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ASEH 2021 Postponed

The American Society for Environmental History has decided to **postpone our April 2021 conference in Boston** because we are not confident that Covid-19 will allow us to hold a large, in-person meeting this coming spring. We are extremely disappointed that we will not be able to see everyone. We are very grateful to the Boston Local Arrangements Committee for all of their work. ASEH's annual meeting will return in 2022 in Eugene, Oregon; in 2023 ASEH will meet in Boston.



Announcing Environmental History Week

We are going to use next year as an opportunity to connect through regional meetings and local events that bring environmental historians together and environmental history to a wider audience - **Environmental History Week**.

Environmental History Week is an international celebration of environmental history, organized by environmental historians of all stripes to foster scholarly collaboration, academic research, teaching and public awareness of environmental history. It will take place April 19-25, 2021, and will coincide with Earth Day.

Please join us by organizing an event in your area, and [sending information to us](#) so we can publicize it on the **Environmental History Week events calendar** on the ASEH.org website. You can help diversify environmental history by inviting colleagues, scholars, and community-members who do not normally attend environmental history conferences to participate. Find collaborators by posting on H-Environment, other H-Net lists, and social media channels listed on the Environmental History Week website. ASEH will help connect people and organizations, and promote and amplify the events and good works in your communities.

Environmental History Week events can take many forms. In person, face-to-face events could be all-day mini-conferences; environmental history lectures on a campus or at a public library or museum; student presentations at a student research symposium; film series with audience discussions; field trips or tours, or hands-on projects in collaboration with nonprofits in your area; or a teacher training program for local K-12, community college, or graduate students. Digital events could be virtual conferences conducted on an online, video conference platform; streamed films with online discussions; self-guided field trips; or a virtual museum exhibit. Programs for all audiences are welcome. If you have other ideas for events, please share them. ASEH will maintain a calendar of affiliated events and promote all Environmental History Week activities. Check [aseh.org](#) for regular updates and information

Environmental History Week replaces the **2021 American Society for Environmental History conference in Boston**. ASEH's annual meeting will return in 2022 in Eugene, Oregon; in 2023 ASEH will meet in Boston. In the meantime, **Environmental History Week** will provide rich opportunities for intellectual exchange, and for engaging the public, K-12 teachers, and scholars in adjacent fields in an era when global pandemic makes a large, international conference risky and unwise. We also hope that Environmental History Week will generate models for low-carbon alternatives to large academic conferences.

Please join us as we celebrate environmental history and help us bring our interests and knowledge to a the broader public.

Featured Sponsor



Though we couldn't connect with you in-person at the ASEH conference this year, we would still like to highlight our new books and share our conference discount. As part of our Spring 2020 Press-Wide Sale, we are offering a **40% discount with free shipping on orders through June 30**. Enter promo code **WASH20** at checkout through [our website](#) or by calling 1-800-537-5487. **Happy reading from the University of Washington Press!**

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Message about Racism and Police Brutality (sent to members June 3, 2020)

Dear ASEH Members,

I feel torn apart by recent events. The Covid-19 epidemic and job layoffs have caused terrible suffering in communities of color. In the midst of that crisis came the horrific killings of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. Those murders are, of course, only the most recent examples of a long history of racism and injustice toward African Americans in the United States. Protestors have flooded into our streets to call for justice, and in too many cases police have responded to peaceful protest with violence.

In the midst of a terrible time, I am writing to say to all our members—and especially African Americans and members of other oppressed groups—that ASEH stands with you and condemns racism, injustice, and brutality. I do not pretend to know what it feels like to be African American, but anyone can see that we live in a world of pain. I too feel anger and despair.

Now, as ever, we must work diligently to enact our principles of [equity and inclusion](#) in ASEH, educational institutions, and all of society. I encourage all of us to contact colleagues, even by brief texts or emails, to let them know we support them. We need to be ready to listen and respond to colleagues who voice their experiences with racism and injustice. If there is a particular way in which I can help you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Edmund Russell

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ASEH 2022 in Eugene, Oregon

ASEH will return to the West Coast and in person meetings in 2022. We are extremely excited to convene in beautiful Eugene. Join us for panels and roundtables, field trips to the Oregon dunes, local breweries, and rivers.

March 23-26, 2022
The Graduate Eugene



Delta ponds in Eugene



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ASEH 2023 in Boston

We will not be in Boston in 2021, but ASEH looks forward to holding our annual conference there. See you in Boston in 2023!

March 22-25, 2023
Hilton Boston Back Bay



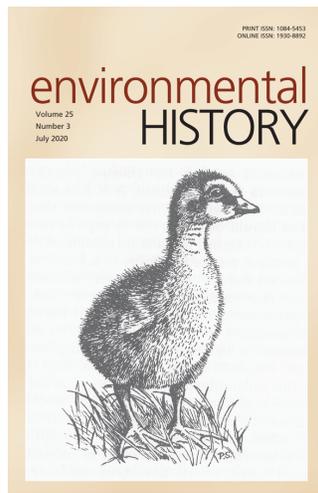
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Granary Burying Ground



Boston from above



The June issue of [*Environmental History*](#) is out now! Features include:

- Articles on extreme weather during the Cuban Revolution, conservation of the Hawaiian goose, and hunting and colonialism in India
- Book reviews and much more

Access [*Environmental History*](#) online.

Call for Nominations for ASEH Elections

The nominating committee works to identify outstanding candidates for elected leadership positions within ASEH. The next election will take place in January 2021, but, as described in the guidelines posted [here](#), the work begins now. Over the course of the summer and early fall, the nominating committee will assemble a slate of candidates which represents the breadth and diversity of scholars contributing to the society, including scholars with a range of research interests and relevant experiences.

Do you seek to chart ASEH's course in the coming years? Have you admired a fellow ASEH member's commitment to our common principles, or their efforts to advocate on behalf of others? Perhaps you've been astounded by how effortlessly a colleague organized a workshop or conference panel. Or possibly you've long admired how a fellow ASEH member instills a rich appreciation for environmental history among public audiences.

If the answer to any of these questions is yes—the nominating committee of ASEH would appreciate your help. During summer 2020, the committee welcomes self-nominations and nominations of other ASEH members to elected leadership positions. The following positions will be filled by election in 2021.

- **One candidate for Vice President/President elect**

As Vice President, this person will have overall charge of arrangements for the society's annual program, for which purpose he/she shall also appoint a program committee. This group shall consist of interested officers and members. He/she shall also arrange joint programs with other organizations in cooperation with the President and members of the executive committee. He/she shall act for the President in all other matters when the President is absent or unable to act. As President, he/she will preside at all business meetings of the society, shall appoint members of all committees except where otherwise provided for in the bylaws, and shall be ex-officio a member of all committees, except when the committee or its chairman is appointed by the executive committee.

- **One candidate for Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep a record of the meetings of the executive committee and the Society's business meetings, and shall assist the President in arranging these meetings and distributing materials for review.

- **Three Executive Committee Members (6 candidates needed)**

Elected members of the executive committee shall participate equally and jointly with elected officers in making collective decisions concerning the society where provided for in these bylaws or where otherwise necessary and proper.

- **Two Nominating Committee Members (4 candidates needed)**

These members are charged with identifying candidates to stand for elections, which take place in the January of odd years.

To make a nomination, you can use the [online Nomination Form](#) or feel free to contact any of the four current nominating committee members via e-mail: Michael Egan <egan@mcmaster.ca>, Liza Piper <epiper@ualberta.ca>, Kendra Smith-Howard <ksmithhoward@albany.edu>, or Ling Zhang <ling.zhang.2@bc.edu>.

Nominations will be taken until October 5, 2020.

NEWS

- ASEH signed the [AHA Statement on the History of Racist Violence in the United States](#).
 - Congratulations to Bathsheba Demuth, who has been named a 2020 Andrew Carnegie Fellow. Her book, [Floating Coast: An Environmental History of the Bering Strait](#), won ASEH's 2020 George Perkins Marsh Prize for best book in environmental history.
 - If you would like stop receiving the print version of [Environmental History](#), log into your member profile on [aseh.org](#), and check to box "Receive Online Journal ONLY."
 - On June 23, the Women's Environmental History Network, [ASEH's Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity](#), [ASEH's Grad Caucus](#), [NiCHE New Scholars](#), and [Environmental History Now](#) organized an effort to [#FlipTheList](#) - update the "List of Environmental Books" on Wikipedia with books by scholars of color, scholars from the global south, and/or scholars who identify as women, trans, and non-binary people. The co-organizers set a goal of gathering 300 book recommendations in 8 hours. **They collected over 800.** Congratulations and thank you to all of the organizers of this tremendous project. And thank you to all participants and contributors for making it a great collective success.
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