoing conversation between foresters and engineers in British India"
- Joseph Hodge, University of West Virginia, "Colonial foresters versus agriculturalists: the debate over declining cocoa yields in British West Africa, 1925-1950"
- Comment: Ravi Rajan, University of California - Santa Cruz
Session H
ROOM 147 (across France Street in Hotel Office building)
Food, Environment, and Identity in North America: Histories from Four Places and Times
Organizer: Coll Thrush
Chair: Gabriella Petrick, New York University
- Coll Thrush, University of British Columbia, "Becoming aboriginal: the forgotten history of the potato on the Northwest Coast, 1770-1850"
- Frederick L. Brown, University of Washington, "Cows in the commons: urban livestock and public space in Seattle, 1890-1910"
- Kimberly Little, University of Central Arkansas, "Soil versus dirt: urban gardening in Progressive Era St. Louis"
- James H. Tuten, Juniata College, "You are what you grow (and eat): the Lowcountry rice kitchen during the collapse of commercial rice farming, 1893-1950"

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break
Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sessions

GROUP II
Session A
LIVINGSTON
Crossing Boundaries: Place, People, and Geopolitics
Organizer: Dolores Greenberg
Chair: Mara Drogan
- Akim Reinhardt, Towson University, "Bombs above and below: Pine Ridge Reservation and the American military"
- Joy Parr, University of Western Ontario, "Living a Cold War redefinition of best use: bodies, geopolitics and legacies of race-thinking at Base Gagetown, New Brunswick"
- Dolores Greenberg, City University of New York (CUNY) - Hunter College and the Graduate Center, "Safety, security, and potential renewable and nuclear energy"
- Comment: Harold Platt, Loyola University of Chicago

Session B
BIENVILLE (2nd floor - see hotel floor plan)
Horse-power: Horses In the Socio-environmental Historical Context
Organizer: Sandra Swart
Chair: Edmund P. Russell III, University of Virginia
- Sandra Swart, University of Stellenbosch, "Riding high: horses, power and society in southern Africa."
- Ann Greene, University of Pennsylvania, "Horses on the edge: from animal power to automotive power, 1895-1920"
- Karen Brown, University of Oxford, "Human desire and environmental realities in the rearing of horses in 19th and 20th century South Africa"
- Joel Tarr, Carnegie Mellon University, and Clay McShane, Northeastern University, "Horses in 19th century American cities"
Session C

IBERVILLE B

On the Climatic Edge: Human Desires and Atmospheric Realities
Organizer: Don Garden
Chair: Marc Rothenberg, Smithsonian Institution

• Don Garden, University of Melbourne, "Settlement on the edge: El Niño events and the climatic challenges to colonial endeavors in Australia and New Zealand in the 19th century"

• Adrian Howkins, University of Texas - Austin, "Political meteorology: weather, climate, and the contest for Antarctic sovereignty, 1939-1959"

• Matthias Dörries, Université Louis Pasteur, "The Politics of predicting natural catastrophes: 'supervolcanoes,' climate change, and the 'end of civilization'"

• James Fleming, Colby College and Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, "Living on the edge of global climate change: a history of intervention"

Session D

BATON ROUGE A

From Miasma to Malaria: Water, Disease, and Protecting the Public Health in the Urban Environment
Organizer: Frederick Turner
Chair: Sarah S. Elkind

• Ken Cruikshank, McMaster University, "Pure water and good drainage': perceptions of water and disease and their consequences in Hamilton, Canada, 1850-1975"

• Lauren Nauta, North Carolina State University, "The Right to grow 'heating' crops?: competing understandings of the relationship between water and disease in Colonial Amritsar"

• Frederick Turner, Brandeis University, "'The Putrid Wat'ry Element': ecology, disease, and the law in Boston's stagnant water, 1798-1831"

• Comment: Sarah S. Elkind, San Diego State University

Session E

BATON ROUGE B

Highways and Greenways: Urban Environmentalism in Postwar America
Organizer: Robert Gioielli
Chair: Kathleen Brosnan, University of Houston

• Robert Gioielli, University of Cincinnati, "It's a MAD world: the Movement Against Destruction and anti-highway protests in Baltimore"

• Ichiro Miyata, Shukutoku University, "Save Atlanta!: grassroots anti-freeway campaign and the installment of public transit in post civil rights Atlanta"

• Leigh Cutler, Historical Research Associates, "On common ground: a history of the community gardening movement in 20th century Houston"

• Jeffrey Filipiak, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, "Organic gardening and farming: conversing about non-rural agriculture"
**Roundtable F**

**IBERVILLE C**

*Finding the Edge: Writing Expansive Environmental History*

Organizer: Kathy Morse  
Chair: Ted Steinberg, Case Western Reserve University

- Adam Rome, Pennsylvania State University  
- Kathy Morse, Middlebury College  
- Mark Fiege, Colorado State University  
- Louis Warren, University of California - Davis

**Session G**

**IBERVILLE A**

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- Comment: Ravi Rajan, University of California - Santa Cruz

**Session H**

**ROOM 147 (across France Street in Hotel Office building)**

*Bringing It Home Black: African Americans and Their Natural Environments*

Organizer: Kimberly Smith  
Chair: Mart Stewart, Western Washington University

- Kimberly Smith, Carleton College, "Why African Americans care about the environment"  
- Emily Spears, Emory University, "Baptized in PCBs: race, gender, and landscapes in the New South's model city, Anniston, Alabama"  
- Angela Leonard, Loyola College in Maryland, "'Goin' to nature to reach 'Double Consciousness': visiting gravesites of enslaved Africans"  
- Michael Starkey, Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, "'Mercy Mercy Me (the Ecology)': environmental themes in Black music"
Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

ASEH Presidential Luncheon – Stephen J. Pyne, “The End of the World” CAPITOL ATRIUM

Thursday 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sessions

Group III
Session A
LIVINGSTON

Manufacturing Danger: The Perils of Place in 19th & 20th Century North America
Organizer: Robert Chester
Chair: Ari Kelman, University of California - Davis

• Rick Fehr, York University, "From dominion to defeat: the collapse of the Baldoon Settlement"
• Jonathan Wlasiuk, Case Western Reserve University, "Tinkering with templates: rewriting riverscapes in the Miami Valley"
• Robert Chester, University of California - Davis, "Bad feng shui: freight, fire and energy flows on the Comstock Lode"
• Comment: Thomas Andrews, California State University - Northridge

Session B
BIENVILLE (2nd floor - see hotel floor plan)

Bodies on the Edge: Making Human and Animal Bodies Meet Desire
Organizer: Neil Prendergast
Chair: Christopher Sellers, State University of New York (SUNY) - Stony Brook

• Neil Prendergast, University of Arizona, "Frontier heroes, innocent animals, and painful blisters: hikers’ stories and bodies in the 1960s and 70s"
• Nic Mink, University of Wisconsin - Madison, "Large bodies, small bodies, big bodies, pig bodies: pigs, people, and the fictions and realities of fat in industrial America"
• Michelle Berry, St. Gregory School, "Embodying cows: range cattle ranchers’ quest for power and profit in the postwar West"
• Comment: Dan Flores, University of Montana
Session C
IBERVILLE B
The Logic of Scientific and Industrial Agriculture: Political, Cultural, and Economic Conditions that Helped Land Become Numbers
Organizer: Benjamin Cohen
Chair: Jeremy Vetter, Dickinson College
- Emily Pawley, University of Pennsylvania, "Farming by number: cash, quantification, and the question of profit in 19th century American farming"
- Benjamin Cohen, University of Virginia, "Science, soil, and the state: when dirt became scientific and agricultural policy became mechanistically supported in America"
- Diana Mincyte, University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, "The Battle of acres: science, development, and small-scale farms in europeanizing Lithuania"
- Richard Hunter, Louisiana State University, "Sixteenth century Spanish records of Central Mexico: their use to reach different environmental histories of Colonial Mexico"

Session D
BATON ROUGE A
Nature, Recreation, and Inequality in the City
Organizer: Lawrence Culver
Chair: Paul S. Sutter, University of Georgia
- Fredrik Björk, Malmö University, "Urban green space as an arena for inclusion and exclusion: discourses of the Swedish Labor Movement, 1880-2000"
- Lawrence Culver, Utah State University, "Leisure, labor, and the making of modern Southern California"
- João Luiz Hoeffel, Universidade São Francisco - Campus Bragança Paulista, São Paulo, "Urban expansion, tourism and socioenvironmental degradation: influences of metropolitan São Paulo in the Bragantina Region/SP, Brazil"
- Christopher Wonderlich, University of Illinois - Chicago, "After steel: the contest to control land use in Southeast Chicago"

Session E
BATON ROUGE B
The Bureaucrat’s Role
Organizer: Tom Arnold
Chair: Char Miller
- Tom Arnold, University of Kansas, "Speaking of trees: German views of the forest during the Late Enlightenment"
- Mark Davis, Century College, "Men in the middle: Minnesota's game wardens, 1900-1915"
- D.C. Jackson, Lafayette College, "Environment, engineering, and politics: William Mulholland and the St. Francis Dam disaster"
- Comment: Char Miller, Trinity University
Roundtable F
IBERVILLE C

Jared Diamond's *Collapse*
Organizer: William I. Woods
Chair: Donald Worster, University of Kansas

- Verena Winiwarter, Universität Klagenfurt (Klagenfurt-Graz-Wien) - Wien, Fakultät für Interdisziplinäre Forschung und Fortbildung (IFF), Zentrum für Umweltgeschichte (ZUG)
- Valery Terwilliger, University of Kansas
- Kent Mathewson, Louisiana State University
- William I. Woods, University of Kansas

Session G
IBERVILLE A

Radical Reels: Film, Adventure, Identity, and Lifestyle On the Edge
Organizer: Christopher Johnson
Chair: Joseph Taylor III, Simon Fraser University

- Christopher Johnson, University of Nevada - Las Vegas, "Moving along the technological gradient: technology, elitism, and environmentalism in the business culture of Yosemite rock climbing"
- Michael Childers, University of Nevada - Las Vegas, "Radical reels: film, adventure, identity, and lifestyle on the edge"
- Edward Duke Richey, Whitman College, "Free the heel, free the mind: backcountry skiing, the Telemark turn, and 'Pinhead' environmentalism"
- Comment: William Philpott, Illinois State University

Session H
ROOM 147 (across France Street in Hotel Office building)
Sixties Environmentalism: Revisiting the Mainstream
Organizer: Jay Turner
Chair: Doug Scott, Campaign for America's Wilderness

- Sara Ewert, Weber State University, "It is [should be italicized: is] easy being green: how the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act fostered (and maintains) bipartisanship"
- Dale Goble, University of Idaho, "Before the ESA: the first endangered species acts"
- Jay Turner, Wellesley College, "Liberalism, wilderness, and modern environmental politics"
- Comment: Brooks Flippen, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break

Thursday 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sessions
Group IV
Session A
LIVINGSTON

The Environmental History of Deindustrialization in the U.S.
Organizer: Jordan Kleiman
Chair: Joel A. Tarr, Carnegie Mellon University

- Richard Newman, Rochester Institute of Technology, "Haunted love: battles over memory at Love Canal"
- Andrew Jenks, California State University - Fullerton, "Atomic weaponry and deindustrialization: one community's struggle to understand the environmental costs of nuclear deterrence"
- Jordan Kleiman, State University of New York (SUNY) - Geneseo, "From brownfields to community gardens: deindustrialization and environmental activism in the South Bronx"
- Comment: Howard Gillette, Rutgers University - Camden

Session B
BIENVILLE (2nd floor - see hotel floor plan)

Invasive Species and Other Aliens In the American South
Organizer: Kent Mathewson, Louisiana State University
Chair: Kent Mathewson

- Philip Pauly, Rutgers University, "How pests became invasive species"
- Derek Alderman and Anna Eskridge, East Carolina University, "Untangling the place of Kudzu in Southern culture: of biography and biogeography"
- Michael Kaller, Louisiana State University, "Feral pigs in the American South: the ultimate invader?"
- Comment: Robert Campanella, Tulane University

Session C
IBERVILLE B

Controlling Nature? New Perspectives on Environmental Technologies in the Cold War Era
Organizer: Kristine C. Harper
Chair: Michael Egan

- Carmel Finley, University of California - San Diego, "The Social construction of fishing, 1949"
- Ronald E. Doel, Oregon State University and University of Utah, "'An Abomination Unto the Lord': M. King Hubbert's efforts to resist Cold War geoengineering"
- Kristine C. Harper, New Mexico Tech, "Environmental diplomacy: mitigating the 1966-67 Bihar drought"
- Comment: Michael Egan, McMaster University
Session D  
**BATON ROUGE A**  
*Rivers, Cities, and the Politics of Lost Knowledge*
Organizer Scott Frickel  
Chair: John O. Anfinson, National Park Service
- R. Eugene Turner, Louisiana State University, "Temporal scales of change from Mississippi River to New Orleans"
- Rachel May, Syracuse University, "The View from the edge: the aestheticization of urban rivers and ecological knowledge"
- Scott Frickel, Tulane University, James R. Elliot, University of Oregon, "Hurricane Katrina and the hidden legacy of New Orleans' industrial development, 1955-2005"
- Comment: J. Michael Desmond, Louisiana State University

Session E  
**BATON ROUGE B**  
*Communist Ideology and Modernization of the East European Environment*
Organizer: Andy Bruno  
Chair: Paul Josephson
- Eagle Glassheim, University of British Columbia, "Creative destruction: how Czech communists built a 'modern' city next to a coal pit"
- Andy Bruno, University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, "The Ideology of 'Backwardness' and natural world: an attempt to explain a motivating factor of industrial transformation in Russia and the Soviet Union"
- Brian Bonhomme, Youngstown State University, "Early Soviet plans and post-Soviet realities: change and continuity in the exploitation and protection of Russia's forests, 1917-2006"
- Leos Jelecek, Charles University - Prague, "Comparison of landscapes and land use structure origins in East Central and Southeast Europe: their changes from the 1960s to recent times"
- Comment: Paul Josephson, Colby College

Roundtable F  
**IBERVILLE C**  
*Reporting On Disasters: How Journalists Use Environmental History*
Organizer: Lisa Mighetto, American Society for Environmental History  
Chair: Nancy Langston, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Mark Schleifstein, *New Orleans Times-Picayune*
- Amy Wold, *Baton Rouge Advocate*
- Mark Neuzil, University of St. Thomas
- Jon Christensen, Stanford University
- Comment: Stephen Pyne, Arizona State University
Session G
IBERVILLE A
Log Cabins, Klingons, Polar Bears and Ski Slopes: Popular Culture's Role in Cultural Constructions of the Environment
Organizer: Elizabeth Blum
Chair: Joe McCall, Auburn University

- Dale Potts, University of Maine, "Old dwellings and new owners: Maine's working landscapes and wild lands in Henry Beston's Northern Farm (1948) and Bill Geagan's Nature I Loved (1952)"
- Elizabeth Blum, Troy University, "Save the whales' and beware wilderness: Star Trek and reflections of the modern environmental movement"
- William Sonnega, St. Olaf College, "A Virtual wilderness: media, nature, and the future of conservation"
- Verena Winiwarter, Universität Klagenfurt (Klagenfurt-Graz-Wien) - Wien, Fakultät für Interdisziplinäre Forschung und Fortbildung (IFF), Zentrum für Umweltgeschichte (ZUG), "Europe: a Union with many natures? Using picture postcards as a means to read national subtexts of popular culture"

Session H
ROOM 147 (across France Street in Hotel Office building)
The Energy Crisis of the 1970s & The Beginning of A New Order?
Organizer: Robert Lifset
Chair: John Opie, University of Chicago

- Mogens Rüdiger, Aalborg University, "Backlash or progress? The energy crisis in Denmark in the 1970s"
- Joshua Palmer, Case Western Reserve University, "Greening the dream house? High-tech electronics and the politics of energy efficient living, 1973-1995"
- Jaime Allison, Montana State University, "Dead earth or restored Baxbe?: Contrasting Native American reactions to 1970s coal development in the Powder River Basin"
- Robert Lifset, University of Houston, "'CON ED Has Us By The BULBS': Con Ed, the energy crisis, and the end of business as usual"

Thursday, March 1, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Plenary Session – “Living on the Edge”
Livingston Room

Chair: Craig Colten, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University
Barry Keim, Louisiana State Climatologist, Louisiana State University, Living on the Edge of Climate Change
Barbara Allen, Director, Science and Technology Studies, Virginia Tech, Living on the Edge of Poverty and Pollution
S. W. Verstegen, Lecturer in Economic and Environmental History, Free University, Amsterdam, Living on Continental Edges
Robert Twilley, Director, Wetlands Biochemistry Institute, Louisiana State University, Living on the Edge of a Changing Landscape

Discussion: Audience
Friday, March 2

**Public History II Breakfast** - Internships in Environmental History
Mark Madison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, mark_madison@fws.gov, and Tom Dunlap, Texas A&M, t_dunlap@tamu.edu, will discuss internship opportunities.

**Envirotech Breakfast**
This is the annual breakfast of historians interested in the history of environment and technology.
Joy Parr, University of Western Ontario, jparr@uwo.ca

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  **Registration Desk Open**  
Capitol Atrium

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  **Exhibit Hall Open**  
Ascension Room

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  **Sessions**

**Group I**
**Session A**
**LIVINGSTON**

**Perceptions of Risk: Responses to Chemical Pesticides In the Mid-Twentieth Century**
Organizer: Michelle Mart  
Chair: Pete Daniel

- Michelle Mart, Pennsylvania State University - Berks, "Conservation to environmentalism: National Audubon responds to pesticide use"
- David Kinkela, State University of New York (SUNY) - Fredonia, "What's the risk: pesticides use in the Rockefeller Foundation's Mexican Agricultural Program"
- Comment: Pete Daniel, National Museum of American History
Session B
BIENVILLE (2nd floor - see hotel floor plan)
Environmental Imaginaries of the Middle East: History, Policy, Power, and Practice
  Organizer: Diana Davis, University of Texas - Austin
  Chair: Betsy Bishop, Independent Scholar
  - Edmund Burke, University of California - Santa Cruz, "Engineers and the Middle Eastern environment"
  - Diana Davis, University of Texas, "Redeeming desert wastes: problematizing the environmental history of the Middle East"
  - Jeannie Sowers, University of New Hampshire, "Re-mapping the nation: environmental narratives and water governance in Egypt, Turkey, and Libya, 1960-2000"
  - Comment: James McCann, Boston University

Roundtable C
IBERVILLE B
Toxic Environments, Toxic Bodies
This session is double length, and lasts through 12:00 p.m.
  Organizer: Jody Roberts
  Chair: Michael Egan, McMaster University
  - John McLachlan, Tulane University
  - Arthur Daemmrich, Chemical Heritage Foundation
  - Linda Nash, University of Washington
  - Nancy Langston, University of Wisconsin - Madison
  - Jody Roberts, Chemical Heritage Foundation
  - Scott Frickel, Tulane University
  - Sarah Vogel, Columbia University
  - Michelle Murphy, University of Toronto

Session D
BATON ROUGE A
Petroleum on the Edge of the Gulf Coast
This session complements the roundtable at 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the same room.
  Organizer: Tyler Priest
  Chair: Brian Black
  - Allan Pulsipher, Louisiana State University, "Living on the edge of the offshore oil and gas industry: did it matter?"
  - Joseph Pratt, University of Houston, "The brave and the foolhardy: hurricanes and the early offshore oil industry"
  - Tyler Priest, University of Houston, "The significance of the ocean/oil frontier in Gulf Coast history"
  - Comment: Brian Black, Pennsylvania State University - Altoona
Session E
BATON ROUGE B
Canada and Its Environment: Religion, Oil, and Justice
This session complements the session at 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the same room.
  Organizer: Lorne Hammond
  Chair: Peter Coates, University of Bristol
  • Lorne Hammond, Royal British Columbia Museum, "Andrew Thompson, and the first Kitimat Pipeline proposal"
  • Frederic Barriault, Universite Laval, "French Canadian Roman Catholicism and conservation in the 19th century (1854-1921): a view from Quebec"
  • Tina Loo, University of British Columbia, "Disturbing the peace: environment and justice on a northern river"
  • Frank Zelko, University of Vermont, "Environmental justice on ice: seals, swilers, and ecological activism in Newfoundland"

Roundtable F
IBERVILLE C
If a Book Is Published In the Woods, Will Anybody Read It?: A Workshop On Publishing and Environmental History
  Organizer: Susan Ferber
  Chair: Joseph E. Taylor III, Simon Fraser University
  • Jean Thomson Black, Yale University Press
  • Jonathan Cobb, Shearwater Books, Island Press
  • Susan Ferber, Oxford University Press
  • William Cronon, University of Wisconsin - Madison
  • John Herron, University of Missouri - Kansas City and Talking History

Session G
IBERVILLE A
Planning for Parks and Protected Places
  Organizer: George Warecki
  Chair: Gerry Killan, University of Western Ontario - King's University College
  • Sean Kheraj, York University, "Preserving nature's past: memory and ecology in Vancouver's Stanley Park"
  • Ben Bradley, Queen’s University, "'To clothe their roadsides, to frame their scenery': (re)making Provincial Parks for a motoring public in British Columbia, 1940-1960"
  • Sarah Thomas, University of California - Berkeley, "The Politics of growth: land-use planning in the Lake Tahoe Basin of California, 1957-1970"
  • George Warecki, University of Western Ontario - Brescia University College, "Public participation in land use planning: Ontario's Strategic Land Use Plan, 1973-1983"
Session H
ROOM 147 (across France Street in Hotel Office building)
Marginal Lands, Marginalized People: The Politics of Human Habitat
Organizer: Kent Curtis
Chair: Ellen Stroud, Bryn Mawr College

- Cynthia J. Miller, Emerson College, "Images from the margins: urban homelessness and environmental justice"
- Sara M. Gregg, Iowa State University, "The Road Less Traveled: federal projects in Appalachia during the 1920s"
- Jess Gilbert, University of Wisconsin - Madison, and Spencer D. Wood, Colorado College, "Farming and living the racial margin: a New Deal African-American community in Northeast Louisiana"
- Kent Curtis, Eckerd College, "Woodlots, shanties, freed slaves, and fortune tellers: the social history of Walden Woods"

Friday 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break
Friday 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sessions

Group II
Session A
LIVINGSTON
How Stories Can Save the World: Or, Environmental Crises and Transitions In Folklore, Fiction, and Images
Organizer: Dave Aftandilian
Chair: John Opie, University of Chicago

- Patricia Monaghan, DePaul University, "The Science of story vs. the story of science"
- Marion W. Copeland, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, "The Naturalist novel: the Silent Springs of eco-fiction and environmental history"
- David Scofield Wilson, University of California - Davis, "Kiss My Buttes: the story of how folklore, natural history, and local pride converged to protect an historic and geographically unique place from development"
- Dave Aftandilian, University of Chicago, "The Frog that averted a flood and the spider that snared the sun: the role of animal stories and images in the transition to agriculture by Native Americans in Precontact Illinois?"
Session B
BIENVILLE (2nd floor - see hotel floor plan)
Program Committee's Choice
Organizer: Margaret Bickers
Chair: Louis Warren, University of California – Davis
- Margaret Bickers, Kansas State University, "Early Panhandle Bar-B-Qs: Anglo-Americans and grassfires, 1844-1930"
- Dawn Biehler, University of Wisconsin - Madison, "Pest-free living?" Pest control, regulation, and the science of the home environment, 1945-1975"
- Lauren Braitman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "From flooded forest to fishbowl: a 20th century portrait of the Amazonian aquarium fish trade"
- Andrew Sluyter, Louisiana State University, "Environmental history of the Pampas of Argentina"

Roundtable C
IBERVILLE B
“Toxic Environments, Toxic Bodies”
(Please see the description for 8:30 a.m.)

Roundtable D
BATON ROUGE A
Vanishing Coastal Landscapes?
This roundtable complements the session at 8:30am - 10:00am in the same room.
Organizer: Diane Austin
Chair: Lorne Hammond, Royal British Columbia Museum
- Diane Austin, University of Arizona,
- Thomas McGuire, University of Arizona
- Tyler Priest, University of Houston
- Sarah S. Elkind, San Diego State University

Session E
BATON ROUGE B
Power, Land and Local Use: Conflicts over Resources in the Postwar Period
This session complements the session at 8:30am - 10:00am in the same room.
Organizer: James Murton
Chair: Matthew Evenden
- James Murton, Nipissing University, "We Preserved the Land, Society Didn't!": preservation, local use, and state management of agricultural lands in British Columbia"
- Bill Parenteau, University of New Brunswick, and Jim Kenny, Royal Military College of Canada, "Hydro development, resource management and Native fishing rights on the St. John River, 1940-80"
- Afton Sather-Knutsen, "Land tenure, land access and community identity in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula"
- Comment: Matthew Evenden, University of British Columbia
Session F
IBERVILLE C
The American Revolution’s Environmental History: New Perspectives
Organizer: David Hsiung
Chair: Mark Fiege, Colorado State University
- Christopher Magra, California State University - Northridge, "Work and weather on the edge: the impact of deep-sea cod fishing on the American Revolution"
- David Hsiung, Juniata College, "Food, fuel, and the New England environment in the War for Independence, 1775-1776"
- Comment: Brian Donahue, Brandeis University

Session G
IBERVILLE A
The Conquest of the Alps? Excursions into Forbidding Environments in the Long Nineteenth Century
Organizer: Alison Frank
Chair: Mark Cioc, University of California - Santa Cruz
- Alison Frank, Harvard University, "The Commodification of clean air in Alpine Europe"
- Peter Hansen, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, "On the edge of a cliff: Mont Blanc and the French Revolution"
- Tait Keller, Georgetown University, "The Mountain roars: the Alps as agents in World War I, 1915-1918"
- Comment: Marcus Hall, University of Utah

Session H
ROOM 147 (across France Street in Hotel Office building)
Extinction’s Edge: Animals, Hunters and Conservation Projects in Latin America
Organizer: John Soluri
Chair: Renata Marson Teixeira de Andrade
- Micheline Cariño, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California Sur, "From looting to conservation: a history of men and whales in Laguna San Ignacio, BCS, México, 19th and 20th centuries"
- Catherine A. Christen, Smithsonian National Zoological Park, Conservation and Research Center, "'Hasta Con AK-47': poachers, conservation science, and Corcovado Park administration practices (Costa Rica), 1975-2005"
- Regina Horta, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, "Scientists and birds: claims for protection in Brazil, 1893-1938"
- John Soluri, Carnegie Mellon University, "Living and dying on the edge: seals and seal-hunters in Tierra del Fuego, 1780 – 1910"
Friday 12:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Field Trips – see pg. 8 for details.

Louisiana State Capitol Grounds
Environmental Justice in the Chemical Corridor
From Manor Housess to Swamp Dwellers
Old River Control Structure
Invasive Species
Birding in the Atchafalaya

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Special Program: History of the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry: Project Reports and Reception

The development of the offshore oil and gas industry has affected the people, environment, and economy of the coastal communities along the Gulf of Mexico in many different ways. Scholars from the University of Arizona, the University of Houston, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and Louisiana State University have collaborated on a multi-year project to document and analyze the evolution of the offshore industry. A substantial portion of the effort was devoted to collecting oral and life histories from people who participated in or were affected by the offshore industry. The project was supported by the U.S. Department of Interior’s Minerals Management Service.

On the afternoon of Friday, March 2, the project team and some of those who were interviewed will discuss the project in the Dalton J. Woods Auditorium of the Energy, Coast and Environment Building on the LSU campus. Anyone registered for the American Society for Environmental History conference is welcome to attend. The program will start at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. A reception will follow. Transportation to and from the conference hotel will be provided.

Those interested in attending can call or e-mail Marybeth Pinsonneault at the LSU Center for Energy Studies, 225-578-3948, mtherio@lsu.edu. A program and map will be provided.

7:00 p.m. – 9: 00 p.m. Fund Raiser Cajun Fais Do-Do – on the levee at Red Stick Plaza featuring a buffet of Cajun specialties and Cajun Music. Proceeds go to the Hal K. Rothman Fellowship Fund. (see map)
Saturday, March 3

**Forest History Breakfast**
James G. Lewis, staff historian with the Forest History Society, editor of the Society’s Forest History Today, and author of The Forest Service and The Greatest Good: A Centennial History, jglewis@duke.edu, and Aaron Shapiro, USDA Forest Service historian, aaronshapiro@fs.fed.us, will lead a discussion of new opportunities and directions in forest history. Discussion will include topics such as recent scholarship, ongoing and future outreach efforts that will help interpret forest history and make materials available to researchers and educators, career possibilities, and connections between forest and environmental history.

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Registration Desk Open**
Capitol Atrium

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open**
Ascension Room

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Sessions**

**Group I**
**Session A**
**LIVINGSTON**
State Responses to Cyclical Environmental Disasters I: The Cases of London, New York, and Rio de Janeiro
This session complements the one at 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the same room.
- Organizer: Lise Sedrez
- Chair: Eve Buckley, University of Pennsylvania

- John Broich, Amherst College, "The City, environmental calamity, and national politics: 1890s London"
- David Soll, Brandeis University, "Making rain and silently praying: New York City’s response to droughts in the 20th century"
- Lise Sedrez, California State University - Long Beach, "Summertime and the rain is falling: seasonal storms, class and politics in Rio de Janeiro, 1966-1988"
- Comment; Joel A. Tarr, Carnegie Mellon University
Session B
BIENVILLE (2nd floor - see hotel floor plan)
People, Land and Time in Africa: Transdisciplinary Historical Research of Societies On the Edge
  Organizer: Karin Holmgren, Stockholm University
  Chair: Greg Maddox, Texas Southern University
  • Lowe Börjeson, Stockholm University, Thomas Håkansson, University of Kentucky, and Mats Widgren, Stockholm University, "Northeast Tanzania 1850-2000: the political ecology of trade networks, food production, and land cover change"
  • Lars-Ove Westerberg, Karin Holmgren, Lowe Börjeson, and Maria Ryner, Stockholm University, and Vesa Laulumaa, University of Helsinki, "The Initiation, development and decline of Engaruka irrigation system: climate-environmental driven, socio-economical driven or both?"
  • David Taylor, Trinity College - Dublin, "Palaeoecological/historical perspectives on human-environment interactions over time"
  • Comment: William E. Doolittle, University of Texas - Austin

Session C
IBERVILLE B
The Edges of the Earth: Understanding and Navigating Ocean Environments
  Organizer: Peter Shulman
  Chair: Joyce Chaplin, Harvard University
  • Michael Reidy, Montana State University, "The Spaces in between: science and Imperial oceans"
  • Peter Shulman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "Ruling the waves?: Steam travel and the ocean environment, 1830-1900"
  • Gary Weir, U.S. Naval Historical Center, "The Translator and his tool: Allyn Collins Vine and the bathythermograph"
  • Comment: Joyce Chaplin, Harvard University

Session D
BATON ROUGE A
Engineering Water In Antebellum New Orleans
This session complements the one at 10:30am - 12:00pm in the same room.
  Organizer: Greg O'Brien
  Chair: George Pabis, Georgia Perimeter College
  • Carolyn Kolb, Tulane University, "Albert Stein: innovative engineer"
  • Greg O'Brien, University of Southern Mississippi, "It's happened before: the New Orleans flood of 1849 and the city's response"
  • Comment: Terrence Fitzmorris, Tulane University
Session E
BATON ROUGE B
Molecular History": Prospects and Perils of Working On the Edge of Environmental History and Molecular Biology
Organizer: Jeremy Vetter
Chair: Edmund P. Russell III
• Jeremy Vetter, Dickinson College, "What is molecular history?"
• James L. A. Webb, Jr., Colby College, "Molecules and malaria: a big story in environmental history?"
• Gilda Anroman, Medical College of Georgia, "At the intersection of biology, anthropology, and environmental history"
• Bernd Hermann, Universität Göttingen, "How bio-molecules can contribute to the aims and scope of environmental history"

Session F
IBERVILLE C
Water Quality and Land Use In the Mississippi River
Organizer: R. Eugene Turner
Chair: John O. Anfinson
• R. Eugene Turner, Louisiana State University, "The Mississippi River watershed: from land to sea"
• Whitney Broussard, Louisiana State University, "Land use and water quality within in the Mississippi River Watershed"
• Nancy Rabalais, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, "From breadbasket to seafood shores: the coastal “Dead Zone”"
• Comment: John O. Anfinson, National Park Service

Session G
IBERVILLE A
Managing Forest Ecosystems
Organizer: Michael Clow
Chair: Paul Hirt
• Michael Clow, St. Thomas University, "The Interplay of social and environmental determinants in the shape and pace of the industrialization of tree harvesting: the cases of Eastern Canada and the American Southeast 1945-95"
• Sam Temple, University of Michigan, "From wasteland to woodland: risk, catastrophe and the engineering of nature in the forestation of the French Landes de Gascogne"
• Adam Sowards, University of Idaho, "Jumping into history: smokejumpers and the Western environment"
• James Wilson, Old Dominion University, "Living on the edge of knowledge and the sustainability of an ecosystem: forests in the Chesapeake region"
• Comment: Paul Hirt, Arizona State University
Session H
ROOM 147 (across France Street in Hotel Office building)
Christian Churches and the Environment
   Organizer: Mark Stoll
   Chair: Carolyn Merchant, University of California – Berkeley
   • Mark Stoll, Texas Tech University, "The Presbyterian impact on the American environmental movement"
   • Brian McCamack, Harvard University, "From Genesis to the Gospels: the evolving Evangelical focus on climate change science and policy"
   • Scott Moranda, State University of New York (SUNY) - Cortland, "From reforming systems to reforming Individuals: religious environmentalism in 1980s East Germany"
   • Martha Henderson, Evergreen State College, "Landscapes of orthodoxy"

Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sessions

Group II
Session A
LIVINGSTON
State Response to Cyclic Disasters II: Climatic Extremes and the Politics of Scientific Expertise in Brazil and the United States
This session complements the one at 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the same room.
   Organizer: Eve Buckley
   Chair: Melissa Wiedenfeld, Dalton State College
   • Nicholas Buchanan, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "Politics of uncertainty: drought, fish, and environmental conflict in the Klamath Basin, 2001-2004"
   • Renata Marson Teixeira de Andrade, University of California - Berkeley, "A Tale of two disasters: operating dams during droughts and floods in the São Francisco River 1970-2005"
   • Eve Buckley, University of Pennsylvania, "Local crises and global expertise: Technocrats’ struggle for authority over Brazil’s federal drought agency, 1909-1964"
   • Comment: Linda Nash, University of Washington
Session B
BIENVILLE (2nd floor - see hotel floor plan)
Water, Identity and the Politics of Belonging: Comparative Perspectives from Twentieth Century Africa
Organizer: Clair Breedlove
Chair: Doug Weiner, University of Arizona
• David Hughes, Rutgers University, "The Craft of belonging: Whites, water, and wilderness in Africa"
• Matthew Bender, The College of New Jersey, "Becoming Chagga: space, water and identity on Kilamanjaro, 1900-1970"
• Claire Breedlove, Johns Hopkins University, "From national integration to neutron bombs in the Nyos Valley: regional identity and the politics of disaster response in Cameroon, 1986-2001"
• Christian Jennings, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, "Marine Science and Efforts to Protect the East African Coast since Independence"

Session C
IBERVILLE B
Bodies at Risk: Synthetic Chemicals and Human Safety in the Post-World War II Era
Organizer: Janet Ore
Chair: Thomas Dunlap
• Nancy Langston, University of Wisconsin - Madison, "Nature and culture transformed: epigenetics and the regulatory history of endocrine disruptors"
• Sarah Vogel, Columbia University, "The politics of plastic: the struggle to define Bisphenol A"
• Janet Ore, Colorado State University, "Poisonous plywood: environmental hazards in post-World War II home building"
• Comment: Thomas Dunlap, Texas A&M University

Session D
BATON ROUGE A
New Orleans: Storms and Restoration
This session complements the one at 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the same room.
Organizer: Jason Henderson
Chair: Jeffrey Stine, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History
• Jason Henderson, San Francisco State University, "Understanding the New Orleans rebuild debate: a Historical geography of New Orleans East"
• Barrett Kennedy, et al., Louisiana State University, "Historical and cultural restoration in New Orleans: the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita"
• Michael Wascom, Louisiana State University, "A legal history of land use regulation in New Orleans, 1718-2007"
• Gwen Ottinger, Chemical Heritage Foundation, "'Something gonna happen': making meaning of petrochemical accidents in the contested histories of fenceline communities"
Session E  
**BATON ROUGE B**  
**Rescuing Farmers From the Brink: Three Case Studies of Agricultural Reform in the South**  
Organizer: Elizabeth Herbin  
Chair: Jack Temple Kirby, Miami University  
- Mark Hersey, University of Kansas, "Noah B. Cloud, the ruthless hand of Mr. Carenot, and Antebellum agricultural reform"  
- Adrienne Petty, City College of New York, "'You Can’t Eat Tobacco': cash crop farming and the limits of North Carolina’s Live-At-Home Program, 1929-1933"  
- Elizabeth Herbin, Columbia University, "No more blaming the victim: Chapel Hill sociologists and the shift in agricultural reform in the 1930s"  
- Comment: Steven Stoll, Yale University

Session F  
**IBERVILLE C**  
**Mobilizing Rivers in the Second World War**  
Organizer: Matthew Evenden  
Chair: Tina Loo, University of British Columbia  
- Matthew Evenden, University of British Columbia, "Canadian rivers and global war, 1939-1945?"  
- David Massell, University of Vermont, "Hydro-politics in wartime: the case of Quebec's Saguenay Watershed"  
- Mikael Wolfe, University of Chicago, "Building dams in wartime Mexico: the case of the Nazas River Dam in La Laguna, 1936-1946"  
- Comment: Mark Fiege, Colorado State University

Session G  
**IBERVILLE A**  
**Parks and Protected Areas on the Edge of Continents and Communities**  
Organizer: Jen Ace  
Chair: David Louter, National Park Service  
- Jen Ace, University of California - Berkeley, "Co-management: a step back from the edge?"  
- Patrick Kupper, Institut für Geschichte - Zürich "Without frontier: a transatlantic perspective on national parks"  
- Salma Monani, University of Minnesota, "Re-visioning the wilderness idea: documentaries about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge"  
- Lisa Powell, University of Texas - Austin, "Gateway communities: investigating development at the entrances to national parks"
Session H
ROOM 147 (across France Street in Hotel Office building)
Conceptions of Nature In Europe and Asia
Organizer: Frank Uekötter
Chair: Christof Mauch, German Historical Institute - Washington, D.C.
- Sam White, Columbia University, "Climate, ecology, and crisis in the Ottoman Near East"
- Karen Oslund, German Historical Institute - Washington, D.C., "Homeland or wilderness?: Danish conceptions of Greenland and its inhabitants"
- Kuang-chi Hung, Harvard University, "Naturalizing and nationalizing the environmental hazards: folk ecology, modern science and the governance of nature in Taiwan under Japanese colonial rule (1895-1945)"
- Frank Uekötter, Forschungsinstitut des Deutschen Museums, "Why environmental historians should talk about 'False Environmental Alerts'"

Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
Saturday 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sessions

Group III
Session A
LIVINGSTON
Local Understandings and Memories of Disaster: Perspectives from the Americas and Africa
Organizer: Monica Rico
Chair: John Soluri, Carnegie Mellon University

- Monica Rico, Lawrence University, "Remembering locust infestation in Martin County, Minnesota, 1870-1930"
- Jacob Tropp, Middlebury College, "Locust invasions and tensions over environmental and bodily health in the Colonial Transkei"
- Stefania Gallini, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, "Cuando cayó arena: indigenous territorial memory after the 1902 eruption of Santa Maria Volcano, Guatemala"
- Sara Hill, Western Michigan University, "Sunland Park, New Mexico, and recovered environmental memories"
Session B
BIENVILLE (2nd floor - see hotel floor plan)
Program Committee’s Choice
Organizer: Robin O'Sullivan
Chair: Michael Chiarappa, University of Western Michigan
- Robin O'Sullivan, University of Texas - Austin, "Compost and consumption: the international organic farming movement"
- Nathan Hamilton, Robert Sanford, Matthew Rowe, University of Southern Maine, "Life on the edge: environmental history of a 19th century African-American fishing community marginalized by the state of Maine"
- Christian Warren, New York Academy of Medicine, "Two-edges: pioneers and holdouts in the migration indoors"
- Blair Woodard, University of New Mexico, "The Nature of the enemy: U.S. - Cuban relations, 1955-2005"

Roundtable C
IBERVILLE B
Translational History: How Historians Can Engage the Practice of Science and Science Policy
Organizer: Teresa Sabol Spezio, University of California - Davis
Chair: Teresa Sabol Spezio
- Stephen Bocking, Trent University
- Ann Johnson, University of South Carolina
- Phil Garone, California State University - Stanislaus
- Gregg Mitman, University of Wisconsin

Roundtable D
BATON ROUGE A
Assessing the Aftermath: Historical Perspective and Progress Reports on Post-Hurricane Recovery Efforts in Louisiana
Organizer: Katherine Benton-Cohen
Chair: Katherine Benton-Cohen
- Ari Kelman, University of California - Davis
- Richard Campanella, Tulane University
- Robert Twilley, Louisiana State University
- Hal Cohen, Louisiana Recovery Authority Support Foundation
Session E
BATON ROUGE B
Interior Edges: Histories and Geographies of North American Grasslands
This session complements the one at 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the same room.
  Organizer: John Thistle
  Chair: Geoff Cunfer
  • Joshua D. MacFadyen, University of Guelph, "Prelude to sodbusting: the environmental impact of promoting and growing flax in Ontario and Saskatchewan"
  • Shannon Studen-Bower, University of British Columbia, "Citizenship and the ecological commons in Manitoba’s Drainage District No. 12"
  • John Thistle, University of British Columbia, "Grappling with grasshoppers in the British Columbia interior 1922-1945"
  • Comment: Geoff Cunfer, University of Saskatchewan

Session F
IBERVILLE C
Fishing On the Edge: Turbulent Histories of Fisheries Management
  Organizer: Elizabeth Pillsbury
  Chair: Bonnie McCay
  • Elizabeth Pillsbury, Columbia University, "Filthy waters, fattened oysters and typhoidal fevers: the transformation of New York Harbor and Jamaica Bay, 1880-1925"
  • Andrew Stuhl, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "The Oyster’s past is present: constructing history in Chesapeake oyster management"
  • Brian Paine, University of Maine, "Legal authority on the edge of the fishery commons: The Hague and the 1910 Fisheries Arbitration"
  • Comment: Bonnie McCay, Rutgers University - Cook College

Session G
IBERVILLE A
Corridors of Conflicting Perceptions: Exploring the History of Long-Distance Trails
  Organizer: Sarah Mittlefehldt
  Chair: James Skillen
  • Abigail Smith, University of Maine - Orono, "Contested terrain: inventing Maine’s 100-Mile Wilderness"
  • Keely Maxwell, Franklin and Marshall College, "Changing space, changing identity: making the Inca Trail"
  • Sarah Mittlefehldt, University of Wisconsin - Madison, "The Role of wild and working lands in the making of Wisconsin’s Ice Age Trail"
  • Comment: James Skillen, Valparaiso University
Session H
ROOM 147 (across France Street in Hotel Office building)
Landslapes of War I: Waging War
This session complements the roundtable at 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the same room.
Organizer: Megan Nelson, California State University - Fullerton
Chair: Megan Nelson

- Micah Muscolino, St. Mary's College of California, "Wartime refugees and militarized landscapes in modern China, 1937-1949"
- Chris Pearson, University of Bristol, "Disaster management: forests and foresters in wartime France, 1940-1946"
- Robert Thompson, University of Houston, "Civil engineering and Civil War in Northeastern North Carolina"
- Comment: William Storey, Millsaps College

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sessions

Group IV
Session A
LIVINGSTON
Historic Floods and Future Flood Risks: an International Perspective
Organizer: Phil Garone
Chair: Christof Mauch, German Historical Institute - Washington, D.C.

- Cornelis Disco, University of Twente, "Between the river and the deep blue sea: fearing, managing and surviving floods in the Dutch Delta, 1850-2000"
- Uwe Luebken, German Historical Institute - Washington, D.C., "’79.99 - Call It 80': Cincinnati and the 1937 Ohio River Flood"
- Phil Garone, University of California - Davis, "Land subsidence and rising sea levels: dual flood risks to California’s Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the state’s hydraulic regime"
- Comment: Marty Reuss, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, retired

Session B
BIENVILLE (2nd floor - see hotel floor plan)
De Soto's Germs: Did They or Didn't They Destroy the Southeast's Moundbuilders?
Organizer: Paul Kelton
Chair: Paul Hoffman

- Jeffrey Mitchem, Arkansas Archaeological Survey, "An Archaeological perspective on the effects of the De Soto Expedition"
- Robbie Ethridge, University of Mississippi, "Re-evaluating the collapse of the protohistoric Mississippian world"
- Paul Kelton, University of Kansas, "Ecological prerequisites for virgin soil epidemics: the impact of Columbian Exchange germs on Southeastern Indians reconsidered"
- Comment: Paul Hoffman, Louisiana State University
Session C  
IBERVILLE B  
On the Edge of Extinction: Cultural and Political Histories of American Biodiversity Conservation  
Organizer: Peter Alagona  
Chair: Stephen Bocking, Trent University  
- Peter Alagona, Harvard University, "Insect friends and insect foes: American entomology and the origins of biodiversity conservation"  
- Timothy Farnham, University of Nevada - Las Vegas, "Saving nature’s legacy: biological diversity and the evolution of a conservation paradigm"  
- Nathan Sayre, University of California - Berkeley, "Problems of history and scale in endangered species conservation: case studies from southern Arizona"  
- Stephanie Pincetl, University of California - Los Angeles, "Biodiversity and conservation values in the city: are new values compatible with old uses?"

Session D  
BATON ROUGE A  
City and Country: Urbanized Environments in the West  
Organizer: Richard Walker  
Chair: Joanna Dyl, Princeton University  
- Richard Walker, University of California - Berkeley, "The country in the city: the greening of the San Francisco Bay Area"  
- Erik Loomis, University of New Mexico, "Mobile cities in the forests: Pacific Northwest lumber camps as urban spaces"  
- Jeffrey Sanders, University of New England, "The battle for Fort Lawton’: wilderness, order, and contested meanings of public space in Seattle, 1960-1970"  
- Eric Sandeen, University of Wyoming, "The High Line Canal Trail and the development of metropolitan Denver"

Roundtable E  
BATON ROUGE B  
Natural or Un-Natural Disaster? The Dust Bowl and Beyond in the Great Plains: A Roundtable Discussion  
This roundtable complements the session at 1:30pm - 3:00pm in the same room.  
Organizer: Sterling Evans, Brandon University  
Chair: Sterling Evans  
- Geoff Cunfer, University of Saskatchewan  
- Brian Donahue, Brandeis University  
- Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Kansas State University  
- Donald Worster, University of Kansas
Session F
IBERVILLE C
Portals into World Environmental History
Organizer: Michael Egan
Chair: J. Donald Hughes, University of Denver
- James L. A. Webb, Jr., Colby College, "The early centuries of malaria in the New World"
- Stuart McCook, University of Guelph, "Coffee Rust: a portal into the global environmental history of tropical agriculture"
- Michael Egan, McMaster University, "Mercury's web: networks and natural agency in world environmental history"
- Jason Moore, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, "From expansion to crisis and back again: sugarcane, ecology, and the conquest of the Atlantic, 1419-1654"

Session G
IBERVILLE A
The Nevada Test Site: Landscape, Nature and Radioactivity
Organizer: E. Jerry Jessee
Chair: Andy Kirk, University of Nevada - Las Vegas
- E. Jerry Jessee, Montana State University, "Bombs, bodies and environment: the establishment of the Nevada Test Site"
- Leisl Carr, University of Nevada - Las Vegas, "Rationalizing the home front: the Cold War, the Nevada Test Site, and radiation contamination"
- Susan Becker, University of Nevada - Las Vegas, "Contested terrain: narratives of the Nevada Test Site"
- Fred Waage, East Tennessee State University, "The Face of the earth, the shadow of the bomb"

Roundtable H
ROOM 147 (across France Street in Hotel Office building)
Landscapes of War II: Making Meaning
This roundtable complements the session at 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the same room.
Organizer: Megan Nelson
Chair: Brian Black, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
- Michael Gunther, Lehigh University, "War and the social construction of landscape in Revolutionary New York"
- Ed Martini, Western Michigan University, "Agent Orange: constructing landscapes of war and memory"
- Megan Nelson, California State University - Fullerton, "A Wilderness of Granite and Marble: ruined cities and nature's nation during the American Civil War"
- Sara Pritchard, Montana State University, "Renovating land, body, and nation during Vichy France"
- Frank Zontek, U.S. Army and Yakima Valley Community College, "On the edge: observations of an environmental historian deployed to Afghanistan"
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
LIVINGSTON
ASEH Business Meeting
- All ASEH members welcome
- President Stephen Pyne will report on ASEH initiatives

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
CAPITOL ATRIUM
Keynote Banquet and ASEH Awards

“Protecting America’s Wetlands” by King Milling

King Milling is currently Chairman of the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Coastal Restoration and Conservation and President of the America’s WETLAND Foundation. He commenced his career working as a legal assistant with the firm of Milling, Saul, Sanders, Benson & Woodward in 1965, where he became a partner in the firm in 1968. Retiring from Milling, Benson, Woodward, Hillyer, Pierson & Miller in 1984, Mr. Milling became President of Whitney National Bank and Whitney Holding Corporation, a position he holds currently. He has also served on the bank’s Board of Directors since 1977. Mr. Milling is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and American Bar Association.

Awards

During the banquet the FHS/ASEH Leopold-Hidy Award for the best article in the journal Environmental History; the George Perkins Marsh Prize for the best book, the Alice Hamilton Prize for best article published outside Environmental History, and the Rachel Carson Prize for best dissertation will be presented

Cost: $35. The banquet will feature Louisiana cuisine.
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American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting
February 28-March 3, 2006, Sheraton Baton Rouge Convention Center Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Each registrant must use a separate registration form. Photocopies are acceptable, but note that this is a two-page registration form, and both sides must be completed. This form must arrive by February 1, 2007.

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Special Events
☐ Opening Reception, Wednesday, February 28, Shaw Center for the Arts ($15)
☐ President’s Luncheon, Cajun Buffet, Thursday, March 1 ($28)
☐ Graduate Student Reception (no cost)
☐ Cajun Fais do do on the Levee, Friday March 2 ($40) Regular Members
☐ Cajun Fais do do on the levee, Friday March 2 – ($20) STUDENT PRICE
☐ Keynote Banquet, Saturday, March 3, ($35) ☐ Veggie meal

Breakfast Discussion (option, choose up to one per day)
Thursday, March 1 Friday, March 2 Saturday, March 3
☐ NiCHE ☐ Public History II ☐ Forest History
☐ Public History I ☐ Envirotech
Cost: $14.00 per discussion breakfast buffet

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Field Trips (trip descriptions elsewhere)

- **Rolling Seminar to New Orleans** (February 28, 8 am to 5 pm) *This trip will take place the day before the regular conference events begin. It is open to the first 145 people who complete their registration. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE sign up only if you are certain that you will be able to arrive a day early and participate!! We want to take advantage of a generous grant to underwrite this field trip and hope to fill all the seats. Please do not claim a seat and then let it go unused.* (see description p. 11)

If you will participate in the **Rolling Seminar**, it includes a box lunch (sandwich, side, dessert, and drink). Please select one of the following main items:

- ☐ Turkey
- ☐ Ham
- ☐ Tuna Fish
- ☐ Roast Beef
- ☐ Veggie

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Friday Afternoon Field Trips (March 2, 12:30 - 5:00 pm) – *all include a box lunch*

- ☐ Nature in the City - Walking Tour of Downtown Baton Rouge ($10)
- ☐ Environmental Justice along the Chemical Corridor ($39)
- ☐ Bayou and Sugar Country ($39)
- ☐ Old River Control Structure ($39)
- ☐ Birding in the Atchafalaya ($34)
- ☐ Invasive Species ($34)

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- ☐ Roast Beef
- ☐ Veggie

Note: If you have food allergies or dietary restrictions that require additional information, please contact us with the details.

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