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Welcome to Idaho!

After several years of collaborative work among the state’s three research universities—Boise State University, Idaho State University, and the University of Idaho—to organize this year’s ASEH meeting, we proudly welcome you to Boise.

Idaho’s capital city is the center of the Treasure Valley, part of the larger Snake River Plain that arcs across the southern portion of the state. Although the city is in a high desert ecosystem, a variety of landscapes surround the metropolitan area. Boise itself offers many urban parks including a 25-mile riverfront greenbelt, accessible four blocks from the conference hotel.

Historians of this region interpret Idaho as a crossroads of the northern U.S. west. Multiple geographic and climatic zones overlap within the state’s boundaries. Idaho encompasses a wide range of environments, which has helped to create a sprawling state of many contrasts. Environmental factors have always been at the forefront of the region’s history.

Boise itself was founded as a supply center for the booming upstream mines of the Boise Basin. In the twentieth century, it became a focal point of some of the earliest federal reclamation projects. Today, the state is swept by powerful agents of change. Idaho sits on the crossroads between an older west of resource-based economies and a new west of high technology and tourism. Boise leads this transformation, and is one of the nation’s fastest growing cities.

Given the prevalence of environmental factors in Idaho’s history and its contemporary growth, and the long-standing commitment to environmental history by each of the host institutions, we think Boise is an ideal place for ASEH members to gather. To supplement the terrific program of sessions, we’ve planned a number of fun receptions, excellent lunch sessions, and fabulous field trips. Trips will highlight urban forestry, green development, irrigation and flood control issues, debates over historic preservation versus ecological restoration, and, of course the birds of our region.

All conference sessions and many of the special events will be held in the recently renovated Boise Centre on the Grove, which is adjacent to the conference hotel. And while our famous trees may not be green while you’re here, the Boise Centre is. It has an extensive recycling program and uses only corn-based, biodegradable plastics, among other ecologically sustainable initiatives.

Welcome to Idaho!

Lisa Brady, Co-Chair, Boise State University
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A note
from the 2008 Program Committee

The Program Committee is delighted to present the program for the 2008 meeting of the American Society for Environmental History—Agents of Change: People, Climate, and Places Through Time. We feel the theme perfectly addresses the remarkable time in which we are living, a period in which a rapidly evolving public understanding of broad-scale human and ecological processes has collided with the intensity and extent of environmental changes occurring globally before our eyes. The result will undoubtedly be a different world—ecologically, economically, politically, socially. Boise itself is undergoing remarkable and often difficult transformations in all these areas. As environmental historians we are charged with studying, teaching, and even acting upon the root causes and consequences of such transformation, no matter how historically distant or recent. Our collective scholarship involves a continuous interrogation of multiple “agents of change,” human and non-human, local and global.

We believe that environmental historians make up a dynamic, purposeful community mostly free of the barriers that can isolate or stagnate an academic field. We accordingly aspire to extend the reach of our conference to studies of distant time periods, and environments remote from Idaho, and to colleagues who may consider themselves far removed from environmental history. We feel that new scholarly themes and arguments should receive early attention at the ASEH, while long-standing questions should be advanced, not simply repeated. We hope the panels, in all their diversity, depth, and international representation, have fulfilled these aims. We also hope that a greatly expanded poster session (featured throughout the conference) will provide an attractive alternative format for research by our members and guests.

Environmental historians appear to us to be increasingly engaged not only in research but in public and educational initiatives outside traditional history or geography departments, often as key members of environmental studies programs and other interdisciplinary or regional initiatives. Environmental historians have also seized opportunities to work with K-12 teachers, community organizations, and federal and local agencies. As a result, our members are anxious to exchange ideas and experiences beyond the format of formal papers. In response, we have expanded the use of roundtables, and have encouraged all panels to leave ample time for discussion. Perhaps more important, we have also streamlined the conference program to allow additional opportunities for networking and socializing. We eliminated specialty breakfasts, and shifted some topical groups to lunch discussions, replacing a formal luncheon speech. Finally, we made a sustained effort to leave Friday evening entirely free. This was more difficult than one might imagine, given the temptation to fill every available time slot. But we hope the rich experiences available in Boise will make the effort worthwhile.

We are excited about the special sessions at the 2008 ASEH. The plenary brings together two eminent climate scientists and our own association president Nancy Langston in an interactive session designed to explore our role as humanists in confronting climate change. The fundraising dinner at the Basque Cultural Center highlights Boise’s rich tradition as the preeminent center of Basque culture in North America. Two workshops give participants the opportunity for on-site and hands-on experiences: one on fire in the wildland-urban interface, held at the nation’s center for wildland fire response; and another on Geographic Information Systems, a fairly new but powerful methodology in historical research. Boise’s surroundings allow for vigorous, thought-provoking fieldtrips, in keeping with our members’ needs to explore the world wherever they are. And we are especially pleased to present as our keynote speaker Mark Kurlansky, author of a number of best-selling works of environmental history.

Ever since the 2007 conference in Baton Rouge, the work of the 2008 program and local arrangements committees has been entwined. Heartfelt thanks must be extended to our committee members, all of whom contributed substantially to the final program. Our work would have been impossible without Lisa Mighetto’s wise counsel and help with crucial events, especially the plenary. Thanks especially to all who submitted proposals to this year’s conference. We were deeply impressed by our community’s scholarship. The number of panel and paper submissions made our work daunting, but their quality and sheer energy were exhilarating. Finally, we thank our friends and colleagues in the ASEH: you inspire us.

The 2008 Program Committee

Lynne Heasley, Western Michigan University, Chair
Stephen Bocking, Trent University
Kimberly Little, University of Central Arkansas
Kevin Marsh, Idaho State University
Kendra Smith-Howard, University at Albany, SUNY
Accommodations
Conference accommodations have been arranged with The Grove Hotel in downtown Boise, adjacent to the Boise Centre on the Grove where conference sessions will be held. A four-star hotel with wireless internet, an indoor pool, spa and sauna, a Gold’s Gym (fee associated), and a top-notch restaurant, The Grove will make your stay a pleasant one. The hotel is located in the downtown core, adjacent to historic districts such as the Basque Block and Old Boise. There are dozens of restaurants, coffee shops, and bars within a short walk, ranging from quick bites to elegant dining.

Rates & Reservations
The Grove Hotel has reserved a block of rooms for conference participants at a rate of $104 per night single, or $119 double, plus taxes (currently 13%). Rooms for graduate students are available for $89 per night (up to quad occupancy), plus taxes. These rates will be available from two days prior to two days following the conference, so add vacation time!

Hotel reservations must be made prior to February 11, 2008, to secure conference rates. Attendees will be responsible for paying for their own room, taxes, and incidental charges. Payment may be made by cash or credit card.

Rooms at conference rates are limited in quantity, so please reserve early. Call toll-free 1-888-961-5000 or 208-333-8000 and ask for “ASEH Annual Conference” rate (group number 5182). Graduate students, reference group number 6990, “ASEH Annual Conference: Graduate Students.”

The Grove will require a credit card guarantee for the room rate and tax for the first night. Cancellations must be made at least 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival, or your credit card will be charged for the first night room and tax. Please make arrangements with the hotel if you expect a late check-in.

Check In/Check Out
The hotel’s check-in time is 3:00 pm Mountain time. Check-out is at 11:00 am.

Note
ASEH strongly encourages you to make reservations at the conference hotel so that the Society can meet its room quota and avoid excessive attrition fees. In addition, The Grove Hotel is offering a $5.00 rebate per room per night (excluding graduate rooms) to offset conference expenses, so staying at the conference hotel directly benefits ASEH. If rooms are sold out, please contact Lisa Brady for additional options (LisaBrady@boisestate.edu or 208-426-4309).

Transportation
Air:
Eight major airlines fly into the Boise Airport (BOI), with non-stop flights from 21 cities such as Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and Seattle.

From the airport and in and around Boise:
The Grove Hotel provides complimentary shuttle service from the airport. Use the courtesy phones near baggage claim to arrange pick-up.

Taxis are available immediately outside the baggage claim area. Average fare for the 10-minute trip from the airport to The Grove Hotel is $12.

Public buses run every 15-30 minutes from the airport, leaving from the bus lane outside baggage claim. Route Vista #3 takes 15 minutes to downtown, route #1 35 minutes. Ask to get off at the corner of Front St. and Capitol Blvd., directly across from the Grove Hotel. Fare is $1.00. ValleyRide Buses are available for transport throughout Boise daily from 5:15 am to 6:45 pm. For more information, visit www.valleyride.org or call 208-846-8547.

Most major rental car companies serve the Boise airport. Exiting the airport, the terminal road becomes Vista Avenue. Take Vista north. At Rose Hill Road, Vista curves left and descends to Capitol Boulevard. Stay on Capitol toward downtown and take a left on Front Street. Take an immediate right into The Grove Hotel driveway.

Ground:
Driving from the west on I-84, take I-184 toward City Center. Shortly after you cross the Boise River, I-184 becomes Myrtle Street, a one-way, four-lane road heading east into downtown. Turn left on Capitol Boulevard (7th St.). Take the next left onto Front Street (follow the lane signs closely!) and immediately turn right into The Grove Hotel driveway.

From the East: From I-84, take the Broadway Exit (#54). Turn right onto Broadway, pass Boise State University, cross the river, and then take a left on Front Street. The Grove Hotel is on the corner of Front and Capitol. Turn right into the hotel’s driveway.

The Grove offers guests parking for $7.00/day and valet parking for $12.00/day.

Single-day attendees may park at any of Boise’s downtown garages. The first hour is free, subsequent hours are $1.50 each, with a maximum of $12.00 per day.
Registration
Please register for the conference online at http://printing.boisestate.edu/aseh. If you prefer, you may fill out and submit the 2-page registration form at the back of this program, or download a form from the ASEH website. Reduced fees for early registration are in effect until February 15, 2008. See the registration form for more details.

About Boise
Local Weather
March weather in Boise is unpredictable. Average spring temperatures usually range between the mid-50's and lower-60's Fahrenheit, though mountain temperatures tend to be much cooler. Field trips will not be cancelled or rescheduled due to rain or snow unless in extreme weather conditions, so please pack appropriately and anticipate cool to warm weather. If you plan to attend one of the field trips, particularly the walking or birding tour, please be sure to bring sturdy walking shoes and heavy clothing in case of cool, wet weather.

Attractions
Among the many unique sites to visit in Boise are the Basque Museum and Cultural Center, the Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center, the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial, the Boise Art Museum, the Idaho State Historical Museum and the Idaho Black History Museum. A mere 16 miles north of Boise is Bogus Basin Mountain Resort, where you can enjoy Nordic or Alpine skiing, snowshoeing, and tubing. To access the Boise River to hike the extensive network of trails along the Greenbelt or cast a fly for trout, simply walk south from the Centre on Eighth Street 6 blocks.

The Boise Centre is surrounded by a variety of restaurants and entertainment venues, including the newly developed “BoDo,” a collection of shops, restaurants, and movie theaters immediately south of the conference site. Brewpubs, wine bars, pizza, pasta, steak, seafood, fondue, Thai, Moroccan, and Mexican are just a few examples of the variety of restaurant styles located in Boise’s vibrant downtown. The Basque Block, across the street from the Grove Hotel, includes several Basque eateries and Idaho’s only micro-distillery, Bardenay. On the other side of the Centre is the Eighth Street area, where you can get sushi at Koi or enjoy fine wine at the Grape Escape. On Fifth Street go to Guido’s for some real New York-style pizza (vetted by a Long Island native), or enjoy an elegant meal at Mortimer’s, one of Boise’s finest restaurants. The options are extensive, all within an easy walk.

Cancellations
Cancellations must be made in writing to the address on the registration form. Requests received by March 1, 2008 will receive a full refund, less a $30.00 processing fee, following the conference. Requests made after March 21, 2008 will receive a 50% refund of the registration fee, following conclusion of the meeting. Fees for special events, lunch sessions, and field trips will not be refunded. Cancellation of rooms must be done through the hotel and are subject to its requirements for notification.

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Conference at a glance

Tuesday, March 11
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Registration – Perch

Wednesday, March 12
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fire Workshop – National Interagency Fire Center
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Registration – South Hall
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Opening Reception – Flying Hawk

Thursday, March 13
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Exhibits and Poster Sessions – Falcons
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Registration – South Hall
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions I
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
AM Break and Poster Presentations – Falcons
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions II
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Specialty Lunches
   Forest History Society – Ponderosa Pines South
   Environment and Technology – Willows South
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions III
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
PM Break – Falcons
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions IV
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Plenary Session – Basque Cultural Center, 601 Grove Street
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Fundraiser Dinner – Basque Cultural Center
Friday, March 14

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Registration – South Hall

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Exhibits and Poster Session – Falcons

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
GIS Workshop – Idaho Water Center

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions V

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
AM Break – Falcons

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions VI

12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Field Trips

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
EH Editorial Board Meeting – Perch

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Graduate Student Reception – Idaho State Historical Museum

Saturday, March 15

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Exhibits and Poster Sessions – Falcons

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Registration – South Hall

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions VII

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
AM Break and Poster Presentations – Falcons

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions VIII

12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
ASEH Executive Committee Meeting – Perch

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Specialty Lunches
  Gender – Ponderosa Pines South
  NiCHE – Willows South

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions IX

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
PM Break – Passage outside Falcons

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions X

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
ASEH Business Meeting for all members – Cottonwoods

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Reception and raffle – Flying Hawk

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Awards and Keynote Banquet – Flying Hawk
Field Trips

Buses leave promptly at 12:30 pm from Front Street on the south side of The Boise Centre on The Grove. Lunches will be provided upon boarding the bus.

BUILDING GREEN
(Estimated total driving time: 30 minutes)

This field trip will take us on a tour of some of Boise’s and the nation’s greenest buildings. On a tour of the Banner Bank Building, you’ll see one of only 18 LEED platinum-certified buildings in the world and talk to the developer who envisioned it. Following a tour of this downtown “gem,” we will head into the Boise Foothills to explore the Foothills Learning Center, site of another energy efficient building and native desert landscaping. A hike in the Foothills for those interested will follow, with an informal walk-and-talk session about the history of Boise’s foothills policies. Others can explore independently before heading back to The Grove Hotel.

Led by: Jennifer Stevens
Public Historian, Ph.D. Candidate, UC Davis

WATERING THE MOUNTAIN DESERT
(Estimated total driving time: 1 hour 30 minutes)

Boise, Idaho sits at the edge of both irrigated desert and snow-capped mountains. Diverse crops bloom on the desert only because dams store and canals deliver water from the mountains north of the city. Since the modern federal reclamation era began early in the 20th century, Boise has been the administrative, engineering, financial, and legal center for the irrigation network connecting the Snake River Basin to the Rocky Mountains. Spend an afternoon with Diana Cross of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Kevin Lewis of Idaho Rivers United, touring the area’s most significant dams to learn how stored water transformed the region. Retrace Wallace Stegner’s footsteps in the Boise Canyon! Learn how the Army built a Greenbelt at Lucky Peak! See why Teddy Roosevelt shouted “Bully!” at Diversion. This trip will include several hours outdoors in the mountains above Boise. Come prepared for inclement weather.

Led by: Karl Brooks, University of Kansas
Boise native and Northwest dams/power/water/legal historian

BOISE CITY AND GREENBELT WALKING TOUR
(No driving time – plenty of hoof time!)

On a steppe at the foot of the Rockies, at the intersection between the Oregon Trail and the road to the Idaho gold rush, Boiseans built, demolished, and rebuilt a stately City of Trees. Our tour begins with the geography of the city in its natural setting. Founded in 1863, the city commanded a chiseled volcanic basin. Nomadic Shoshone Bannocks had camped near the future city for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years. Sandstone from a nearby mesa and water from the forested river made Boise an “Athens” of marble, redbrick, and brownstone, a commercial hub with electric trolleys and arching shade trees, a tourist Mecca with hot-water spas. By the 1960s, however, the city was in rapid decay. Many of the grandest buildings fell to urban renewal, but boom times in the 1990s and the spread of historic districts saved key architectural landmarks. Respect for the past inspires the pride and creative spirit remaking the city today.

Stops include the Idaho Capitol Building, old Main Street, the Egyptian Theater, the Basque boarding house district, Bar Gernika, the old railroad warehouse district, and the Boise River Greenbelt.

Led by: Todd Shallat, Boise State University
Director of the Center for Idaho History and Politics and author of Ethnic Landmarks: Ten Historic Places That Define the City of Trees.

BIRDING AT THE SNAKE RIVER BIRDS OF PREY NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA
(Estimated total driving time: 1 hour, 30 minutes)

The Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area has the greatest concentration of nesting raptors in North America. It covers over 600,000 acres along 81 miles of the Snake River. Enjoy an afternoon of birding with one of Boise State University’s top experts in raptor biology and take in the sublime scenery of the Snake River valley. A quick stop at the World Center for Birds of Prey may be included.

Led by: Greg Kaltenecker, Idaho Bird Observatory Director
PRESERVING HISTORY, RESTORING ECOLOGY: IDAHO CITY MINING  
(Estimated total driving time: 2 hours)

What do you do with 140-year old mine tailings? Is it more important to preserve the historic and cultural artifacts, or restore the landscape and the local ecology? In 1862 gold was discovered in the Boise Basin, bringing over 6,000 individuals to the area by 1863 (making Idaho City the largest city in the Northwest). This tour will take you into the heart of the area’s historic mining district and the site of concerted efforts of ecological restoration. Discussions of mining, miners (including the large numbers of Chinese who represented over 50 percent of the county population), and the industry’s environmental legacy for Idaho will be the focus of the tour.

This trip will include several hours outdoors in the mountains above Boise. Come prepared for inclement weather.

Led by: Susie Osgood  
Boise National Forest Heritage Director

URBAN FORESTRY IN THE CITY OF TREES  
(Estimated driving time: 10 Minutes – and plenty of walking)

Join Boise City Forester Brian Jorgenson on a tour exploring Boise’s urban forest history, tree canopy impacts on the community (both environmental and social), the state of national urban forests, the wildland-urban interface, and how other cities can learn and benefit from Boise’s example as a “City of Trees.” The tour will include visits to Boise’s North and East End, Municipal Park, the city tree nursery, and the foothills. The transportation time will include a short bus ride and continue on foot through the city. Please wear sturdy shoes and plan for unpredictable March weather.

Led by: Brian Jorgenson  
Boise City Forester, Boise Parks & Recreation Department

2008 ASEH Travel Grant Recipients

ASEH congratulates recipients of the conference travel grant awards:

- E.V. and Nancy Melosi Grant  
  Jenny Clayton

- John Wirth Grant  
  Dolly Jørgensen

- Ellen Swallow Richards Grant  
  Lori Messenger

- J. Donald Hughes Grant  
  Seth Murray

- Morgan and Jeanie Sherwood Grant  
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  Frederico Paolini

- Donald Worster Grant  
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  Finn Jørgensen
  Merritt McKinney
  Sarah Payne

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  Benny Andrés

- National Park Service
  Etienne Benson
  Patricia Biggs-Cornelius
  Stephanie Fuglaar
  Lisa Johnson
  Geoff Kelley
  Michael Lehman
  Catherine McNeur
  Nicolaas Mink
  Bob Reinhardt
  Sarah Thomas
  David Tomblin
  Michael Wise
Workshops

**Wednesday, March 12, 7:30am – 4:30pm**

**National Interagency Fire Center**

**No Longer on the Fringe: The Wildland Urban Interface as History**

*Sponsored by the Joint Fire Science Program, U.S. Forest Service, and National Interagency Fire Center*

Boise hosts the nation’s logistical center for wildland fire fighting. This full-day workshop prior to the conference provides an opportunity to hear from a panel of prestigious scholars on the issues of the wildland-urban interface and to tour the National Interagency Fire Center. For details, see page 13.

Free of charge, but pre-registration is required and space is limited. To register, email Lisa Mighetto, director@aseh.net.

**Friday, March 14, 8:30am – 12:00pm**

**Idaho Water Center**

**Using GIS for Environmental History**

*Sponsored by Bionomics Environmental, Inc.*

Geography and spatial analysis have always been essential tools in the study of environmental history. Geographical Information Systems software stands at the cutting edge of spatial analysis and represents a growing interest among historians worldwide. In this hands-on session, participants will be able to use GIS software themselves to investigate historical questions about changing land use patterns, using established datasets. Presentations and instructional support will be offered by historians and geographers with extensive experience in using GIS to study environmental history. No prior GIS experience is required to register for this workshop, yet participants will leave with rich, practical experience and useful materials to continue their development in this exciting frontier in historical research.

Leaders of the workshop represent a wealth of interdisciplinary experience:

Keith Weber is director of the award-winning GIS Training and Research Center at Idaho State University. He will help to instruct students on the capabilities of GIS and opportunities for research.

The workshop will be held at University of Idaho facilities in the Idaho Water Center (322 E. Front St.). This site is 6 blocks east of The Grove Hotel on Front Street, a 12-minute walk. Shuttle vans will be available at The Grove Hotel beginning at 8:00am for transportation to the workshop. Vans will return to the hotel by 12:00pm to allow participants time to prepare for field trips.

The workshop is free, but registration is required and space is limited. To register, please mark the appropriate box on the registration form.

For questions, contact Kevin Marsh, Idaho State University (marskevi@isu.edu).

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**Special events**

**Thursday, March 13, 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

**Basque Cultural Center, 601 Grove Street**

**Climate Science and Environmental History**

*Sponsored by the Boise State University Office of Research and the Idaho State University Cultural Affairs Council*

- What is the role of the humanities in confronting climate change?

To help discuss this and other questions on the interactions between climate science and environmental history, two eminent, interdisciplinary scholars of climate change present their ideas and lead an interactive discussion with conference participants.

Stephen H. Schneider is a renowned climatologist and frequently cited authority in global discussions of climate change. He is a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and a Senior Fellow at the Center for Science and Policy of the Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. A member of the National Academy of Sciences and MacArthur Fellow, Dr. Schneider has worked on climate change issues for several decades. In 1975, he founded the interdisciplinary journal Climate Change, and he continues to serve as its editor.

Patricia Romero-Lankao is Deputy Director of the Institute for the Study of Society and the Environment at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado. She is also professor of social and political sciences at the Autonomous Metropolitan University.
in Mexico City. Her own research focuses on the analysis of global, national and regional interactions between climate change, urban development, water use, and political and economic reforms. Earlier this month, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute recognized Dr. Romero-Lankao with a Latina Leader Award for her outstanding contributions to science and the Latina community. She was a co-lead author of a chapter on “Industry, Settlement and Society,” published as part of the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Nancy Langston, president of ASEH and professor in the Department of Forest Ecology and Management and the Nelson Institute of Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin, will serve as moderator of this session. Her article on this topic in the Fall 2007 ASEH Newsletter is a good starting point for the evening’s discussion.

The Basque Cultural Center is located one block east of the Grove Hotel, on the corner of Grove Street and 6th Ave.

**Fundraiser**

*Thursday March 13, 7:00pm – 9:30pm*

**Basque Cultural Center, 601 Grove Street**

**Basque Jaia**

The annual ASEH fundraiser will feature food and live music from the Basque country, a region with deep historical roots for many families in Idaho. Please join the festivities following the plenary session and savor the paella. All proceeds go toward ASEH Travel Grant Ongi Etorri!

**Receptions**

*Wednesday, March 12, 6:30pm – 8:00pm*

**Flying Hawk**

**Opening Reception**

*Friday, March 14, 5:30pm – 6:30pm*

**Idaho State Historical Museum, 610 N. Julia Davis Dr.**

**Graduate Student Reception**

Students need only to walk a few blocks south to step into Idaho’s past and enjoy local beers and good food. Admission is free for conference registrants.

Directions: From the front of the Grove Hotel, cross Capitol Blvd., then turn right, walking south along Capitol. Four blocks down, the museum is on the left at the entrance to Julia Davis Park.

**Saturday, March 15, 6:30pm – 7:00pm**

**Flying Hawk**

**Reception and Raffle**

All are welcome to join the concluding reception of the conference. Raffle tickets—available for purchase upon registration and throughout the conference—will be selected for a variety of valuable prizes. The grand prize is an original drawing, “What Lies Beneath,” by Boise artist Martin Wilke. You must be present to win. A no-host bar will be available.

**Keynote Banquet and ASEH Awards**

*Saturday, March 15, 7:00pm – 9:30pm*

**Flying Hawk**

**The Last Fish Tale**

_Mark Kurlansky_

Mark Kurlansky’s multiple interests and accomplishments in environmental history, food history, and Basque history make him an ideal speaker for the ASEH banquet in Boise. He is well-known for his popular books on environmental history: _Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World, Salt: A World History_, and, most recently, _The Big Oyster: History on the Half Shell_. He has written for _The New York Times Magazine, Harper’s, The International Herald Tribune_, and _Partisan Review_. Mr. Kurlansky is also the author of numerous additional books, including _The Basque History of the World_ and _The Chosen Few: The Resurrection of European Jewry_.

Mr. Kurlansky’s visit is sponsored in part by the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, the Idaho Humanities Council, and the National Park Service.

**Awards:**

_**George Perkins Marsh Prize for the best book in environmental history**_

_**Alice Hamilton Prize for the best article outside Environmental History**_

_**Rachel Carson Prize for the best dissertation in environmental history**_

_**Leopold-Hidy Prize for the best article in Environmental History**_
Poster Presentations

Posters will be on display throughout the conference in the Falcons Room. Poster presentation sessions for discussion with authors will be Thursday, 3:00pm – 3:30pm and Saturday, 10:00am – 10:30am.

Elizabeth Blum, Troy University
“Dark at the End of the Tunnel: The American Light Pollution Reform Movement, 1970-2005”

Jakob Calice, Leeds Metropolitan University

Tamara Caulkins, Central Washington University
“Science, Art, and the Perception of Nature: Maria Sybilla Merian and Alexander von Humboldt in the New World”

Jessie Embry, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University
“Uses of the Bonneville Salt Flats: Recreation vs. Mining”

Cody Ferguson, Arizona State University
“Wet and Wild: The Designation of Three Unlikely Wilderness Areas in Central Arizona in 1984”

Stephanie Fuglaar, University of Houston
“The Streetcar in Houston, Texas: Transforming Land and Energy Use”

Elizabeth Kiddy, Albright College
“The Brazilian Mississippi: The São Francisco River in Nineteenth Century Brazil”

Shana Loshbaugh, University of Alaska, Fairbanks
“Booms, Busts and Building on the Frontier: How Have Historical Forces and Land Use Interacted on the Kenai Peninsula, Alaska?”

Stacy Lundgren, US Forest Service
“Proving Up and Pulling Out: Repercussions of the 1906 Forest Homestead Act in Southwestern Oregon”

Gregory H. Maddox, Texas Southern University
“Debating DDT: Environmental History and the Drive to Resume DDT Spraying in East Africa”

Joxe Mallea-Olaetxe, Center for Basque Studies, University of Nevada, Reno
“History Bites the Dust: Arborglyphs, Aspens, and Environmental Change”

Stephen R. Mark, National Park Service
“One Big State Park: Two Centuries of Shifting Visions for the Oregon Coast”

Hope Matthews, Culture & Heritage Museums, South Carolina
“From Environmental History to Sustainability-Museum Visitor Perceptions of Landscapes and Sustainability”

Aaron Miller, Miami University
“Human Agency at Bat: 19th Century Sports as a Conservation Movement”

Brian Payne, Old Dominion University
“Policing a National Fishery in an International Environment: Conflicts in the North Atlantic, 1870-1900”

Nathan Hamilton, University of Southern Maine, and Robert Sanford, University of Southern Maine
“Archaeological Documentation of Change in a Mixed Racial Community of the 19th Century, Subsisting at the Poverty Level, on Malaga Island off the Coast of Maine”

Jim Senter, Independent Scholar
“Challenge and Transformation: The Depression Era on North Carolina’s Outer Banks”

Ken Zontek, Yakima Valley Community College
“Native Bison Stewardship: History vs. Contemporary Conservation”

Abigail Schade, Columbia University
“Retrospect and Prospect: Long-term Environmental Change and Adapting to Aridity in Ancient and Medieval Mediterranean and Iran”

Carolyn Merchant, University of California, Berkeley
“The Russian Sea Otter Trade in North America”

Jesse Gryn, McGill University
“The Expo 67 Shadfly Project”
Wednesday, March 12
Registration Desk Open, 7:30am – 8:00pm, South Hall

Workshop:
7:30am – 4:30pm
National Interagency Fire Center, Boise, Idaho
No Longer on the Fringe: The Wildland Urban Interface as History
Sponsored by the Joint Fire Science Program, U.S. Forest Service, and National Interagency Fire Center

For almost twenty years the problem of settlements intermixing with wildlands has dominated the attention of the wildland fire community. This one-day workshop will take place on the first day of ASEH’s 2008 conference in Boise, and will bring together historians, scientists, journalists, and policy makers to review the history of the “wildland/urban interface” and explore ways to understand it better.

The morning session will include the following speakers:
• Stephen Pyne, Arizona State University
• Patricia Limerick, Center of the American West, University of Colorado
• Jack Cohen, USFS Fire Sciences Laboratory, Missoula
• Mark Tebeau, Cleveland State University
• Rocky Barker, Idaho Statesman
• Mark Neuzil, University of St. Thomas
• William Somers, College of Science, George Mason University

Lunch is included.

In the afternoon, we will tour the National Interagency Fire Center, which includes the BLM base for smoke jumpers (firefighters transported to fires by planes and parachutes) and the Wildland Firefighters Monument.

Buses will leave from Front Street on the south side of The Grove Hotel for the National Interagency Fire Center at 7:30 a.m. A later bus may be available for people interested in the afternoon tour only. During the late afternoon, buses will return all participants from the National Interagency Fire Center to the hotel.

Admission is free, but space is limited. To sign up, please contact director@aseh.net, and let us know your preference: morning sessions, afternoon tour, or both.

6:30pm – 8:00pm
Flying Hawk Opening Reception
Hosted by:
• Dr. Bob Kustra, President
  Boise State University
• Dr. Arthur Vailas, President
  Idaho State University
• Dr. Timothy White, President
  University of Idaho

Buffet and a no-host bar will be available.

ASEH is able to offer this reception free of charge due to the generous sponsorship provided by the presidents of our three host institutions. We gratefully acknowledge their support.
Concurrent Sessions I
8:30am – 10:00am

Panel I.a. - Ponderosa Pines
Having Our Cake and Eating It, Too: A Roundtable on Food’s Place in Environmental History
Chair: Robert Chester, Sacramento City College
- Nicolaas Mink, University of Wisconsin
- Jane Dusselier, University of Maryland
- Nancy Shoemaker, University of Connecticut

Panel I.b. - Willows
Negotiating Power and Defining Place on North American Waterscapes
Chair: Ellen Stroud, Bryn Mawr College
- Bob H. Reinhardt, University of California, Davis, “Marginal Spaces, Drowned Places: The Differing Fates of Columbia River Communities in the 1950s”
- Niklas F. Robinson, Delaware State University, “Revolutionizing the Grijalva: The Politics of Water Management in Chiapas, 1951-1974”
- Kimberly S. Little, University of Central Arkansas, “The Cossatot’s Competing Communities: Dam Controversy in the 1960s and 1970s”

Panel I.c. - Douglas Firs South
Managing the New West: Contested Values of Place
Chair: Dan Flores, University of Montana
- Lucy Diekmann, University of California, Berkeley, “When Natural Resources are Cultural Resources Too: Management Challenges in the Yurok Forest”
- April R. Summitt, Arizona State University, “The Colorado River: Metropolitan Culture and Water Demands in the American Southwest”
- Caryl Hart, University of California, Berkeley, “Climate Change and California State Parks: Renewable Energy vs. Parkland Protection in Anza Borrego Desert State Park”

Panel I.d. - Douglas Firs
Climate Change and Methodology in Canadian History
Chair: William J. Turkel, University of Western Ontario
- D.J. (Dave) Sauchyn, University of Regina, “Tree Rings as a Source of Environmental History”
- James Daschuk, University of Regina and First Nations University of Canada, “Horses, Climate and War on the Northern Great Plains, 1800-1880”
- Liza Piper, University of Alberta, “Weathering Colonization in Canada’s North, 1870-1940”
Panel I.e. - Payette River
Roundtable: The Yellowstone Fires of 1988 Reconsidered
Chair: Mark Harvey, North Dakota State University
- Stephen J. Pyne, Arizona State University
- Rocky Barker, Idaho Statesman
- John Varley, Montana State University

Panel I.f. - Salmon River
Roundtable: Tradeoffs and Compromises (I): Environmental Historians in Environmental Studies Programs—Pedagogy
Chair: Laura A. Watt, Sonoma State University
- Christopher W. Wells, Macalester College
- James Morton Turner, Wellesley College
- John Hausdoerffer, Western State College
- Jim Feldman, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

Panel I.g. - Snake River
Roundtable: Elsewhere: Towards an Environmental History of Modern Migrations.
Chair: Linda Nash, University of Washington
- Marco Armiero, Stanford University
- Mike Davis, University of California, Irvine
- Patricia Limerick, Center of the American West
- Gunther Peck, Duke University
- Angus Wright, California State University, Sacramento

Panel I.h. - Cottonwoods
Nature and Culture: Birds and People
Chair: Shepard Krech III, Brown University
- Albert G. Way, University of Georgia, “Exploring the Bobwhite Quail in American Conservation Thought and Practice”
- Gregory Nobles, Georgia Institute of Technology, “Common People, Common Knowledge: The Folkbiology of Birds in Audubon’s America”
- Coll Thrush, University of British Columbia, “Encounter is the Thing with Feathers: Three Bird Stories from the Early Northwest Coast”
- Shepard Krech III, Brown University, “Augural, Powerful, and Dangerous Owls in the Indigenous American South”
Concurrent Sessions II
10:30am – 12:00pm

Panel II.a. - Willows
When Wild Isn’t Wild Anymore: Negotiating the Boundaries between Humans and the Wild, 1950-Present
Chair: Sara Dant, Weber State University
- Finn Arne Jørgensen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, “Are You Really in the Wild When You Have an Espresso Machine in Your Cabin?”
- Magi McEntire, University of Central Arkansas, “Community Response to Chemical Weapons Storage and Disposal at the Pine Bluff Arsenal: 1960 to 2007”

Panel II.b. - Snake River
Water, Region, and Nation: The Place of Dams in American Environmentalism
Chair: Donald C. Jackson, Lafayette College
- Robert Lifset, University of Houston, “They’re Going to Crucify You! Storm King and the Struggle Within a Divided Environmental Community”
- Susan L. Flader, University of Missouri, Columbia, “Missouri’s Taum Sauk Reservoir: Then and Now”
- Roxanne Willis, Harvard University, “Alaska Submerged: The Rampart Dam Controversy”

Panel II.c. - Douglas Firs
Religion, Land, and Landscape: International Perspectives
Chair: Thomas Dunlap, Texas A&M University
- Ellen F. Arnold, Macalester College, “The Creation of Religious Landscapes in the Middle Ages”
- John Mathew, Harvard University, “A Comparative Perspective on Select Sacred Groves in South Asia as Sites of Biological Conservation”
- Scott Burkhardt, University of Wisconsin, Madison, “The Earth is the Lord’s: Soil Stewardship Sundays during the 1950s-1970s”
- Mark Stoll, Texas Tech University, “Hispanic Catholics and the Land and Landscape: Implications for Environmentalism”

Panel II.d. - Douglas Firs South
Reds, Fire, and Videotape: The Intersection of Environmental Biography and U.S. Forest Service History
Chair: James G. Lewis, Forest History Society
- Char Miller, Trinity University, “Red Woods: Forester Raphael Zon and the Socialist Moment”
- Lori Messenger, Independent Scholar, “Red Stars’ over Missoula: Rediscovering the Forest Service’s First All-Women’s Fighting Crew”
- Steve Dunsky, U.S. Forest Service, and Dave Steinke, U.S. Forest Service, “Green Fire’ on Film: New Social Media and Forest Service Biography”

Comment: Donald C. Jackson, Lafayette College
Panel II.e. - Ponderosa Pines
Changing Approaches to U.S. Soils: Governments, Immigrants, and Scientists from the Great Plains to California
Chair: Andrew Duffin, Western Kentucky University
- Linda Ivey, California State University, East Bay, “Demonstrating the New Deal: Government Programs and Agrarian Autonomy in California Soil Conservation”
- Fridolin Krausmann, University of Klagenfurt, and Geoff Cunfer, University of Saskatchewan, “Mining or Maintaining Soil Fertility? Agricultural Practice in the Old and New World”

Panel II.f. - Salmon River
Roundtable: Tradeoffs and Compromises (II): Environmental Historians in Environmental Studies Programs—Institutional Setting
Chair: Lynne Heasley, Western Michigan University
- Laura A. Watt, Sonoma State University
- Michael Lewis, Salisbury University
- Kent Curtis, Eckerd College
- Steven H. Corey, Worcester State College

Panel II.g. - Cottonwoods
Shaping the Culture of Petroleum: International Models
Chair: Brian Black, Penn State University, Altoona
- Alison Frank, Harvard University, “Austrian Expansionist Practices Duel with Standard Oil, 1911”
- Stephen Cote, University of California, Davis, “Shaping Nature and Nation: Bolivia’s Oil and Standard Oil”
- Anna Zalik, York University, “Reconfiguring the ‘Landlord’ – The Struggle over Petroleum Revenues Historically and Comparatively”
Comment: Myrna Santiago, St. Mary’s College of California

Panel II.h. - Payette River
Animals in the City
Chair: Marty Melosi, University of Houston
- Dolly Jørgensen, University of Virginia, “‘The Foule Corrupcion that Cometh of Thym’: The Environment and Urban Livestock in Late Medieval England”
- Catherine McNeur, Yale University, “The ‘Swinish Multitude’: Controversies over Hogs in Nineteenth-Century New York City”
- Joel A. Tarr, Carnegie Mellon University, and Clay McShane, Northeastern University, “Energy Transitions: From Horse Powers [sic] to Horse Power in the 19th and 20th Centuries”
- Edmund Russell, University of Virginia, “Urban Evolution: Dogs in English Cities in the 19th Century”
Concurrent Sessions III
1:30pm – 3:00pm

Panel III.a - Payette River
The Reel Dust Bowl: Roundtable on The Plow that Broke the Plains and the Role of Film in Environmental History
Chair: Mark Madison, National Conservation Training Center
• Donald Worster, University of Kansas
• Gregg Mitman, University of Wisconsin, Madison
• Finis Dunaway, Trent University

Panel III.b - Willows
Drawing the Boundaries of Environmental versus Political Regions
Chair: Kairn Klieman, University of Houston
• Brian Caton, Luther College, “‘The Scene of Gigantic Undertakings’: Political Imagination and Environmental Change in the Creation of Lyallpur District, Punjab”
• Richard Mtisi, Luther College, “Let the Border Lines be Drawn’: Game Reserves and the Anglo-Portuguese Border in Mozambique and Zimbabwe”
• Tim Sedo, University of British Columbia, “Hydro-Bureaucracy’ and ‘Environmental Jurisdiction’ in Late Imperial China: Redefining the Boundaries in Henan’s Linzhang County”

Panel III.c - Douglas Firs
Grasslands, Dams, and Highways: Regions, People, and Infrastructure under Development in Tibetan Areas of China, 1980-2005
Chair: David Pietz, Washington State University
• Jack Patrick Hayes, University of British Columbia, “From Poverty Alleviation to Environmental Protectionism: Highways, Herding and Grasslands under Xibudakaifa in Sichuan”
• Tashi Tsering, University of British Columbia, “Constructs of Dams and Tibetans: The Chinese Water-Industrial Complex, Politics, and Local Tibetans in Hydropower Politics”
Comment: Emily Yeh, University of Colorado

Panel III.d - Snake River
Deep Time Science, Pacific Northwest Forests, and Climate
Chair: Lorne F. Hammond, Royal British Columbia Museum
• Rolf W. Mathewes, Simon Fraser University, “Environmental Changes and Their Connections to Prehistoric Cultures in Coastal Rainforests of British Columbia”
• Jen Pierce, Boise State University, “Climate and Microclimate: Idaho Field Studies”
• Daniel Gavin, University of Oregon, “Assembling the Biota of Northern Idaho: Separate Lines of Evidence from Paleoclimatology, Genetics, and Climate Models”

Thursday, March 13
Registration Desk Open, 8:00am – 8:00pm, South Hall
Exhibits and Posters Open, 8:00am – 5:00pm, Falcons

Lunch Break: 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Specialty Discussion Lunches:
Forest History Society, Ponderosa Pines South
EnviroTech, Willows South
Panel III.e - Ponderosa Pines
Food Out of Bounds: Environmental Risks and Imperfect Governance in the History of Global Food Networks
Chair: Sara M. Gregg, Iowa State University
• Kelly Feltault, American University, “The Science of Quality: Seafood, Regulatory Science, and Environmental Adulteration”
• Diana Mincyte, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, “The Practice and Politics of Raw Milk Consumption in Soviet Lithuania”
• Jenny Leigh Smith, Yale University, “Radioactive Reindeer: Exposure, Damage Control and Spin in Russia and Sweden, 1950-1990”
Comment: Nancy Langston, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Panel III.f - Salmon River
Congratulations on Your Dissertation, Now Rewrite It! A Publications Committee Roundtable on Turning Dissertations into Book Manuscripts
Chair: Joseph E. Taylor III, Simon Fraser University
• Andrew Berzanskis, University of Georgia Press
• Mary Elizabeth Braun, Oregon State University Press
• John R. McNeill, Studies in Environment and History, Cambridge University Press
• Cynthia Miller, University of Pittsburgh Press

Panel III.g - Cottonwoods
Shaping the Culture of Petroleum: U.S. Models
Chair: Brian Black, Penn State University, Altoona
• T. E. Walker, University of Texas, Austin, “Crafting the Corporate Image: Mobil Corporation’s Approach to Environmental Issues during the Cold War”
• Shane Hamilton, University of Georgia, "Choke on My Smoke! American Truckers and Populist Petro-Culture in an Age of Limits"
• Andrew Wayne Franklin, University of Oklahoma, “CITGO confronts Regulation Culture, 1920s-1930s”
Comment: Nancy Quam-Wickham, California State University, Long Beach

Panel III.h - Douglas Firs South
Saving Species and Saving Artifacts: Naturalism, Nationalism, and Preservation during the Emergence of Modern America
Chair: Jeremy Vetter, Dickinson College
• Megan Raby, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “Birdskins are Capital: Western Expansion and the Geography of Nineteenth-Century American Ornithological Collection”
• Robert Gilmer, University of Minnesota, “Snail Darters and the Cold War: The New Right and Endangered Species during the 1970s”
• Michael Wise, University of Minnesota, ‘Five Minutes’ Work’: Killing, Photographing, and Preserving Bison on the Montana Range”
Comment: Jeremy Vetter, Dickinson College
Thursday, March 13
Registration Desk Open, 8:00am – 8:00pm, South Hall
Exhibits and Posters Open, 8:00am – 5:00pm, Falcons

Concurrent Sessions IV
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Afternoon Break & Poster Presentations: 3:00pm – 3:30pm, Falcons

Panel IV.a - Douglas Firs
“Marketing the Sublime?” Global Tourism, Outdoor Recreation, and Commercial Imagination
Chair: Annie Gilbert Coleman, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

• Erik Solberg, University of Utah. “Warning: Unsafe Without Expert Instruction’: Mountain-engineering, Outdoor Retail, and Shifting Patterns of Knowledge in Utah’s Wasatch Mountains, ca. 1940-2007”
• Lisa Powell, University of Texas, Austin, “Stop for the Night or Spend the Day? Entertainment and Outdoor Recreation in Gateway Communities to Joshua Tree and Great Smoky Mountains National Parks”
• Andrew McGee, University of Virginia, “Prosperity on the Horizon: Corporate Images of Landscape and Depression in Fortune Magazine, 1930 – 1940”

Comment: Lawrence Culver, Utah State University

Panel IV.b - Payette River
New Perspectives on a Formative Period of American Environmentalism
Chair: Adam Rome, Pennsylvania State University

• Robin Schulze, Pennsylvania State University, “Nature Study and the Quest for National Hygiene”
• Mark Hersey, University of Kansas, “Scientific Agriculture and the Roots of Ecology”
• Joanna Dyl, University of South Florida, “Disaster as Opportunity? Urban Reform in Progressive-Era San Francisco”

Panel IV.c - Cottonwoods
Ecosystem Management: Reinterpreting Nature, Science, and Politics
Chair: Kevin Marsh, Idaho State University

• James R. Skillen, Valparaiso University, “Ecosystem Management: The Ecology and Politics of Flux”
• John Freemuth, Boise State University, “Whatever Happened to Ecosystem Management?”
• R. McGregor Cawley, University of Wyoming, “The Ghost of Teleos: A Sidebar About the Science and Politics of Ecosystems”

Comment: Paul W. Hirt, Arizona State University

Panel IV.d - Douglas Firs South
Unpredictable Climates: Weather and Agency in Contemporary French History
Chair: Peter Coates, University of Bristol

• Chris Pearson, University of Bristol, “Weathering the Occupation: Climate and Agency in Wartime France, 1940-44”
• Tamara L. Whited, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, “The Storms of ’99: Hurricanes, Forest Management, and the Fate of 300 Million Trees”
Panel IV.e - Willows
Colonial Soils in the Contested Space of Economy and Politics
Chair: Mart Stewart, Western Washington University
• Verena Winiwarter, University of Klagenfurt, and Rogério Ribeiro de Oliveira, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, “Colonial Encounters with the Land: Explorers and Agriculturalists (Mis-)Interpreting Tropical Soils in Colonial Brazil”
• Bradley Skopyk, York University, “The Benefits and Benefactors of Soil Erosion in Colonial Tlaxcala, Mexico (New Spain)”
• William I. Woods, University of Kansas, “Why Are There No Virgins in the Counterfeit Paradise?”

Panel IV.f - Salmon River
Roundtable: Teaching Environmental History in the Field
Chair: Graeme Wynn, University of British Columbia
• Peter Alagona, Harvard University
• Brian Donahue, Brandeis University
• Lynne Heasley, Western Michigan University
• Gregory Simon, Stanford University

Panel IV.g - Snake River
Southern Landscapes: African Americans as Agents of Change
Chair: Mark Stoll, Texas Tech University
• Hayden R. Smith, University of Georgia, “Watersheds of Change: Lowcountry Inland Rice Agriculture from 1700 to 1800”
• Merritt McKinney, Rice University, “An Arcadia of their Own: African Americans, TVA, and Nature in East Tennessee”
• KC Bloom, University of Georgia, “The Evolution of a System: A Tale of Two Traditionally African American State Parks in Tennessee”

Panel IV.h - Ponderosa Pines
The Agency of Animals and Humans: Horses, Fishes, Bears, Geese, and People
Chair: Harriet Ritvo, MIT
• Frederick L. Brown, University of Washington, “Runaway Horses: Animal Agency on the Streets of Seattle, 1880-1930”
• David Nesheim, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, “The Murky Waters of Non-Human Colonization: Carp, Bass, and the Shifting Sands of Lake Andes, South Dakota”
• Lincoln Bramwell, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, “‘Boomer’ and the ‘Coffee Creamer Bear’: Residential Development and Animal Interactions in the Rural Rocky Mountain West”
• Jeffrey C. Sanders, Washington State University, “Why Can’t They Go Back Where They Came From?: Unintended Consequences of Geese and Human Agency in Seattle, 1960-1990”

Plenary Session: Climate Science and Environmental History
Basque Cultural Center, 601 Grove Street, 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Moderator: Nancy Langston, University of Wisconsin and ASEH President
Stephen Schneider, Stanford University
Patricia Romero-Lankao, National Center for Atmospheric Research

Basque Jaia Fundraiser and Dinner
Basque Cultural Center, 7:00pm – 9:30pm
Basque musicians and food, catered by the Basque Market
All proceeds go towards ASEH Travel Grants
Concurrent Sessions V
8:30am – 10:00am

Friday, March 14
Registration Desk Open, 8:00am – 5:00pm, South Hall
Exhibits and Posters Open, 8:00am – 12:00pm, Falcons

Workshop: Using Geographic Information Systems for Environmental History
8:30am – 12:00pm, Idaho Water Center, 322 E. Front Street
Speakers:
Keith Weber, GIS Training and Research Center, Idaho State University
Keith Rice, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
Geoff Cunfer, University of Saskatchewan
Sally Hermansen, University of British Columbia
Sarah Hinman, Idaho State University

Panel V.a - Douglas Firs
The Shifting Good of National Parks
Chair: Marguerite Shaffer, Miami University, Ohio
- Yves Figueiredo, Université Paris-Sorbonne, “Conflicting Interests and the Quest for the Common Good: Reassessing the Hetch Hetchy Crisis”
- Lary Dilsaver, University of South Alabama, “Altered Place Perception and the End of Mining in California’s Desert National Parks”
- Peter Blandgett, Huntington Library, “Landscapes of Leisure: The National Conference on Outdoor Recreation and the Development of the National Parks 1920-1933”
- Terence Young, California State Polytechnic University, “Liberalizing Local Society: W.J. Trent, Jr., and the Fight to Desegregate National Park Campgrounds”

Panel V.b - Cottonwoods
Chair: David C. Tomblin, Virginia Tech
- Patricia Biggs-Cornelius, Arizona State University, “Hopi: Land of Katsinas, Corn, and Coal”

Panel V.c - Salmon River
Climate as Cause and Consequence of Change
Chair: Douglas Weiner, University of Arizona
- Anya Zilberstein, MIT/Concordia University, “The Disadvantages of a Northern Climate: Natural History and the Geography of Empire in 18th Century Northern British America”
- Kuang-chi Hung, Harvard University, “The Beetle Effect: Climate Change, Pest Attacks and the Japanese Empire in Northeastern Asia”
- Matthew V. Bender, The College of New Jersey, “It is God’s Will, and Also Deforestation: Considering the Locality in the Disappearance of Kilimanjaro’s Glaciers”

Panel V.d - Douglas Firs South
Basque Environmental History
Chair: John Bieter, Boise State University
- D. Seth Murray, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Enduring Conflicts and Cooperation: The Historical Ecology of Change in Basque Agriculture”
- Michael Baldrica, U.S. Forest Service, “Cultural Preservation of Basque Sheep Camps in the Sierras”
- Amahia Mallea, Drake University, “Forrest Gump was Basque: Prospects for Basque Environmental History”
Panel V.e - Payette River
Environmental Justice along the Mexico-U.S. Border
Chair: Mart Stewart, Western Washington University
• Stephen P. Mumme, Colorado State University, “From Equitable Utilization to Sustainable Development: Advancing Equity in U.S.-Mexico Border Water Management”
• Benny Andrés, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, “Socio-Economic Mitigation from the Largest Agriculture to Urban Water Transfer in U.S. History: A Case Study from the Imperial Valley, California”
• Monique G. Lopez, Imperial Valley Residents for Health & Safety First, “PR, Politics, & People: One Community’s Journey Towards Justice”

Panel V.f - Snake River
Re-Inventing Property: Narratives and Practices of Appropriation of Natural Resources
Chair: Carolyn Merchant, University of California, Berkeley
• Stefania Barca, University of California, Berkeley, “Capitalism in an Italian Valley. The Appropriation of the Liri River, and its Narratives (1806-1860)”
• Nancy L. Peluso, University of California, Berkeley, “Rubber Rights, Rubber Erasures: Producing Territory and Identity in Indonesian Borneo”
• Myrna Santiago, St. Mary’s College of California, “Property, Interrupted: The Battles over Ownership in the Mexican Oil Industry, 1900-1938”

Panel V.g - Ponderosa Pines
Resource Conflict and Place-Making in the Urban Environments of Phoenix, Cape Cod, and Florence
Chair: Jeremy W. Hubbell, CUNY City College
• Federico Paolini, University of Siena, “Environmental Impact of Urbanization and Industrialization in the Greater Florence Area, 1945-1995”

Comment: Jeremy W. Hubbell, CUNY City College
Concurrent Sessions VI
10:30am – 12:00pm

Friday, March 14
Registration Desk Open, 8:00am – 5:00pm, South Hall
Exhibits and Posters Open, 8:00am – 12:00pm, Falcons

Morning Break: 10:00am – 10:30am, Falcons

Panel VI.a - Douglas Firs South
Backyard Wilderness: Local Conservation Politics in the US and Canada, 1900-1980
Chair: James Morton Turner, Wellesley College
- Jenny Clayton, University of Victoria, “Rural Participation in Establishing the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy in British Columbia, 1969-1974”
Comment: James Morton Turner, Wellesley College

Panel VI.b - Payette
Waterbusters: Viewing and Discussing a Documentary about Identity, Place, and the Impact of the Garrison Dam
Chair: Mary Elizabeth Braun, Oregon State University Press
- Paul VanDeVelder, Independent Journalist and Filmmaker

Panel VI.c - Salmon River
Teaching World History: A Roundtable Discussion
Chair: Kathleen A. Brosnan, University of Houston
- J. Donald Hughes, University of Denver
- John McNeill, Georgetown University
- Verena Winiwarter, University of Klagenfurt
- Kairn Klieman, University of Houston

Panel VI.d - Snake River
Roundtable: Food and Agriculture in Environmental History: Reactions to The Omnivore’s Dilemma
Chair: Michelle Steen-Adams, University of New England
- Sara M. Gregg, Iowa State University
- Jordan Kleiman, SUNY, Geneseo
- Deborah Fitzgerald, MIT
- James Pritchard, Iowa State University

Panel VI.e - Cottonwoods
Nature behind Barbed Wire: Environmental Histories of the Japanese American Internment
Chair: Neil Maher, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rutgers University
- Robert Wilson, Syracuse University, “Incarceration and Irrigation: Unearthing the Environmental History of Japanese American Internment”
- Connie Y. Chiang, Bowdoin College, “Sowing the Seeds of Resistance: Gardening at the Japanese American Internment Camps”
Comment: Mark Fiege, Colorado State University

Panel VI.f - Ponderosa Pines
Updating Nature Inc.: Modern Corporate Landscapes in Environmental History
Chair: Andrew Isenberg, Temple University
- Jonathan Wlasiuk, Case Western Reserve University, “River of Fire: Standard Oil and the Ecology of the Cuyahoga River”
- Joshua Palmer, Case Western Reserve University, “Trafficking Transistors: The Radiating Landscape of U.S. Electronics Manufacturing”
- Carol MacLellan, Michigan Technological University, “Hawai’i’s Industrialized Ecology: The Power of Corporate Sugar”
Panel VI.g - Willows
Integrating Applied Social Theory and Environmental History
Chair: Mark D. O. Adams, University of New England

- Nicholas Bauch, University of California, Los Angeles, “Explaining Theories of Nutrition and Health: Biological Knowledge, the Political Economy of American Agriculture, and the 1890s Kellogg Sanitarium”
- João Luiz Hoeffel, Universidade Sao Francisco, Brazil, “Urban Expansion, Tourism and Socioenvironmental Degradation: Influences of Metropolitan São Paulo in the Bragantina Region/SP, Brazil”

Panel VI.h - Douglas Firs
Constructing Forests: The Nature of Science, Technology, and Ideology in North American Timberlands
Chair: Nancy Langston, University of Wisconsin, Madison

- Robert Gardner, Montana State University, Bozeman, “Technological Timberlands: Making the Nebraska National Forest”
- Emily Brock, Georgia State University, “Permanent Forest: Industry, Wilderness and Scientific Forestry in the 1930s”
- Scott Prudham, University of Toronto, “Making Forests ‘Normal’: Sustained Yield, Improvement, and the Establishment of Globalist Forestry in British Columbia”

Comment: Nancy Langston, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Field Trips, 12:30 – 5:00pm.
See pages 8-9 for details.
Buses will pick up along Front Street on the south side of the Boise Centre on the Grove.

Graduate Student Reception
Idaho State Historical Museum, 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Catered by Table Rock Brewery.

Environmental History Editorial Board Meeting
Perch, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Concurrent Sessions VII
8:30am – 10:00am

Panel VII.a - Douglas Firs South
Wilderness and the National Parks: Complicated Legacies
Chair: Michael Lewis, Salisbury University
• Theodore Catton, University of Montana, “Arno B. Cammerer and Great Smoky Mountains National Park: A Complicated Legacy”
• Maria Reynolds, Loyola University, Chicago, “Interpreting Sagamore’s Ruins: The Debate over Non-Conforming Structures in Wilderness Landscapes”

Panel VII.b - Snake River
Corridors of Power (I): Rivers, Dams, and Postwar Politics after 1945: A Transatlantic Perspective
Chair: Karl Brooks, University of Kansas
• Kristiina Korjonen-Kuusipuro, Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland, “Damming the Vuoksi River: From Mythical River to Energy Production”
• Phil Van Huizen, University of British Columbia, “From a ‘Whopper’ to a ‘Green and Clean’ Development: Modernity, Environmentalism, and the Canadian-American Libby Dam Project”
• Viktor Pál, University of Tampere, Finland, “A Symbol of Prosperity and Environmental Danger: State-Socialism, Resistance and the Environmental History of the Gabèikovo-Nagymaros Barrage System in Czechoslovakia and Hungary after 1945”

Panel VII.c - Douglas Firs
Debating the Environmental Crisis: The Politics of Fear, Science, and Spectacle in Modern America
Chair: Maril Hazlett, Climate and Energy Project of the Land Institute
• Michael Egan, McMaster University, “Uncertainty: The Science of the Environmental Crisis”
• Thomas Robertson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, “The Making and Unmaking of an Environmental Crisis: Population Politics from the Late 1960s to the 1980s”
• Finis Dunaway, Trent University, “Framing the Energy Crisis: Visual Culture and Environmental Politics in 1970s America”
Comment: Maril Hazlett, Climate and Energy Project of the Land Institute

Panel VII.d - Willows
Roundtable: When Being Female Isn’t Enough: Using Gender as a Category of Analysis for Environmental Activism
Chair: Elizabeth D. Blum, Troy University
• Joanna Dean, Carleton University
• Jennifer A. Stevens, University of California, Davis
• Megan Jones, University of Delaware
• Lisa Margot Johnson, Carnegie Mellon University
Panel VII.e - Salmon River
Fighting with Mountains: Or Stories of Conflicts on the Top of the World
Chair: John McNeill, Georgetown University
- Marco Armiero, Stanford University, “By Bombs and Words: The Great War and the Remaking of the Alps”
- Christopher Conre, Utah State University, “Searching for Ecological Health and Resilience in the History of Conflict, Violence, and Peace in East Africa’s Highlands.”
- Antje Linkenbach, University of Canterbury, “Fighting for Futures: Local Responses to Political Marginalization, Resource Exploitation, and Conservation in the Indian and Nepal Himalayas”

Panel VII.f - Ponderosa Pines
Frogs, Dogs, and Knowledge Creation in South Africa
Chair: Nancy Jacobs, Brown University
- Lance van Sittert, University of Cape Town, “The Frog Pregnancy Test and Global Distribution of the South African Clawed Frog (Xenopus laevis) by the Jonkershoek Hatchery, Stellenbosch South Africa, 1941-1974”
- Elizabeth Green Musselman, Southwestern University, “Companion Animals as Producers of Natural Knowledge in Colonial Southern Africa”
- Jesmael Mataga, University of Lesotho, “Defying Boundaries: Exploring Themes in Regional Environmental History, Experiences from a Southern African University”

Panel VII.g - Payette River
Transnational Conservation: Perspectives on the History of Environmental Protection in the U.S.-Mexican Borderlands
Chair: Sterling Evans, Brandon University
- Emily Wakild, Wake Forest University, “International Agents for Change: U.S. and Mexican Federal Officials’ Proposals for Border Parks”
- Geoff Kelley, University of Georgia, “Participatory or Contested?: Transboundary Conservation along the Big Bend”

Comment: Charles C. Chester, Brandeis University

Panel VII.h - Cottonwoods
Roundtable: Reckoning with the City’s Multiple Environmental Histories—The Case of Philadelphia
Chair: Brian C. Black, Penn State University, Altoona
- Michael J. Chiarappa, Western Michigan University
- Ann Greene, University of Pennsylvania
- Elizabeth Milroy, Wesleyan University
- Anne Whiston Spirn, MIT
- Ellen Stroud, Bryn Mawr College
Concurrent Sessions VIII  
10:30am – 12:00pm

**Panel VIII.a - Salmon River**  
**You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman: Reproduction in the Postwar United States**  
*Chair: Douglas Sackman, University of Puget Sound*  
- Flannery Burke, California State University, Northridge, “Woman’s Pain, Woman’s Right”  
- Sarah Payne, University of New Mexico, “Nature in the Contraceptive Diaphragm: Connecting Bodies, Reproduction, and Environment”  
- Jennifer Seltz, Western Washington University, “Down on the Farm: The Nature of Natural Childbirth”  
*Comment: Douglas Sackman, University of Puget Sound*

**Panel VIII.b - Snake River**  
**Corridors of Power (II): Dams, Canals, and the Politics of Place**  
*Chair: Mark Harvey, North Dakota State University*  
- Marcus Hall, University of Utah, “Damming for Water-Tanks: Salvage Archaeology Along the Nile and Colorado”  
- Michael Kwas, University of Wisconsin, Madison, “The Key to the Harbor: Place-Making, Law, and the Transformation of Jones Island, 1853-1922”  
*Comment: James Sherow, Kansas State University*

**Panel VIII.c - Ponderosa Pines**  
**Agents of Change in Russian Environmental History**  
*Chair: Douglas Weiner, University of Arizona*  
- Stephen Brain, Mississippi State University, “Resisting Change in Revolutionary Times: Stalin’s Environmental Policy, 1929-1953”  
- Randall S. Dills, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, “And the Mountain Came to Us: Space, Memory and the Flood of 1824”  
- Ryan Jones, Columbia University, “Climate and Colonization in Kamchatka, 1742-1800”

**Panel VIII.d - Payette**  
**Horses, Bison, and a New Twist on Ecological Imperialism**  
*Chair: Geoff Cunfer, University of Saskatchewan*  
- John Harley Gow, University of Saskatchewan, “Did the Buffalo Roam Year-Round? A Biohistorical GIS of the Santa Fe Trail, 1800-1850”  
- Matthew Todd, University of Saskatchewan, “Environment as a Cause for Cattle Die-Offs in the American Southwest”  
- Sandra Swart, University of Stellenbosch, “A Horse of a Different Color? Comparative Socio-Environmental History of the Horse in North America and Southern Africa”  
*Comment: James Sherow, Kansas State University*
Panel VIII.e - Douglas Firs South
Energy, Narrative, and the Environment
Chair: James Longhurst, Muskingum College
- Andrew Needham, New York University, “Narrating Power in Postwar America: Writing Energy into the Consumer’s Republic”
- Bob Johnson, New College of Florida, “King Coal, Giant Power: Energy, Narrative, and the Cultural Politics of Progressivism”
- Paul Hirt, Arizona State University, “Power, Politics, and Geography: The Shaping of Electric Power Systems in the Pacific Northwest”
Comment: Brian Black, Penn State University, Altoona

Panel VIII.f - Cottonwoods
Wildlife and the Landscapes of Conservation
Chair: Dale D. Goble, University of Idaho
- Peter Coates, University of Bristol, “Wildlife That Flourishes in Unexpected Places: Military Landscapes in Post-war Britain”
- Kelly Enright, Rutgers University, “Discovering Jungle Peace: The Prolonged Observations of William Beebe”
- Steven M. Fountain, University of California, Davis, “Rancher’s Friend and Farmer’s Foe: Beaver Re-Introduction and Better Nature”
- James Fritchard, Iowa State University, “Revisiting the Marsh with Paul Errington: Muskrats in the Midwest”

Panel VIII.g - Willows
Pathbreaking in the Nineteenth Century: Roads as a Product of Statecraft and Representation
Chair: Michael Chiarappa, Western Michigan University
- Joanna Guldi, University of California, Berkeley, “The Road to Rule: Technology, the State, and Britain’s Interkingdom Highways, 1740-1850”
- Paul Carter, University of Melbourne, “Treading/Reading: The Theory of Tracks and the Practice of Paths”
- William Wagner, University of California, Berkeley, “Reading, Writing, and Rambling: The Literary Culture of Migration in Antebellum America”

Panel VIII.h - Douglas Firs
Shifting Landscapes, Shifting Perceptions: The Pacific Northwest across the U.S.-Canada Border
Chair: Adam Sowards, University of Idaho
- Anne Spirn, MIT, “Dorothea Lange’s Photographs and Reports from the Pacific Northwest in 1939”
- Richard Rajala, University of Victoria, “Clearcutting, Multiple Use, and the Politics of Salmon Habitat in British Columbia, 1945-1970”
Comment: William Robbins, Oregon State University
Panel IX.a - Douglas Firs
Downstream: Politics, Pollution, and Environmental Reform in North America and Europe
Chair: Joel Tarr, Carnegie Mellon University
• Frank Zelko, University of Vermont, “Bigger Than the Ruhr: Development, Pollution, and Environmental Politics in Northern Germany”
• Kent Curtis, Eckerd College, “The Value of Mining: Metals, Biology, and Pollution in the Smelting Region of Montana, 1880-1920”
• Arn Keeling, Memorial University, “Challenging the Effluent Society: SPEC and Rise of the British Columbia Environmental Movement”

Panel IX.b - Payette River
Building with Nature: Landscape and Home in Environmental History
Chair: Jeff Wiltse, University of Montana
• Gregory Summers, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, “Coming Home from the Woods: A Natural History of the American Living Room”
• Michael Chiarappa, Western Michigan University, “Making Fish at a Beautiful Place: Landscape Planning and Conservation Ideals at a Michigan Fish Hatchery”
• Janet Ore, Colorado State University, “Curing the Toxic House: Healthy House Building in the 1980s-90s”
Comment: Jeff Wiltse, University of Montana

Panel IX.c - Snake River
Jumbo Crosses the Pond: The Multiple Meanings of Zoos in Europe and North America in the Late Nineteenth Century and Beyond
Chair: Edmund Russell, University of Virginia
• Tom Arnold, University of Kansas, “Rebels without Claws: ‘Zoo Men,’ The Zoologische Garten, and the Growth of Zoos in Nineteenth Century Germany”
• Robert Hearn, University of Nottingham, “The Penguin Pool at London Zoo: Modernising a Nineteenth Century Institution”
• Paul Harpley, York University, and Jamie Scott, York University, “Towards the Future Zoo: The Evolution of Wild Animal-Keeping in Toronto”

Panel IX.d - Salmon River
Crab, Cutthroat, and Cape Canaveral: Tourism and Environmental Change
Chair: Paul Sutter, University of Georgia
• Jerry Frank, University of Kansas, “Fishing for Tourists: Greenbacks, Cutthroats, and Remaking the Aquatic World of Rocky Mountain National Park, 1860-1936”
• Nicolaas Mink, University of Wisconsin, Madison, “Eating the Exotic: An Environmental History of Bill Clinton’s Tastes, Don Johnson’s Shades, a World-Famous Restaurant, and a Crab, Menippe Mercenaria, that Transformed the Nature of Eating and the Eating of Nature in South Florida”
• Neil M. Maher, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, “Alligators and Rocket Ships: How Cape Canaveral Naturalizes NASA Technology”
Comment: Paul Sutter, University of Georgia

Lunch Break: 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Specialty Discussion Lunches:
Gender in Environmental History, Ponderosa Pines South
NiCHE, Willows South
Panel IX.e - Ponderosa Pines
Emissions Trading in Environmental Protection: A Brief History
Chair: Alan P. Loeb, Attorney and Independent Scholar
- Alan P. Loeb, Attorney and Independent Scholar, “The Adolescence of Emissions Trading: A Short History and Analysis of the Lead Phasedown Lead Credit Market”

Panel IX.f - Cottonwoods
The Nuclear Industrial Complex: Changing Perceptions of Risk and Danger to Health and the Environment during the Cold War, 1950-1970
Chair: Michael Amundson, Northern Arizona University
- Michael Lehman, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, “Nuisance to Nemesis: Nuclear Fallout as a Secret, a Problem, and a Limitation on the Arms Race, 1954-1964”

Comment: Chris Sellers, Stony Brook University

Panel IX.g - Willows
Three Finns and Their Places
Chair: Susan Flader, University of Missouri, Columbia
- Laura Hollsten, Åbo Academi University, “A Tree for Birds to Rest In: Elias Lönnrot and the Finnish Forest as a Place of Cooperation and Conflict Between Humans and the Natural World”
- Seija Niemi, University of Turku, “Nordenskiöld’s Arctic Places”
- Leena Rossi, University of Turku, “An Ordinary Finn’s Everyday Places and Territory”

Comment: Susan Flader, University of Missouri, Columbia

Panel IX.h - Douglas Firs South
Dynamic and Overlapping Boundaries in the Urban Periphery
Chair: Kathleen Lacey, City of Boise
- Genya Erling, University of Wisconsin, Madison, “Pieces of Paradise: Conceptions of Nature in Germany’s Allotment Gardens”
- Matthew Vitz, New York University, “To Dominate These Lands: Development and Public Health in Mexico’s Lake Texcoco Basin”

Concurrent Sessions IX
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Concurrent Sessions X
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Panel X.a - Douglas Firs South
The Human Costs of Monoculture, Factory Farming, and Asbestos Mining: Industrial Growth, Environmental Contamination, and Occupational Health Issues
Chair: Linda Sargent Wood, Arizona State University
- Adam Tompkins, Arizona State University, “Cancer Valley, California: Pesticides, Politics, and Childhood Disease in the Central Valley”
- Monica R. Gisolfi, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, “From Public Nuisance to Health Threat: The Environmental Consequences of Large-Scale Agricultural Production”
- Jessica van Horssen, University of Western Ontario, “Women and Children Last: The Hierarchy of Asbestos-Related Disease in Asbestos, Quebec”
Comment: Frederick Davis, Florida State University

Panel X.b - Cottonwoods
People, Policies, and Propaganda: Methods of Making Western Places
Chair: Dawn G. Marsh, Purdue University
- Delia Hagen, University of California, Berkeley, “Nations, Migration, and the Montana Metis, 1900-1950”
- Kathryn Eigen, University of California, Berkeley, “Indian Policy along the North Pacific Coast, 1845-1875”
- Dylan Esson, University of California, Berkeley, “How Much Snow Is There on the Ground?: Sun Valley and the Framing of the 1930s Ski Environment”
Comment: Dawn G. Marsh, Purdue University

Panel X.c - Douglas Firs
Roundtable: “If and When It Rains”: Oral Histories of the Oregon and Idaho Range
Chair: James R. Skillen, Valparaiso University
- William Schroeder, Attorney, Boise, Idaho
- Bob Kinschy, BLM (Retired)
- Ed Spang, BLM (Retired)
- Bob Moore, Ontario, Oregon

Panel X.d - Payette River
Working to Death: Occupational Health and the Environment in the American Industrial Workplace
Chair: Christopher Sellers, Stony Brook University of New York
- Michelle Follette Turk, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, “Dead Roses and Blooming Deserts: Occupational Health and Environmental Concerns at Hoover Dam”
- Gerard J. Fitzgerald, New York University, “Void of Either Feeling or Ambition: Worker Fatigue and Environmental Health in Southern Textile Mills, 1915-1940”
- Frederick Turner, Brandeis University, “Worked to Death: Occupational Health in Turn-of-the-Twentieth Century Boston”
Comment: Hamilton Cravens, Iowa State University

Panel X.e - Snake River
The Contexts of Climate Change: Global Warming and American Environmental Politics
Chair: Christine Rosen, University of California, Berkeley
- Tim E. Walker, University of Texas, Austin, “Promoting Air Quality, Resisting Climate Change: The George H. W. Bush Administration and the Economic Precautionary Principle”
- Brian James McCammack, Harvard University, “Climate as a Human Right: Exposing the Limits of Ecocentric Environmentalism?”
- Joshua P. Howe, Stanford University, “The New Global Environment: Climate Change and the Changing Scale of American Environmental Politics”

Saturday, March 15
Registration Desk Open, 8:00am – 5:00pm, South Hall
Exhibits and Posters Open, 8:00am – 2:00pm, Falcons

Afternoon Break: 3:00pm – 3:30pm
Panel X.f - Salmon River
Memorials, Monuments, and Commissions as Environmental Texts
Chair: David Louter, National Park Service
- David Strohmaier, Historical Research Associates, Inc., “We Will Not Forget: Tragedy Fires, Memorials, and Changing Perspectives of Wildland Fire in the West”
Comment: Cynthia Ott, Saint Louis University

Panel X.g - Ponderosa Pines
Contested Corridors: The Politics of Nationhood through Transportation Routes in the American West
Chair: Louis Warren, University of California, Davis
- Sandra Koelle, University of California, Santa Cruz, “Habitats, Homelands, and Highways: Tribal Mandates for Wildlife Crossing Structures in Road Expansion on the Flathead Reservation in Western Montana”

Panel X.h - Willows
Arthropod Agents in Global History
Chair: Brett L. Walker, Montana State University, Bozeman
- Brett L. Walker, Montana State University, Bozeman, “Insect Eradication in Japan: Inscribing History on Insect and Human Bodies”
- Billy G. Smith, Montana State University, Bozeman, “Biting Back at the Empire: How African Mosquitoes Transformed the Atlantic World”
- Carla S. Nappi, Montana State University, Bozeman, “Winter Worm, Summer Grass: Caterpillars and the Invention of ‘Traditional Medicine’ in Modern China”
Comment: Kevin M. O’Neill, Montana State University, Bozeman

Concurrent Sessions X
3:30pm – 5:00pm
ASEH Business Meeting for all members
Cottonwoods, 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Reception and raffle
Open to all participants
Flying Hawk, 6:30pm – 7:00pm

ASEH Awards and Keynote Banquet
Flying Hawk, 7:00pm – 9:30pm
Keynote Speaker: Mark Kurlansky
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Specialty Discussion Lunches

In an effort to foster increased interaction and exchange of ideas throughout the conference, the Program Committee has replaced the formal banquet lunch with a series of discussion lunches, each focused on a particular theme. These sessions will provide a full lunch and an intellectually stimulating exchange in a casual atmosphere.

Space is limited in each of the lunches. Please sign up early.

Thursday, March 13, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Ponderosa Pines South
Forest History
This lunch is sponsored and partially funded by the Forest History Society.
Join the staff of the Forest History Society for conversation on the field of forest history. This session complements a series of forest history-related workshops, panels, and field trips over the course of the conference.
Moderator: Jamie Lewis (jglewis@duke.edu).

Thursday, March 13, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Willows South
Envirotech
This lunch is sponsored and partially funded by Envirotech.
This is a gathering of scholars interested in the historical interactions of environment and technology. Join us as we discuss issues associated with using an “envirotech” approach in research and teaching.
Moderators: Ann Greene (angreene@sas.upenn.edu) and Hugh Gorman (hsgorman@mtu.edu)

Saturday, March 15, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Ponderosa Pines South
Gender in Environmental History
This lunch is sponsored and partially funded by the Autry National Center, creator of the forthcoming traveling exhibition “Home Lands: How Women Made the West,” and by an anonymous donation in memory of Sylvia McGrath.
The subfield of gender in environmental history has blossomed in the past decade. In this year’s program, gender analysis emerges not only in panels such as the Saturday-morning gender roundtable but also in panels on topics like fire fighting. As gender becomes an analytical tool used more widely in environmental history, historians will gather to talk about growth and changes in the subfield. This luncheon provides an opportunity to advance the conversation.
Moderators: Kim Little (klittle@uca.edu) and Elizabeth (Scout) Blum (sblum@troy.edu)

Saturday, March 15, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Willows South
NiCHE
This lunch is sponsored and partially funded by NiCHE.
NiCHE, the Network in Canadian History and Environment / Nouvelle initiative canadienne en histoire de l’environnement, promotes new ways of supporting collaboration among environmental historians and colleagues in adjacent fields interested in Canadian history and environments. We will be hosting a lunchtime discussion to present information on current NiCHE projects and to discuss opportunities for participation and future directions. All interested persons are welcome.
Moderator: Liza Piper (epiper@ualberta.ca)
Registration Form

Agents of Change: People, Climate, and Places through Time
American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting
March 12-15, 2008, Boise Centre on the Grove, Boise, Idaho

Please use this form if you cannot access our on-line registration site, available on the ASEH website (www.aseh.net – “ASEH’s Next Conference”) or at (http://printing.boisestate.edu/aseh). Each registrant must use a separate registration form. Photocopies are acceptable, but note that this is a two-page form and both sides must be completed.

*Forms must be received by March 1, 2008.*

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Special Workshops (Both are free of charge, but space is limited):

“No Longer on the Fringe: The Wildland Urban Interface as History”
Wednesday, March 12, 7:30am-4:30PM; National Interagency Fire Center
To Register: Contact Lisa Mighetto (director@aseh.net)

“Using GIS for Environmental History: Teaching and Research”
Friday, March 14, 8:30am-12:00PM; Idaho Water Center
To Register: Check Here

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Mail to: Lisa Brady, Department of History, MS-1925, Boise State University, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1925

FAX to: 208-426-4058 (BE SURE TO FAX BOTH SIDES OF FORM!)

If you have special dietary or other needs, please contact Lisa Brady (LisaBrady@boisestate.edu; or 208-426-4309). We will do our best to accommodate.
Walking Map of Boise, Idaho
Including Key ASEH Conference Locations

- Boise State University
- Boise Centre on the Grove
- Grove Hotel
- Basque Cultural Center
- Idaho State Capitol Building
- Idaho Water Center
- Friendship Bridge (Footbridge)
- Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial
- Idaho State Historical Museum
- Julia Davis Park
- Boise River

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