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Call for Proposals for ASEH 2022

**The 2022 ASEH Annual Conference will be in
Eugene, Oregon**

March 23-27, 2022

[Submit a Paper or Panel Proposal for ASEH 2022](#)

Conference Theme: Disaster and Renewal

The Program Committee welcomes traditional panels, individual papers, teaching and pedagogy sessions, innovative formats, and sessions that encourage active audience participation. Panels and papers that explore the intersections of environmental history and the fields of public history and the digital humanities are also welcome, as are those that discuss community engagement initiatives. The Program Committee encourages panels that include historians at different career stages (including independent scholars) and different types of institutions (universities, government agencies, museums), and that are diverse in their gender, racial, and national composition. Conference sessions are set at 90 minutes, including the requisite 30 minutes for discussion. We strongly prefer to receive complete session proposals, although we will endeavor to construct sessions from

proposals for individual presentations. Submission proposal types include:

- Complete Panels (including four presenters and a session chair or three presenters, a commentator, and a session chair)
- Roundtables (presentations should be limited to 10 minutes per person to maximize audience participation)
- Experimental Sessions (this category is open, but such sessions should involve at least four participants. Sessions must still allow 30 minutes for discussion)
- Individual Papers (accepted papers will be placed in panels; presentations are limited to 15 minutes)
- Individual Lightning Presentations (each presenter gets 5 minutes and up to 10 slides)
- Posters (those presenting posters will be expected to participate in the poster session at the conference)

Click the button below to view the entire [Call for Proposals](#) and submit complete panels, roundtables, experimental sessions, individual papers, and posters.

The deadline for submissions is July 16, 2021.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in person at The Graduate hotel in Eugene for ASEH 2022.

Submit a Proposal for ASEH 2022

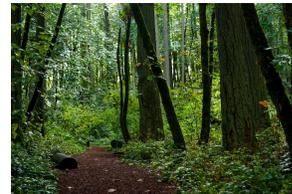
See you in Eugene, Oregon ASEH 2022



Clear Lake



Sand Dunes



Hiking Trails at Hendricks Park

Environmental History

The July issue is on its way to you!

Access [Environmental History](#) online.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I am deeply honored to serve as President of ASEH. Like many of my predecessors, I consider ASEH my intellectual home – I presented at my first conference a month after my doctoral exams. I've been serving on the executive council on and off since 1998, and created the first online environmental history syllabus collection for ASEH's first website. Nancy Jacobs, the new ASEH Vice President, and I are two of the [Women's Environmental History Network's](#) cofounders. If you've been to a conference recently, you've probably seen me passing the hat to collect donations.

As president, I will continue the work of past presidents Ed Russell, Graeme Wynn, and Kathy Brosnan to build diversity in our organization. As a practical matter, this means that I will continue to solicit volunteers for committees (Thank you to all the folks who have volunteered!) so that the leadership of ASEH better reflects the membership; and to institutionalize practices designed to broaden participation at the annual conference. I've asked the Program Committee for the 2022 Eugene meeting to solicit conference paper submissions from scholars in the Pacific Northwest who research environmental-history-adjacent fields and topics, but who have not attended our conferences before. This is a model Nancy Jacobs pioneered for the Ottawa conference; had the pandemic not forced us to cancel that conference, we would have seen a very diverse and stimulating program. I will also work with the Women's Environmental History Network and the [Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity](#) as they undertake to increase publication of work by scholars from underrepresented groups, and support women and underrepresented scholars in other ways.

I am immensely proud of [Environmental History Week](#), and grateful to everyone who organized or attended EH Week events. Going forward, I see EH Week as a great opportunity for diversification; this year, it provided scholars who cannot normally travel to conferences with a venue to present their work, and gave all of us a chance to talk with colleagues on five continents. One of the challenges for the next few years will be figuring out how EH Week and in-person conferences can work together to keep our field vibrant and inclusive.

You can help make ASEH more inclusive! Invite your colleagues in related fields to join you on a panel or to [submit a paper](#). Come to the conference in Eugene, Oregon next March, and chat people you've never met before. And highlight the contributions of underrepresented scholars in your own footnotes, article and book introductions, exam reading lists, and on your syllabi.

Sarah S. Elkind, ASEH President

Join or Renew

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Announcing a New ASEH-FHS Graduate Student Essay Prize

The [American Society for Environmental History](#) and the [Forest History Society](#) (FHS) are pleased to announce a new award. Following an initiative from the [ASEH Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity](#) (CODIE), the societies will award the **ASEH-FHS Graduate Student Essay Prize** for the best essay of journal-article length written by a graduate student on an environmental history and/or forest history topic.

The societies are particularly interested in essays by members of groups that have been underrepresented in the fields and/or work dealing with underrepresented groups as their principal topic, but submissions from all graduate students are welcome.

The winner of the prize will receive \$250 and the essay will be strongly considered for publication in the journal *Environmental History*, which has the right of first refusal. The winner will be selected by the journal's editorial board.

The editorial board may identify up to three additional essays with publication potential. The prize winners and the authors of any essays so identified will be known as *Environmental History* Fellows for the given year. Recognizing how many articles stall in the "revise and resubmit" stage, the journal editors and CODIE will organize individual virtual workshops for the fellow with established scholars to facilitate publication of the fellows' essays.

[Click here](#) for more information and submission instructions.

In Memoriam: Maya K. Peterson

We are devastated and deeply saddened by the deaths of Maya Peterson and her daughter. We will miss Maya's invaluable contributions to ASEH, the field of environmental history, and our community.

Maya's colleagues and friends have written the loving memorial statement shared below.

Maya Karin Peterson, beloved professor of history and friend to many in the UCSC community, died unexpectedly in childbirth alongside her daughter, Priya Luna. Her absence leaves an immense void on campus, and her loss will be felt in the many communities around the world that she enriched through personal and professional relationships. Peterson, an internationally recognized scholar, was Associate Professor of History. Her research engaged questions of health, the environment, and the transnational histories of science and technology in the modern era. Her first monograph, *Pipe Dreams: Water and Empire in Central Asia* (Cambridge UP, 2019), was a finalist for the Central Eurasian Studies Society's Award for Best Book in History and the Humanities. Skilfully narrated, occasionally very funny, and often sobering, *Pipe*

Dreams patiently pieces together disparate fragments to create a story no one had previously seen or tried to tell. She did so with a shimmering intelligence that made hard intellectual work seem feasible, even fun. Equally impressive are the research practices behind it, which included sleuthing in Russian and Uzbek archives, and her facility with the multiple linguistic worlds of Russia and Central Asia. Peterson's research was supported by the Social Science Research Council, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Fulbright Program, the Henry Luce Foundation, the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, Germany, and Edrhard-Karls-Universität in Tübingen, Germany. In addition to her monograph, she published articles in *Slavic Review*, *Cahiers du Monde Russe*, and *Environmental History*. Professor Peterson held a B.A. in History with High Honors, Phi Beta Kappa, from Swarthmore College, and an M.A. in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia Studies and a Ph.D. in History from Harvard University, where she was also a postdoctoral fellow and lecturer in the History of Science Department.

The intelligence, sharp wit, and devotion that infused Professor Peterson's scholarship were also defining traits of her pedagogy. While at Harvard, she was awarded a certificate of teaching excellence. After arriving at UC Santa Cruz in 2012, she inspired undergraduates with innovative, wide-ranging courses that covered more than a thousand years of world history. She mentored a number of undergraduates as they wrote theses and seminar papers that garnered campus-wide awards and prizes. Her dealings with graduate students combined kindness and intellectual rigor; students responded to both, and their work came into its own under her guidance. She played an outsized role in departmental and university leadership for an emerging scholar, chairing an interdisciplinary faculty search for SEACoast – UCSC's Center for Southeast Asian Coastal Interactions – and helping to reinvigorate UC Santa Cruz's Center for World History. Finally, Professor Peterson was particularly welcoming to new faculty helping to introduce and integrate them into the intellectual and social life of the campus and community.

For us, her friends and colleagues, Maya's death is an unfathomable loss. She was trusted and admired for her kindness, candor, and wisdom. She was beloved for her generosity, her legendary openness, and her irreverent sense of humor. A great lover of adventure, Maya approached the world with a balance of hunger and humility. She loved wild animals and was an avid climber; she found solace in the mountains and the seas; she took to the streets and people of a new city with palpable pleasure. On many of these journeys, her partner, A. Marm Kilpatrick, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCSC, was by her side, the two of them sharing the sense of wonder at the world and their existence in it together. Maya is also survived by her parents Indira Viswanathan Peterson (Professor Emerita of Asian Studies, Mount Holyoke College) and Mark Peterson (Professor of Physics and Mathematics, Mount Holyoke College). For those of us who loved Maya, the contrast between her profound impact on our lives and her sudden absence is devastating and her death has cut a jagged gash through our hearts and our community. Details about a memorial service in the fall for the

campus community will be forthcoming as will plans to commemorate Maya's life.

The Humanities Division has established The Maya K. Peterson Memorial Fund which will be used to honor Maya's memory and legacy. While the specific use of the fund is still being developed by family members, donors can [make an online contribution to the fund](#). The Humanities Division will share more details about the memorial fund as they are known.

University of California, Santa Cruz
June 24, 2021

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- **Global and Environmental History - Tufts University** - The Department of History at Tufts University is searching for a part-time lecturer to teach HIST 102, Global Environmental History, in the Fall semester of 2021, meeting on Wednesday, 1:30-4:00 PM, and two courses on topics related to global or environmental history in the Spring semester of 2022 (one of which may be HIST 002, Globalization). All courses will be taught in person. For further information see <https://www.higheredjobs.com/details.cfm?JobCode=177524046>
- **REVISED Call for Papers - "Environmental Justice in North America"** - Chapter proposals are invited for inclusion in Routledge's "Environmental Justice in North America" volume. Full details [here](#).
- **Assistant/Associate Professor in Landscape Architecture (Environmental History) - Harvard Graduate School of Design** - A junior faculty position is available for highly qualified individuals to offer graduate-level instruction in environmental history. Housed in the Department of Landscape Architecture, this is planned as a full-time tenure track position, although the committee may also consider a more senior appointment. [Click here](#) for more information about the position.
- **Tenure-track Assistant Professor, Non-U.S. Environmental History - The University of Iowa** - The History Department at The University of Iowa invites applications for a position in non-U.S. environmental history at the rank of tenure-track Assistant Professor. The department seeks candidates with research interests in environmental history focused on regions outside the United States. [Click here](#) for more information about the position.

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Granary Burying Ground



Boston from above

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