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Greetings from the Program Committee

The Program Committee welcomes you to Chicago for the 40th Anniversary meeting of the American Society for Environmental History. Here along the shores of Lake Michigan and the banks of the Chicago River, Chicago presents the perfect opportunity to consider an array of topics—capitalism, climate change, commodity flows, urban environments, and much, much more—under the conference theme, “Winds of Change: Global Connections across Space, Time, and Nature.”

This year’s program is particularly special, and we hope you will plan to enjoy the entire conference, from start to finish. It begins and ends with plenary sessions that salute the Windy City. The first, on Wednesday evening, probes the past, present, and future of the environmental justice movement in Chicago and beyond. The second, on Saturday evening, celebrates William Cronon’s Nature’s Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West, published just over twenty-five years ago. Other special features include a screening and discussion of Gregg Mitman’s environmental justice film, The Land Beneath Our Feet, a presidential panel on “Making Environmental History More Diverse from the Classroom to the Profession,” and a thread of sessions on teaching environmental history, both at the college and secondary school levels. Not least, of course, we will celebrate ASEH’s first four decades with a retrospective on the Environmental History journal (and its predecessors), a “Presidential Slam,” and—closing the program—anniversary cake and champagne.

Between the opening plenary and the final toast, more than one hundred panels and round tables, nearly half of which focus on non-U.S., transnational, comparative, or global history—will explore environmental history from the medieval period to the twenty-first century, from microbes to the cosmos. Conference-goers can learn the latest viewpoints on a wide range of topics, among them agriculture, animals, colonialism, energy, indigenous peoples, marine environments, and war. Some sessions offer new perspectives on familiar subjects, like environmental ideas and policies, while others examine the intersections between environments and disabilities, foreign relations, race, religion, slavery, and even sports. Still others commemorate our host city by contemplating the history of Chicago, the great lakes of North America and Europe, and the wind itself. And as we look out across what is for many of us an unsettling and even depressing political landscape, where the “winds of change” seem ominous, two sessions explore the theme of hope.

We encourage you to enjoy the plenaries, panels, roundtables, posters, book exhibits, and field trips. But we also hope that the formal program provokes conversations and debates that spill over into the pubs and restaurants for which Chicago is justly famous. Those informal encounters are what always make the ASEH conference an amazing place for cross-fertilizing, catching up with old friends, and making new ones. Please join us!

The 2017 Program Committee:

Marsha Weisiger, University of Oregon, chair
Chris Boyer, University of Illinois-Chicago
[local arrangements committee chair]
Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma
Kieko Matteson, University of Hawai‘i-Mānoa
Ellen Spears, University of Alabama
Lissa Wadewitz, Linfield College
Chris Wells, Macalester College

Cloud Gate
Welcome to Chicago from the Local Arrangements Committee

Chicago is known as the “Windy City.” Many people believe that the name derives from the breezes that roll off Lake Michigan and once guided the tall ships that plied the Great Lakes into its harbor. Today, the same gusts that rush through urban canyons, carrying away hats and umbrellas, also drive electric turbines that power some downtown buildings. Yet the moniker “Windy City” apparently was originally popularized by New York Sun editor Charles Dana, who derided the city’s blustery boosters for presuming that Chicago would make a better host than New York for the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition. Chicago won the right to host that event, which has helped define its character ever since. It allowed the city to showcase its recovery from the devastating fire of 1871 and marvels like the world’s first Ferris Wheel - although it sparked resistance by the city’s teeming working classes who felt they had no place within its carefully managed stagecraft. The Exposition nevertheless marked a turning point in American urban planning and launched the career of Daniel Burnham, who designed its “White City” and eventually published comprehensive vision for Chicago as a whole. He defended his audacious blueprint by saying that one should “Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men’s blood.”

Like other cities, Chicago enfolds its geophysical landscape into its built environment. Our vantage at the historic Drake Hotel looks toward Lake Michigan to the east and the 7.5-million-person metro area in the other three cardinal directions. From the hotel, you can pass through the pedestrian underpass one block to the north and stroll or jog on the Lakefront Path, which hugs the shoreline along 19 miles of public parks, beaches, and sculpture gardens. Within easy walking distance toward the west lies the Newberry Library, one of the nation’s great independent research repositories. Walking southward will bring you to the shopping district on Michigan Avenue known as the Magnificent Mile. If you continue southward, a 45-minute walk or a short jaunt on public transportation will bring you to the Loop (as Chicagoans call downtown), which is the home to more than a dozen theaters, the Chicago Art Institute, and the Museum Campus.

In keeping with ASEH tradition, the local arrangements committee has organized several half day field trips on Friday afternoon, as well as a longer trip to the Pullman National Monument on Sunday. Trips on Friday include tours to industrial and post-industrial areas whose residents have sought environmental justice, whether in the Little Village neighborhood or Northwest Indiana. We will visit cultural organizations committed to the interaction of people and the environment such as the Garfield Park Conservatory, the Field Museum, and the nation’s newest national monument located in the Pullman District, a planned industrial neighborhood with utopian elements that also became the site of a bitter strike. Birding and walking tours round out our offerings.

The Windy City has long depended on its lake, whether as a source of sustenance for native peoples, or as a means of waterborne commerce, or more recently as the centerpiece of recreation. If the weather cooperates, we invite you to stroll along the Lakefront Path or through Grant Park. If not, we have film events and of course the book exposition at the conference hotel, and museums, galleries, and theaters beyond. Even the Brookfield Zoo not far outside the city has wonderful indoor exhibits. Enjoy the city and make no small plans!

The 2017 Local Arrangements Committee:

- Chris Boyer, University of Illinois-Chicago, Chair
- Joel Greenberg, Chicago Academy of Sciences
- Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
- Rachel Havrelock, University of Illinois-Chicago
- Benjamin Johnson, Loyola University
- Timothy Mennel, University of Chicago Press
- Julia Adeney Thomas, University of Notre Dame
- Keith Mako Woodhouse, Northwestern University
- Joshua Salzmann, Northeastern Illinois University
Conference Information

Location and Lodging

The conference will be located at the Drake Hotel in Chicago (in a vibrant area along the Magnificent Mile), near the shores of Lake Michigan. Address: 140 E. Walton Place, Chicago, IL 60611 Phone: (312) 787-2200

The conference hotel rate is $179/night single or double, with a limited number of student rooms available at a discounted rate of $139/night. Rates are available until March 6, 2017 – or until the room block fills.

The Drake Hotel, built in 1920 in the Beaux-Arts style, has the charm of a historic building - and some of the quirks. Its layout is more complex than that of many modern conference facilities with uniform, identical rooms. Diagrams displaying the hotel layout are available at the back of this program. When using the guest elevators to the meeting space, take the elevators to the lobby level and walk up a short flight of stairs to the mezzanine level meeting space. If you need assistance getting to the meeting space in the hotel, please contact guest services.

Registration

To register for the conference, go to:
https://www.regonline.com/asehregform2017

Transportation

Air Travel: Chicago is served by O’Hare International Airport (ORD) and Midway International Airport (MDW). Cab rides from the airports can take anywhere from 30 to 60 minutes depending on traffic. See GoAirportExpress to reserve a shuttle: http://www.airportexpress.com/

Public Transportation: There are also public transit trains that run from both airports (blue line from O’Hare, orange from Midway).

Amtrak: Chicago’s Union Station is a major terminal for Amtrak as well as for city and regional train service. It is located at 210 Canal St. in downtown Chicago. It is about a 4-mile trip from Union Station to the conference hotel. The easiest way to get to the hotel from Union Station is via taxi, which will cost about $15. The CTA 151 bus can also be taken from Union Station; the bus runs up Michigan Avenue.

Driving: Chicago can be reached via Interstates 57, 80, 88, 90, or 94, as well as numerous spurs off the interstates. Keep in mind that traffic in downtown Chicago is extremely heavy at times, and that the major highways are typically referred to by locals by names instead of numbers (e.g., Dan Ryan or Kennedy instead of I-94 or I-190, respectively). All signs will include numbers.

Parking: Parking in Chicago can be very expensive - $67/day at the hotel (2016 rates). There are self-park options (slightly less expensive) in the vicinity of the hotel.

Additional information on transportation is available at ASEH’s website: http://aseh.net/conference-workshops/2017-conference-chicago-1

Walking Around in downtown Chicago

The hotel is located in a vibrant section of the Magnificent Mile, near many restaurants and bars. Exercise caution and common sense when walking, as you would in any large city. We recommend walking with others from the conference at night.

Local Weather

Late March/early April can be dry and sunny - and some years see springtime snow. Typically, temperatures range from the 40s to 50s degrees Fahrenheit. The chilly breezes can make it feel colder. Pack a few warm layers - and wear comfortable shoes on field trips. Bring an umbrella, just in case.

Cancellations

Cancellations must be e-mailed to director@aseh.net. Requests received by March 1, 2017 will
receive a full refund, minus a $35 processing fee, following the conference. Requests made after March 1, 2017 will receive a refund of the registration fee only, minus a $35 processing fee, as the hotel catering and bus companies will charge us the full amounts due by that date. Fees for breakfasts, banquets, and field trips will not be refunded after March 1, 2017. Cancellation of rooms must be made through the hotel and are subject to its requirements for notification.

Child Care

Children are welcome at ASEH’s conferences - and information on activities in Chicago that may appeal to families is available on ASEH’s website: [http://aseh.net/conference-workshops/2017-conference-chicago-1](http://aseh.net/conference-workshops/2017-conference-chicago-1)
The ASEH does not have funds to provide child care or to organize specific activities for children. The following can be consulted for babysitting services: [http://www.americanchildcare.com/chicago.htm](http://www.americanchildcare.com/chicago.htm). Contact director@aseh.net if you have questions or concerns.

Twitter

The conference hashtag is #ASEH2017. The conference registration form includes a line for your Twitter handle, which can be listed on your name badge.

Online Program

The conference program is available on a Guidebook app. Search Guidebook for “ASEH Annual Conference 2017.” The program is also available on our website at [www.aseh.net](http://www.aseh.net).

Commitment to Sustainability

ASEH will ensure that waste at the hotel is recycled, and we will provide recycling containers on the field trip buses. We will be using name badges made from recycled paper, and are working with the hotel to get locally grown food for our events. The online registration form offers the option to purchase carbon offsets. For a description of carbon credits, see ASEH’s website ([www.aseh.net](http://www.aseh.net) - “Sustainability”). Information on ASEH’s Sustainability Committee is also available on our website.

ASEH will provide reusable water bottles for use during the conference and field trips, allowing us to avoid purchasing a large number of disposable bottled waters.

Commitment to Inclusivity

ASEH remains committed to inclusivity with regard to race, ethnicity, gender, gender expression and identity, sexual orientation, and physical abilities in terms of participation and topics discussed at our conferences.

Celebrating ASEH’s 40th Anniversary

Several events will commemorate ASEH’s 40th anniversary, including sessions (ASEH Presidents Slam and a retrospective look at our journal), a historic display in the exhibit area, the closing reception, and oral history interviews.

Share your memories of ASEH! In honor of our anniversary, Loyola University graduate students will interview interested ASEH conference attendees on Thursday, March 30 and Saturday, April 1 in the Tudor Room, mezzanine level. Each interview will take 15 minutes or less. To sign up before the conference, contact director@aseh.net, who will send a brief list of questions. A signup sheet of available time slots will also be posted at the registration desk (in the French Foyer) during the conference. Please visit the Tudor Room only if you have signed up for an interview at the specific time (to avoid interruptions). Interviews will be recorded and stored at ASEH’s archives in the National Conservation Training Center.

Questions? Contact:

Program: Marsha Weisiger - weisiger@uoregon.edu
Local arrangements, including exhibits, posters, and field trips: Lisa Mighetto - director@aseh.net
Conference at a Glance

This section is designed to provide a quick review of conference events; more detailed descriptions of these events appear in the next section.

Wednesday, March 29

8:30 am - 12:00 pm - Author Workshop: Environmental History of Chicago; attendance by invitation only [Walton, lobby level]

10:00 am - 7:00 pm - Registration Open [French Foyer, lobby level]

1:00 - 5:00 pm - Workshop: “Doing Local History: Engaging the Archives, Engaging the Community,” sponsored by the Newberry Library; sign-up ahead of time required [located at the Newberry Library]

6:00 - 8:00 pm - Opening Reception, sponsored by Oxford University Press [Gold Coast/Drake Room, lobby level]

Thursday, March 30

7:00 - 8:15 am - War & Environment Breakfast [Erie Room, mezzanine level]

8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Exhibits Open [Gold Coast Room, lobby level]

8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Registration Open [French Foyer, lobby level]

8:30 am - 5:00 pm - Concurrent Sessions

Friday, March 31

7:15 - 8:15 am - Forest History Society Breakfast [Erie Room, mezzanine level]

8:00 am - 12:00 pm - Exhibits Open [Gold Coast Room, lobby level]

8:00 am - 12:00 pm - Registration Open [French Foyer, lobby level]

8:30 am - 12:00 pm - Concurrent Sessions

Friday Afternoon Field Trips:

1. Boat Tour of Chicago River by Chicago Architecture Foundation (subject to weather)
2. Walking Tour: Exploring Chicago Rivers
3. Newberry Library Tour
4. Field Museum Behind-the-Scenes Tour
5. Garfield Park Conservatory Tour
6. Little Village Environmental Justice Tour
7. Toxic Tour of East Chicago
8. Birding Trip
9. Indiana Dunes Tour

Documentary films on local topics will be shown at the conference hotel on Friday afternoon [Parkside, mezzanine level]. See conference registration desk for more information. Field trips require sign-up ahead of time on conference registration form, as space is limited. Please check detailed descriptions of the field trips in this program (in the next section) for information on times and where to meet your tour leader.

Friday Evening Events:

6:30 - 8:00 pm - ICEHO Meeting [Superior, mezzanine level]

6:30 - 8:00 pm - Journal Editorial Board Reception; by invitation only [Venetian, mezzanine level]

6:45 - 7:30 pm - Graduate Student Caucus meeting [Parkside, mezzanine level]
7:00 pm - Energy group no-host dinner [contact Robert Lifset at robertlifset@ou.edu]; Diversity/Inclusion group no-host dinner [contact Mike Dockry at mdockry@umn.edu]; History of Environment and Health Network [contact Christopher Sellers at christopher.sellers@stonybrook.edu]; Food, Agriculture, and Sustainability group [contact Gerard Fitzgerald at fgitzge@gmu.edu or Gabriella Petrick at GPetrick@newhaven.edu] - all groups meet in hotel lobby

Saturday, April 1

6:15 - 7:15 am - Hal Rothman Fun(d) Run [meet in hotel lobby]

7:00 - 8:00 am - Yoga [Tudor, mezzanine level]

7:15 - 8:15 am - Envirotech Breakfast [Erie Room, mezzanine level]

8:00 am - 2:00 pm - Exhibits Open [Gold Coast Room, lobby level]

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Registration Open [French Foyer, lobby level]

8:30 am - 4:30 pm - Concurrent Sessions

10:00 - 10:30 am - Poster Presentations [Drake, lobby level]

12:00 - 4:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting; by invitation only [Erie Room, mezzanine level]

4:45 - 5:00 pm - ASEH Members Meeting [French, lobby level]

5:00 - 5:45 pm - Forum: Threats to the Free Flow of Ideas and People [French, lobby level]

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Plenary Session: “Nature’s Metropolis 25 Years Later: A Conversation with Bill Cronon” [Grand Ballroom, lobby level]

7:00 - 8:00 pm - Awards Ceremony [Grand Ballroom, lobby level]

8:00 - 9:30 pm - Closing Reception: ASEH Celebrates 40 Years [Walton, lobby level]

Sunday, April 2

9:15 am - 3:00 pm - Field Trip: Exploring Pullman National Monument with Leon Fink, Distinguished Professor of History, University of Illinois-Chicago

Registration Desk Hours:

Located in French Foyer, lobby level

Wednesday, March 29: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 30: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday, March 31: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, April 1: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Hours:

Located in Gold Coast, lobby level

Wednesday, March 29: 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Opening Reception)
Thursday, March 30: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday, March 31: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon (afternoon break for field trips)
Saturday, April 1: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Special Events

Please note that participants need to sign up ahead of time for special events - see the online registration form at www.aseh.net “Chicago conference.” The following special events are for the most part listed by categories, not in chronological order. See “Conference at a Glance” section for chronological listing.

Workshop: Doing Local History: Engaging the Archives, Engaging the Community
Sponsored by the Newberry Library

Wednesday, March 29, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Meet in the hotel lobby at 12:40 pm to walk down the street to the Newberry Library, located at 60 W. Walton St, Chicago, IL 60610.

Free for conference attendees, but sign up ahead of time is required. This workshop will focus on the ways in which environmental historians and other scholars can engage more deeply with their communities, from archival research to supporting activists and other local actors. The workshop will be divided into three sections to highlight different aspects of local history. We will begin with an introduction to the Newberry Library’s world-renowned collections in local history by curator Matthew Rutherford. The local history collection includes county, city, town, church, and other local histories from all regions of the United States, as well as from Canada and the British Isles. While we normally contemplate how scholars can inform activists, the second workshop section reverses this process, asking how community activists can aid historians in the generation of scholarship. Kimberly Was- serman-Nieto, executive director of the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization and Gerald Adelmann, President of Openlands, will comment on essays from a book on Chicago’s environmental history currently in the process of publication. Finally, three ASEH members who have worked extensively with their communities will discuss the reasons for and methods of engagement while contemplating the complexities involved. These panelists are Sylvia Hood Washington, editor of Environmental Justice Journal; Martin Melosi, director of the University of Houston Center for Public History; and Catherine Christen, the Graduate and Professional Training Manager for the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. Ann Durkin Keating and William C. Barnett of North Central College will moderate workshop sections. For workshop participants who might want to utilize the Newberry’s collections before the workshop or during the conference, we encourage you to register online for a reader’s card at https://www.newberry.org/obtain- ing-readers-card and to peruse the catalog at https://www.newberry.org/catalogs-and-guides in advance of the conference. Lunch is not included.

Receptions

Opening Reception
Sponsored by Oxford University Press

Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Gold Coast Room/Drake Room, lobby level

Welcome remarks by Chris Boyer, local arrangements chair. Join your colleagues for light appetizers, drinks, and sparkling conversation. Includes cash bar. This is also an opportunity to view the exhibits on display in the reception area.

Women’s Networking Reception
Sponsored by the Center for Public History, University of Houston; Department of History, University of Oklahoma; and founding members of WEHN, including Kathleen Brosnan, Julie Cohn, Sarah Elkind, Elizabeth Fenn, Sara Gregg, Ann Greene, Nancy Jacobs, Lisa Mighetto, Sarah Mittlefehldt, Sarah T. Phillips, Sara Pritchard, Harriet Rivco, Paul Sutter, Conevery Valencius, and Verena Winiwarter.

Thursday, March 30, 8:00 – 9:00 pm

French Room, lobby level

This reception provides an opportunity for women (cis/trans) to meet, make connections, and become involved in ASEH’s mentoring program. All conference attendees are welcome. Wine and light snacks provided.
Graduate Student Reception
Sponsored by Center for the History of Agriculture, Science, and the Environment in the South, Mississippi State University

Thursday, March 30, 9:00 – 10:15 pm
French Room, lobby level

Brief welcome from graduate student liaison Zach Nowak, who will provide an update on ASEH graduate student activities. Free book raffle, light appetizers, and cash bar.

Plenary Sessions

“Environmental Justice in Chicago and Beyond”

Thursday, March 30, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom, lobby level


“Nature’s Metropolis 25 Years Later: A Conversation with Bill Cronon,”
moderated by Patrick Reardon

Saturday, April 1, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom, lobby level

William Cronon’s book on Chicago and the Great West received ASEH’s best book award in the early 1990s. Join us for a reflection on this extraordinary work.

Breakfasts

War & Environment

Thursday, March 30, 7:00 - 8:15 am
Erie Room, mezzanine level
Note the early time, to allow interested participants to begin discussing early.

Forest History Society

Friday, March 31, 7:15 - 8:15 am
Erie Room, mezzanine level

Anyone working or interested in forest history is welcome to attend. FHS members and joint members encouraged to participate. In addition to meeting people with similar research interests President Steven Anderson will provide an update of strategic initiatives at the FHS.

Envirotech
Sponsored in part by Envirotech

Saturday, April 1, 7:15 - 8:15 am
Erie Room, mezzanine level

Lunch Banquet

Thursday, March 30, 12:00 - 1:15 pm
Grand Ballroom, lobby level

This lunch will feature ASEH President Kathleen A. Brosnan’s talk, “The Lifting Fog: Race, Work, and the Environment”
Field trips on Friday Afternoon, 12:30 pm - approximately 6:00 pm

Conference attendees can explore the city on their own or sign up for a field trip, led by local experts and environmental history scholars who have researched these sites. Anyone who registers for the conference can sign up for a field trip. Some are free and some include fees in addition to conference registration; all are listed and described on our website (www.aseh.net). Sign up before the conference using the online registration form on ASEH’s website.

Please read the descriptions and instructions for each trip carefully, as departure times and place of departures vary. Some trips include lunch and others do not; some involve buses and others involve walking or public transportation. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a jacket (and maybe an umbrella). Bring your ASEH reusable water bottle – filled – as we will not be providing disposable water bottles.

Field Trip #1 Boat Tour of Chicago ($50)

Leader: Chicago Architecture Foundation and Marian Weidner, ASEH program assistant

Description: Chicago is known around the world for its architecture – and this tour is consistently listed as one of the top ten attractions for tourists in the city. For approximately 90 minutes participants will cruise the river through downtown Chicago, exploring the history of the city’s iconic architecture and the development of various styles. The tour is a unique way to view the city’s built environment, including skyscrapers, public works structures, bridges, and more. The boat is covered and operates weather permitting.

Notes: Trip includes boat ride and bus ticket but no lunch. Meet leader Marian Weidner in hotel lobby at 1:00 pm.

Field Trip #2 Walking Tour: Exploring Chicago Rivers (free, with optional stop at Chicago River Museum)

Leaders: Christopher Anderson and Nicholas McCormick, University of Illinois-Chicago graduate students in history

Description: The Chicago River is a system of waterways that connect the Great Lakes and the Mississippi Valley. A large public works project completed in 1900 reversed the flow of the river to save the region from waterborne diseases caused by sewage contamination of Lake Michigan - a major drinking supply. The project increased the river’s flow from Lake Michigan, directing it through Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. For more on the reversal of the Chicago River, see: http://www2.apwa.net/about/awards/toptencentury/chica.htm

This walking tour will explore sites along the Chicago River, discussing environmental and social justice issues as well as the history of transportation networks, industrial uses, and recreational activities.

Notes: Lunch not included. Please note that this tour is free but may include an optional stop at the McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum, which requires a $5 fee. Meet trip leaders in hotel lobby at 1:00 pm.

Field Trip #3 Newberry Library Tour (free)

Leaders: Jim Akerman, Curator of Maps, Newberry Library and Kathleen Brosnan, ASEH President and Newberry Researcher

Description: ASEH members will enjoy an insightful tour of the Newberry Library, a world-renowned independent research library just three blocks from the conference hotel. Founded in 1887, the Newberry acquires and preserves a broad array of special collections research materials relating primarily to the civilizations of Europe and the Americas, although other regions of the world also are well covered, particularly among the library’s extraordinary collection of maps. Jim Akerman and Kathleen
Brosnan will provide an overview of the facilities and then offer a dazzling “show and tell” with rare materials from the Newberry’s cartographic collections that speak to constantly evolving human relations with nature. Participants will closely examine everything from Ptolemy’s Geography to portolan charts and materials from La Condamine, among others. We will leave time at the end of the tour for participants to visit the reading room. In anticipation of use of the reading room, we encourage tour participants to register online for a reader’s card at [https://www.newberry.org/obtaining-readers-card](https://www.newberry.org/obtaining-readers-card) and to peruse the catalog at [http://www.newberry.org/catalogs-and-guides](http://www.newberry.org/catalogs-and-guides) in advance of the conference.

Notes: Attendees will walk to the site from the Drake Hotel (3 blocks); lunch not included. Meet trip leaders in hotel lobby at 1:00 pm.

**Field Trip #4 Field Museum: Behind-the-Scenes Tour (free)**

Leaders: Mark Alvey, Field Museum; Mark Bouman, Field Museum; and Ian Jesse, University of Maine

Description: The Field Museum is the 4th largest natural history museum in the world. It houses some 30 million objects spanning the fields of anthropology, botany, mycology, zoology, paleontology, and meteoritics, less than one percent of which are on exhibit. It is also a leading institution of collections-based research and conservation action, with a research faculty of 20+ Ph.D. scientists, another dozen postdocs, 140-odd collection managers, fossil preparators, conservation ecologists, lab technicians, plus graduate students, volunteers and interns. This is the side of the museum that most people never see—over seven acres of collections and labs—but you can! Field Museum “insiders” Mark Bouman (Director of Chicago Region environmental conservation programs) and Mark Alvey (Science Communications Manager) will lead a 2-hour tour covering behind-the-scenes areas as well as a foray into the evolving landscape in the museum’s front yard. Some of the potential stops include zoology collections (fishes, birds, insects, etc.), fossil preparation labs, the plant and fungi collections, as well as a peek at historic maps from Library Special Collections, and an early look at restoration efforts on the Museum Campus. (Sidebar on historic taxidermy for those who are interested!) This tour complements the panel “Connecting Histories: Exploring the Relationships Between Natural History and Environmental History Across Space and Time,” which explores links between natural history and environmental history.

Notes: This is a walking-intensive field trip. Lunch not included. Meet trip leaders in the lobby at 1:00 pm.

**Field Trip #5 Garfield Park Conservatory Tour ($15)**

Leaders: Eliot Fackler, University of Illinois-Chicago graduate student; Garfield Conservatory staff

Description: The Garfield Park Conservatory, known to Chicagoans as “landscape art under glass,” is one of the nation’s oldest and largest such facilities, with over two acres of plant life distributed in eight rooms. It houses over seven dozen varieties of palms, hundreds of varieties of ferns, and some cycads over a century old. Designed by Chicago’s chief landscape architect Jens Jensen in collaboration with prominent Prairie School architects the conservatory was built in 1906-07 and opened to the public in 1908. It is located alongside the 184-acre Garfield Park originally proposed by the great urban planner Daniel Burnham.

We will leave the Drake Hotel after lunch (on your own) and take the CTA train (i.e., the “L”) to the conservatory. There, we will receive a specially organized tour led by museum staff that will include a behind-the-scenes peek at the growing rooms and conservatory operations as well as a detailed discussion of the conservatory’s architecture and history. Visitors will have time to take their own stroll through the conservatory. We will then take the L back to the hotel.

Notes: Public transportation ticket and admission to the conservatory included. Lunch not included. Meet trip leader in the lobby at 1:00 pm.
**Field Trip #6 Little Village Environmental Justice Tour ($35)**

*Leaders:* Chris Boyer, Professor of History, UIC; Karen Canales, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization

*Description:* The Little Village neighborhood of Chicago, better known as “La Villita” has been one of the primary seats of Mexican culture in Chicago. Formerly a center of Polish migration, Mexican migrants began to settle in this area beginning in the 1960s. Today, it is known as “Mexico in the Midwest.” La Villita has also been at the forefront of an environmental justice movement over the past decade which culminated in 2011 with the agreement to close down the coal-powered Crawford power plant. At the forefront of this movement was the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO), which will lead this tour.

We will depart the Drake by bus and stop off at Pilsen (Chicago’s famous Mexican-American community) for an inexpensive lunch at the popular La Esperanza restaurant. Be sure to order one of the quesadillas made from hand-patted tortillas! From there, we will go to the LVEJO offices for a 2 ½ hour walking tour. Sites on the Toxic Tour include Semillas de Justicia Community Garden, a view of the Crawford plant, the Cook County Jail, the Collateral Channel, and more. Please wear appropriate footwear. (If the weather is bad, we may use the bus rather than walking.) After the tour, we will head back to the hotel.

*Notes:* Trip includes lunch and bus transportation from hotel. Meet in Parkside Room, mezzanine level, at 12:30 pm.

**Field Trip #7 Toxic Tour of East Chicago ($50)**

*Leader:* Thomas Frank, Southeast Environmental Task Force

*Description:* For much of the 20th century East Chicago was known as “Steel Town.” It was a bustling city on the southern shores of Lake Michigan that boasted of being the most industrial city in the world. Now, after 40-years of global-ization with the flight of capital the legacy of East Chicago’s industrial economy has left behind massive amounts of contaminated land, water, air, populations and politics. The Toxic Tour is a story of East Chicago’s existing conditions.

We will meet at the hotel for a box lunch (included in the cost of the tour) and a short presentation by tour leader Thomas Frank, an artist and activist who has been working for environmental justice in the Calumet region for the past decade. We will then travel by bus to East Chicago, where we will visit current and former industrial sites, including the O’Brien Locks, Hegewisch Marsh, and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, among others. Please wear appropriate footwear. (If the weather is bad, we may use the bus rather than walking.) After the tour, we board the bus and return to the hotel.

*Notes:* Trip includes lunch and bus transportation from hotel. Meet in Parkside Room, mezzanine level, at 12:30 pm.

**Field Trip #8 Birding the Palos Region ($50)**

*Leaders:* Joel Greenberg and Melissa Wiedenfeld

*Description:* The Palos area is a 15,000-acre portion of the Cook County Forest Preserve District that includes a lovely morainal landscape covered with woods and interspersed with lakes, waterways, and marshes. Given the date of our field trip we will be focusing on water birds and a variety of raptors. Sandhill cranes are a possibility. Our trip will begin at McGinnis Slough, a large marsh and lake that draws a remarkable number and variety of water birds. This stop will involve some walking along a level path through a scenic area. Depending on time and weather, we may also visit the Saganashkee Slough.

*Notes:* Trip includes lunch and bus transportation from hotel. Meet the ASEH tour bus outside the hotel at 12:30 pm.
Field Trip #9 Indiana Dunes Tour

Leader: Peter Nekola, The Newberry Library

Description: This tour will follow the shore of Lake Michigan to the unique dune environment at the Lake’s southern end. This area of constantly shifting dunes, some of them hundreds of feet high, developed over millennia as Lake Michigan’s winds and currents moved sand and water in the wake of the Laurentian ice sheet. Henry Chandler Cowles and other botanists from the University of Chicago first theorized the basic concepts of ecological succession while conducting fieldwork in the dunes in the 1890s. The area’s strategic location for heavy industry led to large-scale dune removal in the twentieth century, inspiring a campaign to preserve remaining dune landscapes from industrial development. This campaign has seen the establishment and subsequent expansion of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, resulting in a patchwork of ancient dune areas, recently restored dunes in former industrial sites, and some remaining industry. This tour will follow the Lakeshore through many of these present and former industrial sites and communities on its way to West Beach in the Ogden Dunes. There we will walk the mile-long Dune Succession Trail, which scales, via stairs and boardwalks, several large dunes with sweeping views, and takes us through eight unique plant communities. We will also stop at a section of Lakefront which for years served as a settling area for industrial waste, where dunes and dune plant communities have recently been restored through public-private partnership.

Notes: Trip includes lunch and bus transportation from hotel. Meet the ASEH tour bus outside the hotel at 12:30 pm.

Additional Friday Events

International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations (ICEHO) Meeting
Friday, March 31, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Superior Room, mezzanine level

Journal Editorial Board Reception
Friday, March 31, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Venetian Room, mezzanine level
For journal committees only; invitation was sent prior to conference.

Graduate Student Caucus Meeting
Friday, March 31, 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm
Parkside Room, mezzanine level
All graduate students welcome. This is your chance to weigh in on ASEH’s programs and future activities. Many participants will be leaving for dinner in downtown Chicago after the meeting.

Energy Group No-Host Dinner
Friday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.
Meet in hotel lobby
Interested attendees contact Robert Lifset at robertlifset@ou.edu

Diversity Group No-Host Dinner
Friday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.
Meet in hotel lobby
Interested attendees contact Mike Dockry at mdockry@umn.edu

History of Environment and Health Network No-Host Dinner
Friday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.
Meet in hotel lobby
Interested attendees contact Christopher Sellers at christopher.sellers@stonybrook.edu

Food, Agriculture, and Sustainability Group No-Host Dinner
Friday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.
Meet in hotel lobby
Interested attendees contact Gerard Fitzgerald at fgitzge@gmu.edu or Gabriella Petrick at GPetrick@newhaven.edu
Hal Rothman Fun(d) Run
Saturday, April 1, 6:15 – 7:15 am
Meet in the hotel’s lobby to participate in this run in downtown Chicago to benefit ASEH’s Hal Rothman Research Fellowship for graduate students. To sign up see conference registration form.

Rise and Shine: Yoga at ASEH
Saturday, April 1, 7:00 – 8:00 am
Tudor Room, mezzanine level
Take time out for yourself at the conference this year and join us for a relaxing and invigorating vinyasa yoga class! No experience necessary. Class is beginner friendly. We will be practicing without mats, but if you have one you’re welcome to bring it. FREE for graduate students. Suggested donation of $10 for faculty, post-docs, and others; payable at the event. If you are interested, or have any questions, email yoga teacher and PhD candidate Raechel Lutz, rlutz@history.rutgers.edu.

Poster Presentations
Saturday, April 1, 10:00-10:30 am
View the posters in the Drake Room, lobby level, and meet the authors, who will be available to discuss their research. Marsha Weisiger, program committee chair, will present an award for the most effective poster at 7:00 pm.

Saturday Evening Events
ASEH Business/Members Meeting
Saturday, April 1, 4:45 – 5:00 pm
French Room, lobby level
Everyone welcome. This is your chance to weigh in as President Kathleen Brosnan summarizes ASEH’s latest initiatives and discusses the future of our organization. We will also be voting on amendments to ASEH’s by-laws. (See event listed below.)

Forum: Threats to the Free Flow of Ideas and People
Saturday, April 1, 5:00 – 5:45 pm
French Room, lobby level
This discussion is open to all attendees, and will provide participants with an opportunity to speak and to help forge the Society’s agenda during these difficult times.

Plenary Session
Saturday, April 1, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Grand Ballroom, lobby level

Awards Ceremony
Saturday, April 1, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Grand Ballroom, lobby level
Help celebrate scholarship in environmental history and support your colleagues! President Kathleen Brosnan will present the following awards:

- George Perkins Marsh Prize for Best Book
- Alice Hamilton Prize for Best Article Outside Journal Environmental History
- Leopold-Hidy Prize for Best Article in Journal Environmental History (with Forest History Society)
- Rachel Carson Prize for Best Dissertation
- Public Outreach Career Award
- Equity Graduate Student Fellowship
- Samuel Hays Research Fellowship
- Hal Rothman Research Fellowship
- Distinguished Service Award

Closing Reception: ASEH Celebrates 40 Years
Saturday, April 1, 8:00 – 9:30 pm
Walton Room, lobby level
Join us for this last event of the evening, which includes a light buffet featuring “A Taste of Chicago,” along with anniversary cake and champagne. Brief closing remarks by President Kathleen Brosnan.
Exploring Pullman National Monument ($45)

Leader: Leon Fink, Distinguished Professor of History, University of Illinois-Chicago

Description: Take a trip with one of the nation’s leading labor historians to a remarkable built environment: the Pullman District in (what is now) the southern reach of Chicago. Pullman was the first planned industrial community in the United States and became the prototype for late 19th-century industrial “company towns” elsewhere in the Midwest. Founded in 1880 by George Pullman as a geographically compartmentalized space where workers would live in proximity to the factories and workshops for his famous luxury rail cars, the township’s housing stock inscribed social difference onto the urban landscape. Pullman gained national notoriety as the site of a major strike in 1894 that recast labor law and called into question the viability of company towns.

This trip will be led by Leon Fink, Distinguished Professor of History at the University of Illinois at Chicago and author of more than a dozen books of American and international labor and social history. We will depart the hotel at 9:30 a.m. Professor Fink will narrate the trip by bus to the Pullman National Monument, located 18 miles from the Drake Hotel. NPS Personnel will provide a tour of the Monument and surrounding area. We will enjoy lunch at the Pullman Café, where we will learn a bit about urban farming. En route home, we will make a slight detour to see the Calumet Harbor, once a hub of Chicago’s industrial shipping trade. We will return to the Drake by approximately 2:30-3:00 pm.

Notes: Bus transportation included, but not lunch (please bring money for lunch). Meet ASEH tour bus outside the hotel at 9:15 am.

For more information, see: https://www.nps.gov/pull/index.htm

For a map showing Chicago sites important to industry, labor, and recreation, see: http://www.communitywalk.com/map/5258
Exhibits

The exhibits will be located in the Gold Coast Room, lobby level, where coffee, tea, and water will be provided during the morning breaks.

Hours:

Wednesday, March 29: 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Opening Reception)
Thursday, March 30: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, March 31: 8:00 am – 12:00 noon (afternoon break for field trips)
Saturday, April 1: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

The following exhibitors have reserved tables:

- American Society for Environmental History
- Berghahn Books
- Cambridge University Press
- Edge Effects, Center for Culture, History, and Environment, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Forest History Society
- Harvard University Press
- History of Science Society
- Ingram Content Group
- Kentucky Historical Society
- MIT Press
- McGill-Queen’s University Press
- Montana State University Department of History
- Oregon State University Press
- Oxford University Press
- Palgrave McMillan
- Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society
- The Scholar’s Choice
- Texas A&M Press
- Trinity University Press
- University of Alabama Press
- University of Arizona Press
- University of British Columbia Press
- University of Calgary Press
- University of Chicago Press
- University of Georgia Press
- University of Massachusetts Press
- University of Nebraska Press
- University of Nevada Press
- University of New Mexico Press
- University of North Carolina Press
- University of Oklahoma Press
- University of Pittsburgh Press
- University of Washington Press
- University Press of Colorado
- University Press of Kansas
- West Virginia University Press
- Wiki Education Foundation
- Yale University Press
Posters

The following is a list of posters to be displayed throughout the conference in the Drake Room, lobby level. Presenters will be available to discuss their posters on Saturday morning, April 1 at 10:00 am, and program committee chair Marsha Weisiger will present an award for the most effective poster on Saturday evening.

Debanjana Chatterjee, Amity University-Haryana, India - “Are We Ready to Shift from ‘Metropolis’ to ‘Aerotropolis’? A Case Study of Durgapur, India”

Regina Horta Duarte, Universidad Federal de Minas Gerais - “Latin American Societies and Wild Animals in Latin American Zoos: Photographic Approaches on Ciudad de Mexico and Montevideo Zoos”

Jonathan Fowler, St. Mary's University-Halifax - “Recovering Acadie: Landscape Archaeology in the Northeast”

Greg Gordon, Gonzaga University - “Once upon a Millpond Dreary’: A Case Study in the Ecological Restoration of a Brownfield Site”

Marion W. Gray, Western Michigan University - “Recycling Every Fiber: Paper Milling in Early Modern Brandenburg”

Michael Guenther, Grinnell College - “Seeing like a Planner: The Graphic Turn in New Deal Conservation”

Melanie Kiechle, Virginia Tech - “Between Common Sense and Nonsense: Environmental Knowledge in Patent Medicines”

Patrick Klinger, University of Kansas - “The Climate of Union: Climatic Aberrations and the Decline of the Scottish Herring Industry, 1660-1707”

David B. H. Lehman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - “Prairie Land in Demand: Using GIS to Map Settler Claims in Potawatomi Homelands”

Laura-Louise Mahler, King’s College London - “The Hard Shell: Environmental Impacts of the Native American Wampum Trade”

Rennie Meyers, University of Rhode Island - “Art Islands: How Ecological Thought and Mass Tourism Redesigned the Canary Islands”

Zachary Nowak, Harvard University - “Edgy Urban Environmental History: Train Stations and the Ideological Built Environment”

Tim Paulson, University of California-Santa Barbara and Kevin Brown, University of California-Santa Barbara - “Land Use and Climate in California Rangelands: A Historical Analysis of Change Over Time”

Shuhan Shi, Peking University - “Wisdom of Traditional Irrigation Systems in Huizhou Area, China”

Michael Smith, Ithaca College - “‘To Sever the Vast Continent of America’: Imagined Canals Across Nicaragua”

Jared Taber, University of Kansas - “Nature Unincorporated: Industriousness and the Waters of New England”


S. Ganapathy Venkatasubramanian, Anna University-India - “Principles of Various International Environmental Laws and Their Judicial Responses for a Clean and Green India: A Critical Analysis”
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Thursday, March 30

Concurrent Sessions 1, 8:30 – 10:00 am

Coal, Cultivation, and Contamination: Engaging New Audiences through Southern Environmental History
Panel 1-A: Astor (mezzanine level)

Chair: David Stradling, University of Cincinnati
Commentator: Mark Hersey, Mississippi State University

Presenters:
- Andrew P. Patrick, University of Kentucky
  Teaching “Birth of the Bluegrass”: Lessons from the Arboretum, the Classroom, and the Archives
- Caroline Peyton, Cameron University
  Kentucky’s “Atomic Graveyard”: Maxey Flats and Environmental Inequity in Rural America
- Eileen Michelle Hagerman, University of Maine Water Workers, and Wealth: How ‘Mr. Peabody’s’ Coal Barge Stripped Kentucky’s Green River Valley

Toward the Neoliberal Turn: How Neoliberalism Might Influence Environmental History
Roundtable 1-B: French (lobby level)

Moderator: Michael Egan, McMaster University

Presenters:
- Erik Loomis, University of Rhode Island
- Molly Doane, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Sylvia Hood Washington, Environmental Health Research Associates
- Cody E. Ferguson, Fort Lewis College

Histories of Design and the Environment
Panel 1-C: Georgian (mezzanine)

Chair: Adam Rome, State University of New York-Buffalo

Concurrent Sessions 1, 8:30 – 10:00 am

Commentator: Steven Corey, Columbia College

Presenters:
- Kjetil Fallan, University of Oslo-Norway
  Appetite for Construction: Design History as Environmental History
- Carl A. Zimring, Pratt Institute
- Rachel S. Gross, University of Wisconsin-Madison
  Layering for the Cold with the M-1943 Field Jacket: How American Military Studies of Climates and Bodies Shaped Popular Style
- Eun-Joo Ahn, University of California-Santa Barbara
  Designing a National Laboratory: Fermilab's Grand Statement

Empires of Knowledge: Environments Between the Colony and the Globe
Panel 1-D: Huron (mezzanine level)

Chair: Philipp Nicolas Lehmann, Research Scholar, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science

Presenters:
- Nurfadzilah Yahaya, National University of Singapore
  Colonial Regulation of Religious Slaughter of Animals
- Dale Stahl, University of Colorado-Denver
  Regenerating Nature: A British Vision for the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
- Kate Wersan, University of Wisconsin-Madison
  Mechanical Gardeners and Scientific Sailors: Standardizing Organic Time on Land and at Sea, 1750-1830
- Wilko Graf von Hardenberg, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science
  Planning on Zero: Infrastructures, Networks, and the Level of the Sea
The Cold War, the American West, and the Environment
Panel 1-E: Michigan (mezzanine level)
Chair: Richard Tucker, University of Michigan
Presenters:
- Robynne Mellor, Georgetown University
  A Comparative Analysis of the Environmental Effects of Cold War Uranium Mining in Grants, New Mexico
- Leisl Carr Childers, University of Northern Iowa
  Incident at Galisteo: The 1955 Teapot Series and the Mental Landscape of Contamination
- Curtis Foxley, University of Oklahoma
  A Military-Industrial Cleanup: The End of the Cold War and the Remediation of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal

The Color of Environmental Activism: Race in Shaping and Maintaining U.S. Parks and Cities
Panel 1-F: Parkside (mezzanine level)
Commentators: Connie Chiang, Bowdoin College, and Kathryn T. Morse, Middlebury College
Presenters:
- Teona Williams, University of Michigan
  Islands of Freedom: The Struggle to Desegregate Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountain National Park 1936-1941
- Nichelle Frank, University of Oregon
  Sanitized Landscapes: Racial Identity, Historic Preservation, and Environmentalism in U.S. West Mining Communities
- Andrew Hurley, University of Missouri-St. Louis
  The Resurrection of Harlem Creek: Environmental Racism or Urban Revitalization?

The Pedagogy of Hope: Teaching Hope in the Environmental Classroom
Roundtable 1-I: Walton North (lobby level)
Moderator: Tina Loo, University of British Columbia
Presenters:
- Sarah R. Hamilton, Auburn University
- Amy Kohout, Colorado College

Henry David Thoreau’s Relevance after 200 Years
Panel 1-G: Superior (mezzanine level)
Chair: Donald Worster, University of Kansas
Presenters:
- Kent Curtis, Ohio State University
  “I did not wish to live what was not life” or, Can a ‘Transcendentalist’ Thoreau Inform Scholarship in Environmental History?
- Richard William Judd, University of Maine
  Thoreau, Wilderness, and The Maine Woods: The Uncertain Invention of an Environmental Icon
- Mary Richie McGuire, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
  Thoreau’s Challenge: The Image, Reality, and Promise of Revolution

Disturbed Ground: Weeds, Migration, and Life in Ruins
Panel 1-H: Venetian (mezzanine level)
Chair: Courtney Fullilove, Wesleyan University
Presenters:
- Mary Kuhn, University of Virginia
  “The Wicked Weeds”: Plants out of Place in Nineteenth-Century U.S. Literature
- Jill Sigman, thinkdance
  Weed Heart: Resilience, Toxicity, Invisibility, and Power
- Paulla Ebron, Stanford University
  Indigo: A Weed, a Crop, a Weed
- Courtney Fullilove, Wesleyan University
  Collecting Crop Wild Relatives in Soviet Ruins

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Concurrent Sessions 1, 8:30 - 10:00 am

Brittany Bayless Fremion, Central Michigan University

Jim Feldman, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

George Vrtis, Carleton College

Winds of Change? Global Histories of an Elusive Element
Panel 1-J: Walton South (lobby level)

Chair and Commentator: Linda Nash, University of Washington

Presenters:

Jeremy Vetter, University of Arizona
Chasing the Chinook: Knowing the Wind through Science and Bodily Experience

Elaine LaFay, University of Pennsylvania
“On the Teeth of the Wind”: Atmospheric Knowledge and American Expansion in the Southeastern Borderlands

Catherine Dunlop, Montana State University
From Wind Roses to Meteorological Maps: Visualizing the Mistral in France and the Mediterranean World
Concurrent Sessions 2, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Hydropower, Nationalism, and Foreign Expertise in Africa and Asia
Panel 2-A: Astor (mezzanine level)

Chair: Covell Franklin Meyskens, Naval Postgraduate School

Commentator: David Pietz, University of Arizona

Presenters:
Covell Franklin Meyskens, Naval Postgraduate School
Building a Hydraulic Engine: Late Development, Water Nationalism, and China’s Gezhouba Dam

Stephan Miescher, University of California-Santa Barbara
Ghana’s Akosombo Dam, Technopolitics, and Pan-Africanism

Nancy Reynolds, Washington University-St. Louis
Blasting the North African Desert: ‘Foreign’ Expertise and the Building of the High Dam at Aswan

Critical Discard Studies and Environmental History: Revisited
Roundtable 2-C: Georgian (mezzanine level)

Moderator: Martin Melosi, University of Houston

Presenters:
Steven Corey, Columbia College
Peter Thorsheim, UNC Charlotte
Carl Zimring, Pratt Institute
Robin Nagle, New York University
Max Liberon, Memorial University

Colonial and Post-Colonial Development: Continuities, Discontinuities, Interconnections
Roundtable 2-D: Huron (mezzanine level)

Moderator: Julia Adeney Thomas, Notre Dame

Presenters:
Corey Ross, University of Birmingham
Joseph Hodge, University of West Virginia
Julia Tischler, University of Basel
Amanda McVety, Miami University
Simon Jackson, University of Birmingham
Tom Robertson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
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Concurrent Sessions 2, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Connecting Histories: Exploring the Relationships Between Natural History and Environmental History Across Space and Time
Panel 2-E: Michigan (mezzanine level)

Chair: Amy Kohout, Colorado College

Commentator: Nancy Jacobs, Brown University

Presenters:
- Mark Bouman, The Field Museum, Chicago
  From Temple to Forum: The Field Museum, the Natural History of the Chicago Region, and Engagement with Communities

- Arjun Guneratne, Macalester College
  Coffee Planters and the Origins of Conservation in Colonial Ceylon

- Ian Jesse, University of Maine
  ‘The Intelligence of Animals’: Manly Hardy and the Animals of the Northeast

Chicago Environmental History From “The Bottom Up”
Panel 2-F: Parkside (mezzanine level)

Chair and Commentator: Catherine McNeur, Portland State University

Presenters:
- Michael Innis-Jiménez, University of Alabama
  Colonia Hull House Restaurants: The Comforts of Home or the Exotic on Mexican Boulevard

- Brian McCammack, Lake Forest College
  Black Migrant Foodways in the “Hog Butcher for the World”

- Colin Fisher, University of San Diego
  Nature and the Anarchist Imagination: May Day and Working-Class Environmental Thought in Gilded Age Chicago

Wetlands, Wastelands, and Badlands
Panel 2-H: Venetian (mezzanine level)

Chair and Commentator: Patricia Limerick, Center of the American West, University of Colorado

Presenters:
- Anthony Carlson, School of Advanced Military Studies
  Wetlands as Wastelands: Soggy Lands, Wasted Bodies

- Sara Gregg, University of Kansas
  Waste Lands: The Role of Expertise and Technology in Plans for Overcoming Natural Limits in the Early-20th-Century U. S. West

- Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma
  Badlands History as Landscape History in the North American West

History Gone to the Dogs: Exploring Dogs’ Roles as Cultural Interlocutors
Panel 2-G: Superior (mezzanine level)

Chair: Harriet Ritvo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Presenters:
- Strother Roberts, Bowdoin College
  The Indigenous Dogs of Early New England: Disease, “Widows,” and Intercultural Conflict

- Bathsheba Demuth, Brown University
  Call of the Domestic: Huskies, Prospectors, and Inupiat in the Nome Gold Rush

- Andrew Robichaud, Boston University
  Working Like a Dog: The Question of Urban Dog Labor in 19th-Century America

Converging Histories: The Gulf of St. Lawrence as an Environmental History Space
Panel 2-I: Walton North (lobby level)

Commentator: Edward MacDonald, University of Prince Edward Island

Presenters:
- Claire Campbell, Bucknell University
  L.M. Montgomery, the Gulf of the St. Lawrence, and the Search for Environmental History
Concurrent Sessions 2, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday, March 30

Suzanne Morton, McGill University
American Canners in the Gulf: Commodifying Lobsters, 1870-1914

Matthew McKenzie, University of Connecticut
Outsourcing Resource Exploitation: The Triumph of Atlantic Canada’s Nineteenth Century Offshore Fisheries, 1866-1916

The Struggle for Survival: War, Nationalism, and Natural Resources
Panel 2-J: Walton South (lobby level)

Chair: Richard Tucker, University of Michigan

Presenters:

Jeffrey K. Wilson, California State University-Sacramento
Germany’s ‘Wooden Walls’: Timber as a Strategic Raw Material during the First World War

Eric Dinmore, Hampden-Sydney College
Global Trading Giant or “Have-Not” Country? Natural and National Resource Anxieties in 1930s Japan

Scott Moranda, SUNY-Cortland
Serving His Nation: Carl Schenck, the Timber Trade, and German Remilitarization, 1918-1945

Adam Lawrence, University of California-Los Angeles
A Member of the Food Chain: Primary Productivity from the Third Reich to the International Biological Program, 1930-1974
Thursday, March 30

Concurrent Sessions 3, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Conservation in Historical and Comparative Perspective: Woodlands in Europe
Panel 3-A: Astor (mezzanine level)

Commentator: Ellen Arnold, Ohio Wesleyan University

Presenters:
- Richard Keyser, University of Wisconsin-Madison
  Medieval Conservation: The Example of French Woodlands
- Alexander Olson, University of Wisconsin-Madison
  Sustainability in Byzantium
- Alasdair David Ross, University of Stirling
  “Ane Great Distroyer of Woddis”: Counting Trees and Woodland Sustainability in 16th-Century Scotland

Photographing Environment and Empire: A Methodological Roundtable of Case Studies
Roundtable 3-C: Georgian (mezzanine level)

Moderator: Julia Adeney Thomas, Notre Dame

Presenters:
- Elizabeth Anne Cavaliere, Concordia University
- Karla Kit McManus, Queen’s University
- Joseph Whitson, University of Minnesota
- Dörte Lerp, Historisches Institut, Universität zu Köln
- Vandana Baweja, University of Florida

How to Pitch Your Book
Roundtable 3-B: French (lobby level)

Moderator: Karen Darling, University of Chicago Press

Presenters:
- Brian Halley, University of Massachusetts Press
- Sandra Crooms, University of Pittsburgh Press
- Catherine Cocks, University of Washington Press
- Susan Ferber, University of Oxford Press
- Mary Braun, Oregon State University Press
- Kyla Madden, McGill-Queen’s University Press
- Tim Mennel, University of Chicago Press

Inside Infrastructure: Altered Landscapes and Engineered Environments
Panel 3-D: Huron (mezzanine level)

Chair: Maurits Ertsen, Delft University of Technology

Commentator: Donald C. Jackson, Lafayette College

Presenters:
- Martin Meiske, Deutsches Museum/Rachel Carson Center
  The Birth of Geoengineering: Building and Managing Infrastructures in the Early Stage of the Anthropocene
- Ann Norton Greene, University of Pennsylvania
  Engineering Nature: Maintaining the Erie Canal in the 19th Century
- Felix Mauch, Technical University of Munich
  Hidden in Plain Sight: The Quiet Architecture of Logistics
- Vikas Lakhani, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
  Disasters and Memories: Perceptions and Learning from Gujarat, India
Thursday, March 30

Concurrent Sessions 3, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Urban Inspirations: Chicago’s Influence On Environmental Theory and Practice
Panel 3-E: Michigan (mezzanine level)

Chair: Gene Cittadino, New York University

Commentator: Ann Durkin Keating, North Central College

Presenters:
Gene Cittadino, New York University
Henry Chandler Cowles and Chicago Ecology – Revisited

Peter Nekola, The Newberry Library
Longue-Durée Environmental History and the “Chicago School” of Geography, 1903-1957

Jonathan F. Lewis, Benedictine University
Development of Human Ecology at the University of Chicago: Evidence from the Archives

Liam Heneghan, DePaul University
Bewildered in Chicago: Notes on the History of the Transformation in the Landscapes Surrounding Chicago

Pushing Boundaries in Environmental History
Roundtable 3-F: Parkside (mezzanine level)

Moderator: Connie Chiang, Bowdoin College

Presenters:
Sara Fingal, Michigan State University

Jennifer Thomson, Bucknell University

Jeannie N. Shinozuka, University of Washington

Beyond the Earth Day Decade: Mainstreaming the Environmental History of the 1970s
Panel 3-G: Superior (mezzanine level)

Commentator: Thomas Borstelmann, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Presenters:
Keith Woodhouse, Northwestern University
Weighing the Cost: Regulation and its Discontents in the 1970s

Neil M. Maher, NJIT-Rutgers-Newark
The New Right’s Stuff: Space Exploration, the Hippie Counterculture, and the Rise of the “Conservative Crescent”

Kendra Smith-Howard, University at Albany-SUNY
Disposability and Sustainability in the 1970s: The Disposable Diaper Paradox

Colonial Environments in the Canadian North: Impacts on Indigenous Land Use
Panel 3-H: Venetian (mezzanine level)

Chair: John Sandlos, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Presenters:
Heather Green, University of Alberta
Colonial Space, Indigenous Land Use, and Resource Extraction in the Yukon, 1900-1940

Glenn Iceton, University of Saskatchewan
Across the Line: Cross-Border Effects of Trapline Registration in Northern British Columbia and the Yukon

Hereward Longley, University of Alberta
Food Contamination in the Athabasca Oil Sands Region

Rethinking Religion and Environmentalism: Inherit the Holy Mountain and Environmental History
Roundtable 3-I: Walton North (lobby level)

Moderator: Tim LeCain, Montana State University

Presenters:
Lisa H. Sideris, Indiana University

Mark Stoll, Texas Tech University

Mark Fiege, Montana State University
Thursday, March 30

Concurrent Sessions 3, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Kip Kosek, George Washington University

Brett Grainger, Villanova University

Ottoman Empire
Panel 3-J: Walton South (lobby level)

Chair: Sam White, Ohio State University

Presenters:

Stefan Peychev, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign

A Thermal Spring and Its City: Describing Early Modern Ottoman Sofia

Isacar Bolanos, Ohio State University
State-Tribal Cooperation on the Lower Euphrates: The Ottomans, the Muntafiq, and the Jaza’ir Dam, 1840-1880

Mateusz Falkowski, Princeton University
Adopting Trees: Climate Change and Landscape Transformation in Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Anatolia
Thursday, March 30

Navigating the North Atlantic Past through Archaeology, History and the Environmental Humanities
Panel 4-A: Astor (mezzanine level)

Chair: George Hambrecht, University of Maryland-College Park

Commentator: Dagomar Degroot, Georgetown University

Presenters:
Steven Hartman, Mid-Sweden University and George Hambrecht, University of Maryland-College Park
The Inscribing Environmental Memory Project: Interdisciplinary Environmental Humanities, Archaeology, and Icelandic Sagas

Poul Holm, Trinity College-Dublin
North Atlantic Fisheries Revolution, c.1400-1700: Climate, Ocean Productivity, and Markets

Richard Oram, University of Stirling-UK
Diseased, Cold, Violent, and Scottish: Environmental Data and the Revision of Scotland's Medieval History

Francis Feeley, City University of New York and Ramona Harrison, University of Bergen
Zooarchaeology and Icelandic Fisheries: Progress and Potentials

Corinna Norrick-Rühl, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität and Anke Vogel, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität
Greening the Book Industry - or Greenwashing the Book Industry?

The Nature of American Foreign Relations: Taking Foreign Relations History and Environmental History Together
Panel 4-C: Georgian (mezzanine level)

Chair: Stephen Macekura, Indiana University

Commentator: Paul Sutter, University of Colorado

Presenters:
Megan Black, Harvard University
The Closing of the Interior: The Shared History of Expansion and Environmental Management

Abby Elaine Spinak, Harvard University
The Most Laissez-Faire: International Comparison as Energy Policy in the Interwar United States

Joshua Howe, Reed College

Jason Colby, University of Victoria
Harnessing the Leviathan: Science, Cetaceans, and the Cold War

Publish or Perish? Print Cultures of the Anthropocene
Panel 4-B: French (lobby level)

Chair: Andrew Case, Washington College

Presenters:
Jackson Ryan Perry, Georgetown University
Gospel of the Gum: Jules-Émile Planchon and the Global Eucalyptus Fever of the Nineteenth Century

Cheryl Knott, University of Arizona
Think Globally, Act Nationally: The Translation and Transformation of The Limits to Growth

Designed Spaces, Environmental Outcomes
Panel 4-D: Huron (mezzanine level)

Chair: Janet Ore, Montana State University

Presenters:
Michael Joseph Chiarappa, Quinnipiac University
Building the Bayshore: Vernacular Design of a Marine Environment

Gerard J. Fitzgerald, George Mason University
Constructing the Built Environment: The Environmental Impact of Artificial Humidity and Temperature on Worker Bodies in Southern Textile Mill Design, 1880-1940
Thursday, March 30

**Concurrent Sessions 4, 3:30 – 5:00 pm**

**Viscous Visions: Non-Petroleum Oils and the Making of 19th-Century North America**
Panel 4-E: Michigan (mezzanine level)

Chair and Commentator: Kathryn T. Morse, Middlebury College

Presenters:
- Jeremy Zallen, Lafayette College
  Blood, Oil, and Turtles: The Voyage of the “Maria” (1832-1836) and the Political Ecology of the American Whale Fishery
- Brandon Luedtke, University of Kansas
  'Enough Beans to Physic the Earth': Agricultural Diversification, Public Health, and the Rise of the American Castor Oil Industry
- Joshua MacFadyen, Arizona State University
  Covering the Earth: Linseed Oil and Telecoupled Commodities in the Prairie West

**The Land Beneath Our Feet: A Film Screening and Roundtable Discussion**
Roundtable 4-F: Parkside (mezzanine level)

Moderator: Marco Armiero, Royal Institute of Technology

Presenters:
- Gregg Mitman, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Nancy Jacobs, Brown University
- Finis Dunaway, Trent University

**Changing Understandings of Tidal Environments in Northeastern North America**
Panel 4-G: Superior (mezzanine level)

Chair: Edward MacDonald, University of Prince Edward Island

Presenters:
- James Kenny, Royal Military College of Canada
  “An Engineering Curiosity and an Economic Fantasy”: The Passamaquoddy Tidal Project, 1948-65
- Ronald Rudin, Concordia University
  Good Tidings: Local Knowledge and High Modernism in the “World’s Largest Hay Field”
- Matthew Hatvany, Université Laval
  World Views and the Changing Human Place in Tidal Wetlands

**“With Scant Regard to Local Interest”: Eminent Domain and Local Land Use in the 20th Century U.S.**
Panel 4-H: Venetian (mezzanine level)

Chair: Christopher Sellers, Stony Brook University

Commentator: Ted Karamanski, Loyola University Chicago

Presenters:
- Jacqueline A. Gonzales, Independent Scholar
  “The Spectre of Possible Eviction”: Recreation as Public Good on Postwar Coasts
- Clarence Jefferson Hall, Queensborough Community College-CUNY
  Eminent Domain, Environmental Politics, and New York’s $1.00 Prison
- Ryan Driskell Tate, Rutgers University
  A Patchwork of Land Rights: The 1970s Energy Crisis and Coal in the American West
- Katherine Macica, Loyola University Chicago
  Forests or Flying Fortresses? Defining the Public Good in Washington State During World War II
Corporate Environmentalism? Business and the Environment Since 1960  
Panel 4-I: Walton North (lobby level)

Chair: Christine Meisner Rosen, University of California-Berkeley

Presenters:
  - William Bryan, Georgia State University
    Resorting to Nature?: “Green” Developers and American Environmental Politics
  - David Kinkela, SUNY-Fredonia
    The Business of Plastic Six-Pack Rings
  - Adam Rome, SUNY-Buffalo
    DuPont and the Limits of Corporate Environmentalism

Strategic Nature: World War II and the Mobilization of the American Environment  
Roundtable 4-J: Walton South (lobby level)

Moderator: Tom Robertson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Presenters:
  - Kellen Backer, Syracuse University
  - Jean A. Mansavage, U.S. Air Force Historical Studies Office
  - Kent Curtis, Ohio State University
  - Ryan Edgington, Independent Scholar
  - Chris Rein, U.S. Army, Combat Studies Institute, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
Unruly Plants, Unruly People
Panel 5-A: Astor (mezzanine level)

Commentator: Mark Fiege, Montana State University

Presenters:
Catherine McNeur, Portland State University
“It Liked Poor People”: The Rise and Fall of the Ailanthus Tree in American Cities

Tamara Venit-Shelton, Claremont McKenna College
Herbs across Borders: The Regulation of Chinese Medicine in Post-Exclusion America

April Merleaux, Florida International University
Noxious Weeds and Noxious Laws: Cannabis Cultivation and the Botanical Basis of Prohibition in the United States, 1930s-1950s

Presidential Panel: Making Environmental History More Diverse from the Classroom to the Profession - A Practical Dialogue on Inclusivity
Roundtable 5-B: French (lobby level)

Moderator: Kathleen Brosnan, University of Oklahoma

Presenters:
Michael J. Dockry, US Forest Service
Mary E. Mendoza, University of Vermont
Robert Gioielli, University of Cincinnati
Vandana Baweja, University of Florida
William Tsutsui, Hendrix College

The United States and the Global Environment since Earth Day
Panel 5-C: Georgian (mezzanine level)

Chair: Toshihiro Higuchi, Georgetown University

Presenters:
Jonathan Reid Hunt, University of Southampton
Applying Sunscreen and Supply-Side: Beach Tourism, Neoliberalism, and Popular and Elite Attitudes toward Ozone-Depleting CFCs under Reagan

Rachel Rothschild, New York University
An Environment for Détente: Acid Rain and the Diplomatic Opening to Eastern Europe

Hunters and Herders in Pre-Industrial Times
Panel 5-D: Huron (mezzanine level)

Chair: Harriet Ritvo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Presenters:
Robert Michael Morrissey, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Bison Hunters of the Tallgrass Prairies

Beatrice Forbes Manz, Tufts University
Pastoral Nomadism of Horse, Sheep, Goat, and Camel in the Historical Middle East

Thomas M. Wickman, Trinity College
Hoofed Animals in the Snow: Ungulate Geographies and Indigenous Knowledge in the Little Ice Age

A Malleable Agroecology: Global Commodities, Regional Crops, Local Landscapes
Panel 5-E: Michigan (mezzanine level)

Chair: Bartow Jerome Elmore, University of Alabama

Commentator: Deborah Fitzgerald, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Presenters:
Michael A. Weeks, University of Colorado-Boulder
Cultivating Sweetness: How Global Demand Shaped Agricultural Practice and Made an Industry

Thomas Luke Manget, University of Georgia
An Uncommon Commodity: The Triumph of Ginseng Cultivation in the United States, 1890-1920

Amanda Van Lanen, Lewis-Clark State College

William Carleton, University of New Mexico
A Patchwork Homogeneity: Industrial Cotton in Interwar New Mexico
Environmentalism in Unexpected Places: The Strange Advocates and Unconventional Partnerships of Environmental Activism
Panel 5-F: Parkside (mezzanine level)

Chair and Commentator: Brian Allen Drake, University of Georgia

Presenters:
David D. Vail, University of Nebraska-Kearney
dying harvests: the Great Plains Agricultural Council's Efforts to Study Climate Change, Protect Crops, and Solve the 1950s Drought

Amy Marie Hay, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley: A Report to the Consumer: Ida Honorof and Environmental Activism

Jinny A. Turman, University of Nebraska-Kearney

Crude Exposures: Photographing Oil in the “American Century”
Panel 5-G: Superior (mezzanine level)

Commentator: Frank Uekotter, University of Birmingham

Presenters:
Emily Roehl, The University of Texas-Austin
Material and Affective Extraction in the Standard Oil (New Jersey) Photographic Project

Pollyanna Rhee, Columbia University
The Hazards of Paradise: Place, Public Image, and the 1969 Santa Barbara Oil Spill

Caleb Wellum, University of Toronto
Project Documerica and Pre-Carbon Nostalgia in the 1970s

Drained, Dumped, and Despoiled: War and Peace in the Great Lakes of Europe
Panel 5-H: Venetian (mezzanine level)

Chair: Sarah R. Hamilton, Auburn University

Presenters:
David Idol, University of California-San Diego

The “Peaceful Conquest” of Kopaïda

Elodie Charrière, University of Geneva and Rémi Baudouï, University of Geneva
Dumped Munitions in Swiss Lakes: A Historical Perspective on Military Waste Management

Simo Laakkonen, University of Turku
The European Great Lakes: A Divided History

Ecologies of the Socialist City: Cultivating and Protecting the Green Spaces of Russia
Panel 5-I: Walton North (lobby level)

Chair: Dorothy Zeisler-Vralsted, Eastern Washington University

Commentator: Mark Soderstrom, Aurora University

Presenters:
Alan D. Roe, College of William and Mary
The Forest in the City: Elk Island National Park and the Challenges of the Russian National Park System

Covell Meyskens, Naval Postgraduate School
The Last Maoist Industrialization School

Andy Bruno, Northern Illinois University
Metallic Landscapes of the Soviet North: Pollution in the Town of Monchegorsk

Searching for Nature in the City: Three Perspectives on Urban Ecology
Panel 5-J: Walton South (lobby level)

Chair: Char Miller, Pomona College

Presenters:
Michelle Mart, Penn State University
Looking for Nature in Urban Gardens

Peter Alagona, University of California-Santa Barbara

Alison Laurence, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Tread Lightly: Contested Ecologies at the La Brea Tar Pits
Before Climate Refugees: Mobility, Climate and Empire 1600 to 1940
Panel 6-A: Astor (mezzanine level)

Chair: Fredrik Albritton Jonsson, University of Chicago

Presenters:
Nicholas Cunigan, University of Kansas
The High Water Mark of Dutch Brazil: Extreme Weather, Migration, and Indigenous Resistance, 1641-1645

Angelo Matteo Caglioti, University of California-Berkeley
An Empire of Emigrants? Migration, Climate, and Socio-Technical Imaginaries of Italian Imperialism, 1880-1940

Meredith McKittrick, Georgetown University
Planning on Climate’s Margins: Climate, Migration, and Community Stability in the United States, 1933-1935

ASEH Presidential Slam: Reflecting on 40 Years of Environmental History
Roundtable 6-B: French (lobby level)

Moderator: Kathleen Brosnan, University of Oklahoma

Presenters: ASEH Presidents will share their thoughts on developments in environmental history, ASEH, and their work.

Lighting Across the British Empire: The Lighting Revolution in England, Canada and India
Panel 6-C: Georgian (mezzanine level)

Chair: Christopher Jones, Arizona State University

Presenters:
Abigail Harrison Moore, University of Leeds-UK
Trans-Local Stories of Lighting Innovations in the 19th-Century English Country House

Ruth Sandwell, University of Toronto
Leading Lights: A History of Modern Lighting in Canada, 1860-1940

Ute Hasenöhrl, University of Innsbruck
Colonizing Light? The Contentious Development of Artificial Light in British India

Telling Environmental Histories of Capitalism through Commodities
Panel 6-D: Huron (mezzanine level)

Chair: Michelle Mart, Penn State University

Presenters:
Lorena Campuzano Duque, Binghamton University
The City of Gold: The Ecology of Gold in Northeastern Antioquia, 1880-1900

Kelly Yvonne Hopkins, University of Houston
Wild Roots: The Social and Environmental Impact of the Ginseng Market on Haudenosaunee Communities

William Ippen, Loyola University Chicago
Cotton and the Ecology of Industrial Capitalism in the Indo-Atlantic

Frank Uekotter, University of Birmingham
Antony Fisher, Buxted Chicken, and the Meaning of Freedom: Towards an Environmental History of Neoliberalism

Kumara and Coconuts: Colonial Ecologies and Pacific Plants
Panel 6-E: Michigan (mezzanine level)

Chair: Ryan Tucker Jones, University of Oregon

Presenters:
Lucy Annabel Mackintosh, University of Auckland
Fertile Grounds: Māori Market Gardens in
Concurrent Sessions 6, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Colonial Auckland, New Zealand, 1840-65

Hannah Katharine Cutting-Jones, University of Auckland
Feasts of Change: The Impact of Colonialism, Christianity, and Globalization on Feasting Foods in the Cook Islands, 1900-1950

Kate Stevens, University of Otago
Wasting Coconuts? Competing Visions for Environments and Economies in French Pacific Islands, 1900-1960

Beyond Taking Nature for Granted
Panel 6-F: Parkside (mezzanine level)

Chair: Kevin Connor Armitage, Miami University of Ohio

Presenters:
Sean Munger, University of Oregon
Journaling Weather: Personal and Private Conceptions of the Environment in Personal Diaries of the Cold Decade (1810-1820)

Paul J. Croce, Stetson University
At Home In Nature: William James and the Moral Equivalent of Tough-Love Environmentalism

Daniel W. Rinn, University of Rochester
Pragmatic Naturalism in the Work of Liberty Hyde Bailey, Aldo Leopold, and Wendell Berry

Changes in the Professional Landscape: Preparing Students to Practice Interdisciplinary, Environmental History
Roundtable 6-G: Superior (mezzanine level)

Moderator: David Benac, Western Michigan University

Presenters:
David Benac, Western Michigan University
Janet Ore, Montana State University
Jacob Hamblin, Oregon State University

Latin American Environmental History: New Insights from Guatemala and Brazil
Panel 6-H: Venetian (mezzanine level)

Chair: Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma

Presenters:
Lise Fernanda Sedrez, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro and Andrea Casa Nova Maia, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
Coping with Floods Without an Ark: Urban Nature and Local Ingenuity in Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires in the late 20th Century

Sandro Dutra Silva, State University of Goiás/University of California-Los Angeles
Nature’s Revenge: War on the Wilderness During the Opening of Brazil’s ‘Last Western Frontier’

Jose-Augusto Padua, University of Rio de Janeiro
The Turning Point in Amazon Deforestation: Historical Shift or Contextual Phenomenon?

On the Urban Edge: Labor, Capital, and Nature on the Margins of the Metropolis
Panel 6-I: Walton North (lobby level)

Chair: Andrew Hurley, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Commentator: Allen J. Dieterich-Ward, Slippery Rock University

Presenters:
Eleanor Mahoney, University of Washington
A “Quiet Revolution” on the Urban Fringe: New Approaches to Conservation on the Metropolitan Edge

Gabriel Lee, Stanford University
The Concrete Space of Industrial Labor, 1900-1930
Elizabeth Grennan Browning, University of California-Davis
“The City as a Social Laboratory”: Urban Ecology and the Chicago School of Sociology, 1890-1930s

The Politics of Space and Technology on Modern Asian Rivers
Panel 6-J: Walton South (lobby level)

Chair: Andy Bruno, Northern Illinois University

Commentator: Dorothy Zeisler-Vralsted, Eastern Washington University

Presenters:
Patryk Reid, University of Pittsburgh
The Soviet Union’s River Border: Engineering Economic Change and Political Reality on the Amu Darya, 1917-1937

Roderick Wilson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Building New Networks of Power: Changing Environmental Relations along the Kiso River in Interwar Japan

Flora J. Roberts, Karls Eberhard University of Tübingen
Pursuing the Tajik Sea: Negotiating For, and Reflecting On, Environmental Change in Soviet Central Asia, 1950s-1960s
Saturday, April 1

Concurrent Sessions 7, 8:30 – 10:00 am

Bridles, Muzzles, and Shackles: Interspecies Entanglements Between Animals and Slaves in the Atlantic World
Panel 7-A: Astor (mezzanine level)

Chair: Karl Appuhn, New York University
Commentator: Joyce Chaplin, Harvard University

Presenters:
Joshua Abram Kercsmar, Unity College
Toward an Evolutionary History of Slavery

Christopher Michael Blakley, Rutgers University
Perdition of the Isles: Pests in British Caribbean Plantations and Slave Gardens, 1750-1793

Tyler D. Parry, California State University-Fullerton
Onions, Peppers, and a “Liddle Tuppentine”: An Environmental History of Dogs and Slaves in the US South

Visual Approaches to Environmental History
Panel 7-B: French (lobby level)

Chair: Finis Dunaway, Trent University

Presenters:
Sara B. Pritchard, Cornell University
Changes in the Nightscape: Light Pollution, Regimes of (Im)perceptibility, and History in Artificial Light at Night Imagery

Kelly Enright, Flagler College
Franklinia alatamaha and the Stamp of Extinction

Thomas J. Anderson, Merrimack College
Domesticating the “Naturalists’ Paradise”: Images and the Perception of the Environment in 19th-Century Madagascar

Catherine Peters, Harvard University
Smokey Bear as Exclusionary Icon

Schools of Thought: Fish, Fevers, Soil in African Transnational Ecologies
Panel 7-C: Georgian (mezzanine level)

Chair: James Craig McCann, Boston University
Commentator: Jamie Monson, Michigan State University

Presenters:
Christopher Conz, Boston University
Rethinking Soil Erosion and Conservation in Lesotho, Southern Africa, c. 1903-1956

Phillip D. Rotz, Boston University
The Fever Next Time: Aedes Habitat and Infections, Durban Port Ecology

James Craig McCann, Boston University
Labeobarbus: A Fish Story in Blue Nile Waters

Environments for Every Body: Panel 1 - Disability
Panel 7-D: Huron (mezzanine level)

Chair: Jody Roberts, Chemical Heritage Foundation

Presenters:
Jessica Martucci, University of Pennsylvania
Science and Disability in the Laboratory Environment

Bess Williamson, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
The People’s Parks and Sidewalks: Environments of the Early Disability Rights Movement

Kristoffer Whitney, Rochester Institute of Technology
Translating Environments: Technologies of Access for Environmental Education

Esther Ignani, Ryerson University
Thinking with “Chemical Stories”
Saturday, April 1

Turning Nature into Resources: Landscapes of Modernization in the Americas
Panel 7-E: Michigan (mezzanine level)

Chair: Casey Lurtz, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies
Commentator: Chris Boyer, University of Illinois-Chicago

Presenters:
- Teresa Cribelli, University of Alabama
  Natural Resources and Narratives of Progress in Nineteenth-Century Brazil and the United States
- Casey Lurtz, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies
  From Desert to Development: Coffee and the Transformation of Mexico’s Eden
- Monica Salas Landa, Lafayette College
  Crude Matters: El Campo Furbero and the Expansion of the Southern Oil Frontier in Papantla, Veracruz, Mexico
- Jennifer Eaglin, Ohio State University
  Agroindustrialization and the Green Revolution: The Rise of the Brazilian Sugar and Alcohol Complex in Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo, 1960-1990

Integrating Environmental History into the History Survey Course
Roundtable 7-F: Parkside (mezzanine level)

Moderator: Zachary Nowak, Harvard University

Presenters:
- Ellen Stroud, Penn State University
- Mark Fiege, Montana State University
- Kenneth Nivison, Southern New Hampshire University
- Abigail E. Owen, Carnegie Mellon University
- David Soll, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Concurrent Sessions 7, 8:30 - 10:00 am

Enriching the Risk Debate with a Long-Term Perspective: Environmental Historians Engaging in the Study of Systemic Risks
Panel 7-G: Superior (mezzanine level)

Chair and Commentator: Sarah Elkind, Department of History, San Diego State University

Presenters:
- Craig Colten, Louisiana State University
  Projecting Risk with Historical Analogs: The Scientific Use of History
- Maurits Ertsen, Delft University of Technology
  Risk-Taking Versus Sure-Thing-Taking: Changes in Hohokam Irrigation Over Time
- Verena Winiwarter, Alpen-Adria-Universitaet Klagenfurt; Gertrud Haidvogl, BOKU Institut für Hydrobiologie, Gewässermanagement; Christina Spitzbart-Glasl, Alpen-Adria-Universitaet Klagenfurt; and Severin Hohensinner, BOKU Institut für Hydrobiologie, Gewässermanagement
  Trapped in a Spiral of Risk? The Case for Re-Allowing Floods in the Danube Basins’ Floodplains

Incidental Landscapes of War: Military Manipulation, Commodification, and Utilization of Nature
Panel 7-H: Venetian (mezzanine level)

Chair: Lisa Brady, Boise State University

Presenters:
- Daniel S. Soucier, University of Maine
  “To Leave Delightful Fields for Barren Wilderness”: Ordering Wilderness Landscapes during the American Revolution
- Joseph Horan, Colorado School of Mines
  Ecological Imperialism in a European Context: The Incidental Landscapes of War in Napoleonic Italy
- Anastasia Day, University of Delaware
  Growing Patriots: Victory Gardens, Children, and Civic Identity in World War II
Epistemology in Action: Science, Art, and the Construction of the American Landscape
Panel 7-I: Walton North (lobby level)

Chair and Commentator: Aaron Sachs, Cornell University

Presenters:
A.J. Blandford, Rutgers University
‘The View Downward’: The Expansionist Rhetoric of Antebellum Geological Surveys

Alexandra Katherine Vicknair, Arizona State University
Creating a National Wilderness: Landscape Artists, Visual Rhetoric, and the Cultural Production of Knowledge in the Yosemite Valley, 1860s-1870s

Owen James Hyman, Mississippi State University
Knowing Disorder: Forestry in the U.S. South during the New Deal

A Change of Plans: Animals Intervening in Tales of their Supposed Mastery
Panel 7-J: Walton South (lobby level)

Chair: Tim LeCain, Montana State University

Presenters:
Jeannette Vaught, University of Texas-Austin
At the Mercy of the Swarm: Defining Utopian Agriculture through Locust Devastation in the 1870s

Amber Roberts Graham, University of Kansas
No Flatterer: Equine Complicity and Human Veracity in Stuart England

Ian A. Smith, Washburn University
Existence, Action, and Value: The Ethics of Preservation and the Humpback Chub

Kerri Keller Clement, University of Colorado-Boulder
Following the Wapiti: Historical Inter-Species Relationships in Yellowstone National Park before 1886
Saturday, April 1

Concurrent Sessions 8, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

The Land Speaks: Researching Public Lands at the Intersection of Oral and Environmental History
Roundtable 8-A: Astor (mezzanine level)

Moderator: James Lewis, Forest History Society

Presenters:
- Debbie Lee, Washington State University
- Kathryn Newfont, University of Kentucky
- Donna Sinclair, Portland State University
- Peter Friederici, Northern Arizona University

Scale and Circulation: Bringing History and Geography Together in Global Environmental Histories of Empire
Panel 8-B: French (lobby level)

Commentator: Gregg Mitman, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Presenters:
- Ernesto Bassi, Cornell University
  Small Islands in the Revolutionary Caribbean

- Rebecca Woods, University of Toronto
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