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Greetings from the Program Committee

The Program Committee is delighted to announce the schedule for the 2023 meeting of the American Society for Environmental History in Boston. Our meeting theme, “Transformations: Reckoning, Resistance, and Reparations,” encouraged submissions that explore the theme of transformation, with attention to resistance and disruption and the possibilities for repair of past relations. We are excited to share with you a program that reflects widely on these subjects, with panels focused on environmental justice and environmental racism, Indigenous histories and colonialism, and the diverse possibilities for historians to contribute to conversations and decision-making beyond our scholarly communities. Broader public engagement has long been important to environmental historians and remains a shared interest as we collectively face the profound challenges of the present. Our meeting features panel presentations, roundtable discussions, posters, lightning talks, and alternative sessions on many topics that speak to the idea of transformations – from animal studies to energy histories, retrospectives of important works, studies of activism, agriculture, and histories at the intersection of environments and science.

Reinforcing the central theme of our meeting are two plenary sessions, which we hope you will attend. The first, to be held at the Boston Public Library on Thursday evening, features Melissa Ferretti, Chairwoman of the Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe, and Leslie Jonas, Mashpee Wampanoag and co-founder of the Native Land Conservancy. The session will focus on Wampanoag perspectives on environmental and climate change and how they are connected to larger histories of Indigenous resilience and political activism. On Friday evening, in the Fenway Ballroom of the conference hotel, Edda Fields-Black, Associate Professor of History at Carnegie Mellon University and executive producer and librettist of the orchestral and choral piece “Unburied, Unmourned, Unmarked: Requiem for Rice,” will join the composer John Wineglass for a presentation of and reflection on the requiem and the possibilities that lie at the intersection of performance art and history.

As at past conferences, our program includes hosted breakfasts, field trips, recognition of prize winners, and a Presidential Address, to be delivered by Sarah Elkind, over lunch on Thursday. The sessions and presentations featured in our program this year are geographically, temporally, and thematically diverse: a reflection of our growing and vibrant community. We hope that you will take the opportunity to meet someone new, attend a panel on an unfamiliar subject, ask a question or join in a session discussion, and learn more about the local, contested histories of the lands on which we are meeting.

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Daniel Sims, University of Northern British Columbia
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Welcome to Boston from the Local Arrangements Committee

It has been nearly four centuries since English settlers founded “Boston” (after the town of the same name in Lincolnshire) in 1630, making this place a compelling one in which to think about the environment and its change over time. A quick stroll through its center provides much to ponder. The Pre-Enclosure Boston “Common” (1634), where cows grazed through 1830, still persists at the city center. It now proudly bears the title of the country’s first city park. Nearby lies Beacon Hill, one of the nation’s oldest neighborhoods and home to the oldest black church (1806) still standing in the country. To the west runs the Charles River that separates Boston from Cambridge, ensuring the former’s long-standing status as a settlement built upon a peninsula.

Yet, alongside the oceanside city’s historical markers and prominent memorials exist legacies of radical change that can be harder to see at first. Hundreds of regional place-names derive from the Eastern Algonquian languages spoken by peoples of the Massachusett Nation, who cultivated the lands around Boston for some 12,000 years. The arrival of European settlers unleashed swift changes in the land. Nonhuman actors that long exerted force in this coastal crossroads, including red maple, marsh elder, barred owls, cod, and whales, became enfolded in new human drives...
for order, efficiency, and commodities. Indigenous communities, such as the Massachusett, Nipmuck, Pawtucket, and Wampanoag, responded to escalating violence unleashed by settlers intent on their lands with diminishing returns. Other communities, too, including enslaved populations yielding sugar and other goods in plantation complexes across the Caribbean, became enmeshed in the new priorities of the growing port city. There, relentless coastal engineering expanded Boston into the sea—literally. Today, more than one-sixth of the city sits on landfill that was once tidal flats, marshes, or water. Finally, a major infrastructure project that spanned the 1990s and 2000s—the Big Dig—rerouted a major highway underground, thus freeing up more than seventeen-acres of new greenspace (the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway) above ground. Metro Boston today is the unlikely product of these major transformations, along with many other ones.

Until recently, the city was a poster-child for environmental degradation. From the late nineteenth century through the 1980s, Boston Harbor, the destination of most of the area's sewage through that time, was among the most polluted urban bodies of water in the country. Its environmental neglect even became the stuff of presidential campaigns. George H.W. Bush made waves when he gave a speech in 1988 decrying his Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis for presiding over a “harbor of shame” through his neglect of environmental issues. That same decade, the chemical manufacturer W.R. Grace released environmental toxicants in the groundwater around the Boston suburb of Woburn, sparking a large cancer cluster. That infamous case was later depicted in the 1998 John Travolta-film, A Civil Action.

Despite its troubled past, Boston today is a leading national center for ongoing efforts to address issues of environmental justice. One cleanup achievement can be seen in the fact that swimming is now permitted in Boston Harbor and, as of 2013, the Charles River. That progress was no small feat: since the late nineteenth century, swimming had been unadvised in these areas due to the presence of raw sewage; in the 1950s, it was officially prohibited. Another on-going effort is the Roxbury Environmental Empowerment Project, a youth-led community organizing program currently engaged in campaigns to increase accessibility to energy efficient housing for low-income communities and improving indoor air quality in the neighborhoods of Roxbury and Dorchester. In Chelsea, the community fights against

a recurring pattern of municipal offloading of environmental harms, from jet fuel and salt piles to a proposed substation to power the green transition. The imperative for these efforts also relates to the fact that, as a coastal city with high vulnerability to flooding, Boston lies on the front lines of climate change.

During your visit, we invite you to be inspired by Boston’s many spaces for environmental reflection, which are historic in their own right. The parks of the Emerald Necklace, a string of elegant gardens, grasslands, and reservoirs designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, offer stunning walks and bike-rides year-round. Although the weather might not yet be ideal, beaches proliferate along Boston’s North and South Shores, including the oldest public beach in the country, Revere Beach (1896). A bit further afield, you might visit Walden Pond for catching a glimpse of the spiritual world of Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) and the nineteenth century Transcendentalists. The same town, Concord, also offers the well-preserved residence of Little Women-author Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), who was raised as an abolitionist and vegetarian on the Fruitlands agrarian commune—itself a museum today in the town of Harvard.

The nice thing about visiting Boston in March is that it is no longer February. Our conference begins just after the official start of spring, and we hope the temperature starts to feel like it. As the country’s most walkable big city, Boston’s many destinations are never far away, and thankfully activities abound for all kinds of weather. During your stay here, we hope you get a chance to partake in Boston’s exciting food scene, visit a museum, and take a long stroll on a beach or mountain. Regardless of how cold it may be outside, we wish you a very warm welcome.

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Conference Information

Acknowledgment

Elizabeth Solomon, Elder, Massachusett Tribe at Ponkapoag, will deliver a land acknowledgment and welcome the Opening Reception, at 6:00pm, March 22, 2023.

Location and Lodging

The conference will be located at the Hilton Boston Back Bay
Address:
40 East Dalton Street, Boston, MA 02115
Phone: (617) 236-1100

See ASEH’s conference website for more information: https://aseh.org/event-5003613

Please note that staying at the conference hotel helps ASEH meet its room block and reduces conference costs.

Registration

To register for the conference, go to: https://aseh.org/event-5003613

Transportation

Boston Logan International Airport is located in East Boston, just about five miles from the conference hotel. In addition to taxis and ride share service, the Logan Express bus runs every half-hour from the lower level of the airport to 800 Boylston Street, about a 6-minute walk from the Hilton Boston Back Bay.

Boston is an Amtrak hub with dozens of daily trains from the Eastern Seaboard and across the nation. South Station is the busiest train station in the city, but most trains, including the Acela, stop at Back Bay Station. The conference hotel is a short 15-minute walk from Back Bay Station. We encourage you to take the train if possible.

Public transportation information: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) buses, subways, and commuter trains serve the entire region. The closest subway stops are Hynes Convention Center and Prudential Center on different branches of the Green Line.

Walking Around in Boston

The conference hotel is located in Boston’s Back Bay, a neighborhood filled with shops, restaurants, and sites. Copley Square and the Boston Public Library, where the plenary panel and a field trip to the Leventhal Map & Education Center will be, are just a few blocks away. Walk along Boylston Street and Newberry Street for restaurants and shops, or see the monuments along Commonwealth Avenue. Exercise caution and common sense when walking around Boston, as you would in any large city. We recommend walking with others from the conference when out at night.

Local Weather

Spring in Boston can be unpredictable. The snow season should be over by late March. The temperature in Boston in late March is likely to be in the high 40s (Fahrenheit) during the day and in the mid-to-high 30s in the evening. Dress warmly and wear comfortable shoes on field trips. Check the weather ahead of time and bring an umbrella if it seems appropriate.

Cancellations

Before March 1, ASEH will refund all fees paid less a fee - $40 for non-student registration/$20 for student registration. After March 1, ASEH will refund all fees paid less a fee - $75 for non-student registration/$30 for student registration. Cancellation of rooms must be made through the hotel and are subject to its requirements for notification.

Audio Visual

Each session room in Boston will be equipped with an LCD projector, screen, and a connector cable. The conference does not supply computers. Speakers need to bring a laptop or share a laptop with someone else in the session. Please
coordinate in advance with your session organizer. Presenters must collect their presentations on one laptop prior to the session, which will minimize delays once the session begins. We recommend that you bring your presentation on a USB drive as a backup. Mac users must bring their own adaptors for the digital projectors.

Twitter

The conference hashtag is #ASEH2023. The conference registration form includes a line for your Twitter handle, which can be listed on your name badge. Session presenters who do not want material from their talk to appear on Twitter should request no tweeting at the beginning of their talk.

Online Program

The real time program is available online at https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/aseh/aseh23/. The print program is also available on our website at www.aseh.org.

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. ASEH strongly encourages using reusable water bottles during the field trips, so we can 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.

Questions? Contact:

• Local arrangements: Jay Turner - jturner@wellesley.edu
• Exhibits, posters, hotels, AV, transportation, sessions, workshops, and field trips: David Spatz - david.spatz@aseh.org
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 22

1:00 – 6:00 pm – Registration Open [Pre-Assembly – 2nd Floor]

5:00 – 6:00 pm – Exhibits Open [Belvidere]

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Opening Reception with Conference Welcome from Elizabeth Solomon [Fenway Ballroom Room] – Sponsored by Massachusetts Historical Society and The Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society

8:15 – 9:30 p.m – Grad Student Reception and Caucus Meeting [Fenway Ballroom Room] Sponsored by Boston University Department of History

Thursday, March 23

7:15 – 8:15 am – ASEH Mentoring Breakfast [Fenway Ballroom Room] – Hosted by the ASEH Graduate Student Caucus

8:00 am – 5:00 pm – Exhibits Open [Belvidere]

Friday, March 24

7:15 – 8:15 am – War & Environment Breakfast [Fenway Ballroom]

8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Exhibits Open [Belvidere]

8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Registration Open [Pre-Assembly – 2nd Floor]

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

Friday Afternoon Field Trips:
The following field trips will take place on Friday afternoon. Details about departure times, transportation, and other logistics will be emailed to participants who signed up on the registration form and will also be available on-site at the registration desk [Pre-Assembly – Second Floor].

- Walden Pond
- Deer Island
- Southwest Corridor Walking Tour
- Birding at Mount Auburn Cemetery and Fresh Pond
- Harvard Museum of Natural History
- Environmental History Walking Tour of Downtown Boston
- Boston Harbor Boat Tour
- Arnold Arboretum Walking Tour
- Tour of the Leventhal Map & Education Center and the Boston Public Library

Friday Evening Events:

6:00 – 7:30 pm – Unburied, Unmourned, Unmarked: Requiem for Rice panel [Fenway Ballroom] Sponsored by Penn State University Department of History and The Brown University Department of History

5:00 – 6:00 pm – Retirees Reception [Newberry]

6:15 – 7:45 pm – Plenary Session: “Relations with the Land and the Sea: Wampanoag History and Activism Confronting Climate and Environmental Change” [Boston Public Library, Rabb Hall] – Sponsored by the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center

8:00 – 9:00 pm – Women’s Environmental History Network Reception [Fenway Ballroom] – Sponsored by Penn State University Department of History

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Saturday, March 25

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

7:15 - 8:15 am - Envirotech Breakfast [Fenway Ballroom]

8:00 am - 2:00 pm - Exhibits Open [Belvidere]

8:00 am - 2:00 pm - Registration Open [Pre-Assembly - 2nd Floor]

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

10:00 - 10:30 am - Poster Presentations [Belvidere]

12:00 - 1:30 pm - ASEH Council Lunch Meeting; by invitation only [40 Dalton]

5:30 - 6:00 pm - ASEH Members Meeting [Washington]

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Awards Ceremony [Fenway Ballroom]

7:00 - 8:00 pm - Closing Reception [Fenway Ballroom] - Sponsored by the Boston College Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences

Sunday, March 26

The following field trip will take place on Sunday:

8:30 am - 5:00 pm - Harvard Forest and UMass Amherst College of Design

Exhibit Hall Hours:

Belvidere
  Wednesday, March 22: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
  Thursday, March 23: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
  Friday, March 24: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon (afternoon break for field trips)
  Saturday, March 25: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please explore the Exhibit Hall during breaks between concurrent sessions on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning.

Special Events

Please note that participants need to sign up ahead of time for special events – see the online registration form at [https://aseh.org/event-5003613](https://aseh.org/event-5003613). 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.

Receptions

Opening Reception
Wednesday, March 23, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Fenway Ballroom
Sponsored by Massachusetts Historical Society
and The Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society
Elizabeth Solomon of the Massachusett Tribe will open the conference and welcome us to Boston. Join your colleagues for appetizers, drinks, and conversation.

Graduate Student Reception and Student Caucus Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 8:15 - 9:30 pm
Fenway Ballroom
Sponsored by Boston University Department of History
Brief welcome from Graduate Student Caucus President Kirke Elsass, who will provide an update on ASEH graduate student activities. Light appetizers and cash bar. Followed by student caucus meeting.
Plenary Session

“Relations with the Land and the Sea: Wampanoag History and Activism Confronting Climate and Environmental Change” Sponsored by the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center

Thursday, March 23, 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. Rabb Hall, Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston Street (Limited Space/Ticket Required)


Speakers: Melissa Ferretti, Chairwoman, Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe - “Listening to our Ancestors - Protecting Our Homelands”

Leslie Jonas, Mashpee Wampanoag, Co-founder, Native Land Conservancy, Inc. - “Climate Change from the Indigenous Perspective”

Women’s Environmental History Network Reception
Sponsored by Penn State University Department of History

Thursday, March 23, 8:00 - 9:00 pm Fenway Ballroom

This reception provides an opportunity for scholars to meet, make connections, and become involved in ASEH’s mentoring program through the Women’s Environmental History Network. All conference attendees are welcome. At this gathering, scholars at all professional levels have an opportunity to meet potential collaborators, share ideas, and discuss their own work. WEHN highlights the contributions of female scholars and identifies experts on different topics to foster networking.

Panel and Performance

“Unburied, Unmourned, Unmarked: Requiem for Rice” A Conversation about Enslavement and Environment Commemorated in Music Sponsored by Penn State University Department of History and The Brown University Department of History

Friday, March 24, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Fenway Ballroom

Moderator: Tiya Miles, Michael Garvey Professor of History and Radcliffe Alumnae Professor, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study

Panelists: Edda L. Fields-Black, Librettist, Associate Professor of History, Carnegie Mellon University

John Wineglass, Composer, JW Productions, LLC

“Unburied, Unmourned, Unmarked: Requiem for Rice” memorializes the sufferings and sacrifices of Africans enslaved on Lowcountry South Carolina and Georgia Rice plantations and celebrates the critical role their ingenuity, technology, and industry played in the economy of the US South. Dr. Edda Fields-Black wrote the libretto, the text from which the project is based from primary sources. Three-time Award winning composer John Wineglass, composed the original score for orchestra, choir, and soloists.
Breakfasts

ASEH Mentoring
Hosted by the ASEH Graduate Student Caucus
Thursday, March 23, 7:15 – 8:15 am
[Fenway Ballroom]

War & Environment
Friday, March 24, 7:15 – 8:15 am
[Fenway Ballroom]

Envirotech
Saturday, March 25, 7:15 – 8:15 am
[Fenway Ballroom]

Lunches

Presidential Address by Sarah Elkind
Sponsored by Penn State University Department of History
Thursday, March 23, 12:00 – 1:15 pm
[Fenway Ballroom]

Field trips on Friday Afternoon, March 24, from 12:15 pm - approximately 6:00 pm

Conference attendees can explore Boston 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. Two are free and others include fees in addition to conference registration; all are listed and described on our website (www.aseh.org). 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 and public transportation.

Wear comfortable shoes and maybe bring an umbrella (check the weather). Bring your reusable water bottle - filled - as we will not be providing disposable water bottles.

Field Trip #1 Walden Pond ($65 / $40 Student)

Leader: Brian Donohue

This tour will start at the Brister Freeman house site near Walden--Freeman was a Concord slave who served in the Revolutionary War and gained his freedom. We will then visit the Beanfield, the Thoreau House site, and circle most of the Pond to return to the visitors center. We will be joined by Dr. Richard Primack, author of Walden Warming.

12:20 – 5:00 pm
Meet near the Dalton Street exit at 12:10 pm, grab lunch. Bus departs at 12:15 pm.

Field Trip #2 Deer Island ($65 / $40 Student)

Leaders: Jay Turner, Pam Ellis, Metropolitan Water Resources Authority

Deer Island is a site of both grave injustice and environmental stewardship. During King Philip’s War, Native Americans living upstream on the Charles River in Natick were forcibly removed and imprisoned on Deer Island at an internment camp. Since 1968, Deer Island has served as a waste treatment plant for the Boston metropolitan area, becoming the centerpiece of efforts to reduce effluent in Boston harbor in the 1990s, recapture nutrients, and promote renewable energy generation. The field trip will include a presentation by Pam Ellis, a 13th-generation Nipmuc survivor and advocate, on the meaning of Deer Island to the Indigenous community. Representatives of the Metropolitan Water Resources Authority will lead a tour showcasing the waste treatment plant. It will be walking tour. In case of poor weather, the tour will be canceled.

12:15 - 5:00 pm
Meet near the Dalton Street exit at 12:15 pm, grab lunch. Bus departs at 12:20 pm.
Field Trip #3 Birding at Mount Auburn Cemetery and Fresh Pond ($65 / $40 Student)

Leaders: Fritz Davis and Brookline Bird Club

Less than six miles from downtown Boston, Mount Auburn Cemetery is significant as the first garden cemetery in the United States, and also serves as one of the premier birding destinations in Massachusetts. Its distinctive horticultural collection attracts many specimens of migratory and year-round birds. This birding trip will cover many of the 174 acres of Mount Auburn Cemetery, along with parts of historic Fresh Pond in Cambridge. This field trip is also open to those more interested in a good walk than birding. We will be joined by an expert guide from the Brookline Bird Club.

12:30 – 5:00 pm
Meet near the Dalton Street exit at 12:20 pm, grab lunch. Bus departs at 12:30 pm.

Field Trip #4 Boston’s Southwest Corridor Walking Tour ($25 / $15 Student)

Leaders: Karilyn Crockett and Abby Spinak

Led by MIT Urban Historian Karilyn Crockett, this field trip will be a walking tour of Boston’s Southwest Corridor, a linear park created in the wake of community organizing that successfully stopped the proposed extension of Interstate 95 through the middle of Boston and Cambridge in the 1960s. The tour will visit sites integral to the anti-highway protests and their subsequent redesign as a park, transit corridor, and home to significant Boston institutions in the late twentieth century. It will also explore more recent uses of the park as a public green space, including Boston’s vibrant urban farming and community garden network. Based on Karilyn Crockett’s recent book, *People Before Highways: Boston Activists, Urban Planners, and a New Movement for City Making*, this tour will highlight the work of community activists and include discussions about placemaking, collective memory, and the politics of archives in the history of urban social movements. Lunch not included.

1:00 - 4:00 pm
Meet in hotel lobby at 12:05 pm to take public transportation to Cambridge.

Field Trip #5 Harvard Museum of Natural History ($20 / $10 Student)

Leader: Harriet Ritvo

A group visit to the Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University. Established in 1859 by Louis Agassiz, Harvard’s zoology museum contains a collection of millions of specimens, with thousands on display at any moment. Participants will take public transit to Harvard Square (instructions will be provided). Please note: lunch is not included as part of this trip, but participants will have plenty of options to choose from in Harvard Square.

1:00 - 4:00 pm
Meet in the hotel lobby at 12:05 pm to take public transportation to Cambridge.

Field Trip #6 Environmental History Walking Tour of Downtown Boston (Free)

Leader: Andrew Robichaud

Requires two to four miles of non-strenuous walking.

A walking tour of downtown Boston, focusing on key environmental history sites: Boston’s Back Bay, Boylston Street Fishweirs, parts of Olmsted’s Emerald Necklace and Muddy River, the Public Garden, the Boston Common, and more. Total walking distance of about 3 miles and total time of about 2.5 hours. Lunch not included.

1:30 - 4:00 pm
Meet in the hotel lobby at 1:30 pm
Field Trip #7 Boston Harbor Boat Tour
($50 / $30 Student)
Sponsored by the UMass Boston School for the Environment

Leaders: Bob Chen, Joe Bagley, Local Experts

Includes Lunch. Bus to UMass Boston and 15 minute walk to the boat dock.
Join the Acting Dean of the UMass Boston School for the Environment, Bob Chen; the Boston City archeologist, Joe Bagley; and other local experts for a tour of Boston Harbor aboard the UMass Boston research vessel. Today Boston Harbor, along with all of New England, faces some of the swiftest rates of sea level rise: over a foot in the last century, and likely another 16-21 inches more between 2000 and 2050. On this tour we will learn about how scientists and researchers at UMass Boston’s School for the Environment use Boston Harbor as a site for investigations into ocean chemistry, island erosion, and marine biology, as well as community history and climate change research. This tour includes lunch. Dress warmly for spray and wind. This trip is weather dependent: if there is just too much New England, we’ll have to cancel.

12:30 - 5:00 pm
Meet in the hotel lobby at 12:00 pm.

Field Trip #8 Arnold Arboretum Walking Tour
($30 / $20 Student)

Leader: Laura Clerx

Includes Lunch. Public transportation and approximately 1 mile walk to Arboretum.
This walking tour of the Arnold Arboretum will bring participants on a guided journey through Boston’s “living museum” of trees and woody vegetation. Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in the late nineteenth century as a portion of Boston’s Emerald Necklace park system, the Arnold Arboretum is dedicated to making one of the world’s best collections of global plant biodiversity open for the diverse population of Boston and surrounding regions to enjoy on a daily basis. Participants will gain insight into the nineteenth and twentieth century history of the Arboretum’s involvement in scientific exploration and collecting in east Asia and around the world, as well as the local history of their engagement with the city of Boston. As one of the city’s first free cultural institutions, the Arboretum has been committed, since their 1872 founding, to “the foundational and democratic commitment to free and equal open [natural/green] space” for urban residents.

12:15 - 5:00 pm
Meet in the hotel lobby at 12:00 pm, grab lunch, walk to T.

Field Trip #9 Tour of the Leventhal Map & Education Center and the Boston Public Library
(Free) - Sponsored by the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center

Leader: Garrett Nelson Dash

The Boston Public Library is the oldest large municipal public library in the United States and one of the nation’s foremost public research libraries. It is also home to the Leventhal Map & Education Center, a hub for the public study of historical geography. This excursion will feature a guided tour of the Leventhal Center’s 2023 exhibitions Building Blocks: Boston Stories from Urban Atlases and Becoming Boston: Eight Moments in the Geography of a Changing City, as well as a special look at items from the Center’s collections which document themes in environmental history. The tour will also feature a visit to the recently-renovated Special Collections Reading Room and a walk through the art and architecture of the Central Library’s two buildings in Copley Square. Lunch not included

1:00 - 3:00 pm
Meet at the Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston Street, at 1:00 pm.
### Additional Friday Events

**Journal Editorial Board Reception**  
Friday, March 25, 7:45 – 9:00 pm  
[40 Dalton Restaurant]  

For journal editorial board only; invitation was sent prior to conference.

### Saturday Events

**Hal Rothman Fun(d) Run**  
Saturday, March 25, 6:15 – 7:15 am  

Meet in the Hilton Boston Back Bay Hotel Lobby to participate in this early morning run in Boston. The run benefits ASEH’s Hal Rothman Research Fellowship for graduate students. To sign up see the conference registration form.

**Poster Presentations**  
Saturday, March 25, 10:00-10:30 am  

View the posters in of Belvidere Ballroom, and meet the authors, who will be available to discuss their research. Liza Piper (program committee chair) will present an award for the most effective poster at 6:00 pm.

### Saturday Evening Events

**ASEH Business/Members Meeting**  
Saturday, March 25, 5:30 - 6:00 pm  
[Washington]  

**Awards Ceremony**  
Saturday, March 25, 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
[Fenway Ballroom]  

Help celebrate scholarship in environmental history and support your colleagues! President Sarah Elkind 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
- Equity Graduate Student Fellowship
- Samuel Hays Research Fellowship
- Hal Rothman Research Fellowship
- J. Donald Hughes Research Fellowships
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### Closing Reception - Sponsored by the Boston College Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences

Saturday, March 25, 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
[Fenway Ballroom]  

Join us for this last event of the evening. Brief closing remarks by President Sarah Elkind.

### Sunday Day Trips, March 26

**Harvard Forest and UMass Amherst Design**  
($135 / $85 Student)  

**Leaders:** Sarah Phillips, Brian Donahue, Emma Ellsworth

We will journey to Petersham in central Massachusetts to visit the Harvard Forest Fisher Museum. Created in the 1930s, the museum uses dioramas to depict changes in the New England landscape and to promote forest conservation and management. We will discuss changing ideas about history and conservation and learn more about the work of Harvard Forest from staff, perhaps including a short woods walk. At lunch we will be joined by Emma Ellsworth, executive director of the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust to discuss the work of land trusts in the region today. In the afternoon we will journey on the UMass Amherst to tour the Design Building, an award-winning mass timber building using glulam beams and cross-laminated timber panels. We will return to the hotel in Boston by 6 PM.

8:30 am – 6:00 pm  
Meet at the Dalton Street exit at 8:15 a.m.
Exhibits

The exhibits will be located on the Belvidere Ballroom where coffee, tea, and water will be provided during the morning breaks.

Hours:

Wednesday, March 22: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 23: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday, March 24: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon (afternoon break for field trips)
Saturday, March 25: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

The following exhibitors have reserved tables as of February 2022:

- American Society for Environmental History
- Brandeis University Press
- Brittney Peauwe Wunnepog Walley, Nipmuc
- Cambridge University Press
- Forest History Society
- International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations
- Ingram Academic & Professional
- McGill-Queen’s University Press
- MIT Press
- Ockway Bay Wampum
- Oregon State University Press
- The Scholar’s Choice
- UBC Press
- University of Georgia Press
- University of Alabama Press
- University of California Press
- University of Chicago Press
- University of Chicago Press Journals
- University of Massachusetts Press
- University of Nebraska Press
- University of North Carolina Press
- University of Oklahoma Press
- University of Pittsburgh Press
- University of Washington Press
- University Press of Colorado
- White Horse Press
- Wiley
- Yale University Press

Posters

The following is a list of posters to be displayed throughout the conference in Belvidere Ballroom. Presenters will be available to discuss their posters on Saturday morning, March 25 at 10:00 am, and Liza Piper will present an award for the most effective poster on Saturday evening.

Aissatou Barry, Mari Kramer, and Juno Salazar Parrenas, Cornell University - "Visualizing Rabies Research: A Recent Environmental History"

Elizabeth (Scout) Blum, Troy University - "Rising Waters: The Design, Development, and Implementation of an Environmental Board Game for the Classroom"

Suzanne H. Braunschweig, Jackie Filigenzi and Kerrie Kephart, UMBC - "Other voices in American environmental history: a student designed assignment exploring perspectives of underrepresented minority groups"

Kole Dawson, Boise State University - "Mining the Sacred: A Cultural and Environmental Justice History at the Freeport McMoRan Mine in Papua, Indonesia"

Sophie Jean FitzMaurice, University of California, Berkeley - "Grounding the Wires: Telegraph Lines Visualized"

Matt Green, University of Utah - "Barbarian by Design: The Culture and Commerce of Risk in Backcountry Skiing"

Lynne Heasley, Western Michigan University and Glenn Wolff, Northwestern Michigan College - "Dreamscapes, A Triptych: Ecocultural Storytelling in Three Great Lakes Landforms"

Jeff Hirschy, University of Southern Mississippi - "Public History and Hurricanes: The Construction, Deconstruction, and Reconstruction of The Public History of Hurricanes across the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean"

Caleb Ireland, Bates College - "Let Freedom Ring from the Mighty Cypress Trees to the Amber Waterways: An Environmental History of Marronage in the Great Dismal Swamp"

Chau Johnsen Kelly, University of North Florida - “Variola Tanzania: A novel smallpox outbreak in 1950, southern Tanganyika Territory”

Alexei Kraikovski, University of Genova, Italy - “‘In the Claws of Neptune’: Managing Marine Environment in the Romanovs Imperial Baltic, 1703-1900”

Creston Long, Salisbury University - “Abandoned Farms, Re-forestation, and Research: The Allegheny Forest Experiment Station on Maryland’s Eastern Shore”

Daniel McDermott, University of Rochester - “Freie Republik Wendland: Rethinking Space and Place in the German Anti-nuclear Movement”

Dmitrijs Porsnovs and Dolly Jørgensen, University of Stavanger - “How listening to science become a disaster: History of tire artificial reefs off the Atlantic coast”

Margaret K. Smith, Jessica DeSpain, Connie Frey Spurlock, Kristine Hildebrandt, Howard Rambsy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville - “Community-Oriented Digital Engagement Scholars: A Model for Digital Environmental History in the Core Curriculum”

Erin Spinney, University of New Brunswick Saint John - “Infectious Distempers, Contagion, and Environment: Partridge Island Quarantine Station 1830-1900”

Jamie Stoner, Mark Madison, Maria Parisi, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - “Conserving Our Fish and Wildlife Resources for More Than 150 Years”

Stephen M. Testa, Testa Environmental Corporation - “The Yuba Goldfields - The Long and Winding Road to Environmental Restoration”

Esther van ‘t Veen, York University - “Westcoast Transmission: Energy Transition in B.C.”

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Thursday, March 23

**Women, Nature, and Nation in the United States, 1800-1950**
Roundtable 1-A: 7th Floor Meeting Room
Moderator: Sarah R. Payne, Colorado State University

Presenters:
Ann Marie Little, Colorado State University
Rachel Deann Kline, USDA Forest Service
Lila M Teeters, University of New Hampshire

**Triumph over Climate: Global Scientific Networks and the Development of Arid and Semi-Arid Regions**
Panel 1-B: Adams A
Chair: Angelo Caglioti, Barnard College, Columbia University

Participants:
Michele Sollai, Swiss National Science Foundation / Rachel Carson Center, “Where Europe Ends, Where Africa Begins”: The Scientific Development of Italy’s Mezzogiorno as an Agro-Ecological Frontier, 1890s-1940s
Melissa Charenko, Michigan State University, *Changing Climate and Overcoming Arid Environments*

**US Empire and the Environment**
Roundtable 1-D: Copley
Chair: Lisa M. Brady, Boise State University

Presenters:
Daniel Immerwahr, Northwestern University
Gretchen Heefner, Northeastern University
Megan Black, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Moderator: Lisa M. Brady, Boise State University

**Science, Exploration, and Rebellion**
Panel 1-E: Jefferson
Chair: Andy Bruno, Northern Illinois University

Participants:
Luthfi Adam, Monash University Indonesia, *Commodifying Krakatau: Botany, Conservation, and Imperialism in the Netherlands East Indies, 1883-1923*

Thomas Anderson, Merrimack College, *Before they were Wastelands: The Sahara and Arctic in early 19th Century Exploration*

Phoebe Lynn Labat, Brown University, *Relief, Religion, and Rebellion: Responding to Environmental Disaster in the French Caribbean, 1624-1843*
Thursday, March 23

Conserving and Harnessing Water in 20th-century East Asia
Panel 1-F: Lincoln

Presenters:

Michelle Hauk, Columbia University, “Keep Japan Beautiful:“ Campaigns for Household Water Conservation in Postwar Japan

John Hayashi, Harvard University, Water, Native Dispossession, and Environmental Disease in Taiwan under Japanese Rule

Xiangli Ding, Rhode Island School of Design, The Great Leap of Small Hydro in Maoist China

Commentator: Victor Seow, Harvard University

Plagues, Diseases and Politics in Southern Africa I
Panel 1-G: Mariner
Chair: Jan-Bart Gewald, Leiden University Stellenbosch University

Participants:

Admire Mseba, University of Southern California, ‘The government found it necessary to discontinue being part of an organization which included racist ruled countries’: the politics of locust control in Southern Africa

Jules Skotnes-Brown, University of St Andrews, Migrant Gerbils and Colonial Borders: Plague in Ovamboland, 1932

Karen Flint, UNCC, Before Rockefeller: Race, biomedicine and hookworm campaigns in Natal, Southern Africa

Climate History and Large Lakes
Panel 1-H: Maverick A
Chair: Lynne Heasley, Western Michigan University

Participants:

Philip Gooding, McGill University, Climate Anomalies, Floods, and their Challenges in the East African Great Lakes, past to present from the 19th to the 21st Century

Nicholas Breyfogle, The Ohio State University, Understanding Climate at Lake Baikal

Daniel Macfarlane, Western Michigan University, Adapting to Lake Ontario’s Changing Climate during the Little Ice Age and the Anthropocene

Karen Flint, UNCC, Before Rockefeller: Race, biomedicine and hookworm campaigns in Natal, Southern Africa

Food in the Anthropocene
Panel 1-I: Maverick B
Chair: Jack Bouchard, Rutgers

Participants:

Marcy Ladson, University of Pittsburgh, Appalachian Refuge: Pennsylvania’s Value in a Climate Apocalypse

Julia Fine, Stanford University, Domesticating the Forest: Salt, Labor, and the Ecological Transformation of the Sundarbans, 1780-1862

Victoria Ramenzoni, Rutgers University, You’ve Eaten My Ancestor! Familial Taboos, Diets, and Fish Stock Regulation among Endenese Communities of Eastern Indonesia

Kathleen Burke, University of Toronto, The Global Cuisine of Empire

Commentator: Jack Bouchard, Rutgers
**The Methodology of Presence: Teaching and Writing Environmental History in Place**
Panel 1-J: Prefunction
Chair: Mark D. Hersey, Mississippi State University

Participants:

Anna Mueser, University of Pennsylvania, *Doing Ordinary Things in Ordinary Places: Emplaced Research for an Environmental Historian*

William Okie, Kennesaw State University, *There before We Look or Fail to Look: Field Sketching as a Historian’s Tool*

Caroline Peyton, University of Memphis, *Finding Green in Memphis: Teaching the Methodology of Presence and Environmental History through African American History*

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**Pests and People in Global Context**
Panel 1-K: Washington
Chair: Edmund Russell, Carnegie Mellon University

Participants:

Guangshuo Yang, Northwestern University, *Harnessing Insects for the Civilizing Nations: The Circulation of American Economic Entomology in East Asia and Its Geopolitical Consequences, 1890-1920*

Samuel Dolbee, Vanderbilt University, *Locusts of Power in the Late Ottoman Empire and After*

Jeannie N. Shinozuka, Soka University of America, *Murderous Hornets, Invasive Lanternflys, & Jorōvorlords: Racialized Responses to New Asian Bio-Invasions*

Commentator: Mary Mendoza, Penn State University
Thursday, March 23
Concurrent Sessions 2, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Salvage Stories: Environmental and Material Histories of Reclamation
Panel 2-A: 7th Floor Meeting Room
Chair: Kristin Victoria Brig-Ortiz, Johns Hopkins University

Participants:
Dawn Biehler, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Creative Reuse as Resourceful Flourishing: Grassroots Redevelopment and Discard Aesthetics in Baltimore, MD, USA

Erin Putalik, University of Virginia, Building with Cotton, Wheat, Soy, and Wood Pulp: The American Constructed Environment and the Long History of Novel Biomaterials

Desiree Amanda Valadares, UBC, Deferred Maintenance: Architectural Salvage at Funter Bay in Southeast Alaska

Anna Zeide, Virginia Tech, Reclaiming Food “for Different Purposes”: Dumpster Diving and Protest in the 1980s US

How to Map: A Roundtable on Cartography and GIS for Environmental Historians
Roundtable 2-B: Adams A
Moderator: Kathleen A. Brosnan, University of Oklahoma

Presenters:
Casey Lurtz, Johns Hopkins University
Geoffrey Wallace, G. Wallace Cartography & GIS
Sarah Mittlefehldt, Northern Michigan University
Justus Hillebrand, Digital History Consulting
Charlotte Leib, Yale University
Robb Campbell, American Society for Environmental History

15th Anniversary of Brooks’ Common Pot: Continuing the Recovery of Native Space in the Northeast
Panel 2-C: Adams B
Chair: Lisa Brooks, Amherst College

Participants:
Allyson LaForge, Brown University, Restor(y)ing Indigenous Collections: The Activist History of Native Northeast Baskets

Anthony M. Trujillo, Harvard University, The Reverberating Village Dish: Interpellated Soundscapes and Indigenous Female Authority in Hannah Caleb’s Testimony

Thomas Wickman, Trinity College, “Our Coves”: Tidal Fishing Nets, Conflicts in the 1630s, and #LandBack in the Native Northeast

Commentator: Lisa Brooks, Amherst College

Situated Knowledge and History
Panel 2-D: Board Room
Chair: William Okie, Kennesaw State University

Participants:
Christopher Allan Conte, Utah State University, Five Forests and a History of Locality on Pemba Island, Zanzibar.

Edward Fraser Livingston, Mississippi State University “Smarting under the scorching rays of the sun”: Agriculture, Climate, and the Longleaf Pine in the Southern Coastal Plain

Donal Thomas, Stony Brook University, Place Based Knowledge Systems in the Natural World of the Western Ghats: Environmental Transformations and Borderlands of the Indian Ocean World
Thursday, March 23

Concurrent Sessions 2, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Making American Horticulture in Nineteenth-Century New England
Panel 2-E: Copley
Chair: Molly Hardy, National Endowment for the Humanities

Participants:

Marina Moskowitz, University of Wisconsin Madison, *Cataloguing the American Landscape: The Economies of Horticulture in the Nineteenth-Century United States*

Peter Del Tredici, Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University, *The Introduction of Japanese Plants Into North America*

Colleen Stockmann, Gustavus Adolphus College, *Why We Weed: The Politics of Plants in the Nineteenth-Century United States*

Molly Hardy, National Endowment for the Humanities, *Information Ecology and the Making of Botanical Information in the Early Republic*

Low Carbon Energy Histories: Transformative Systems and Cultures
Panel 2-F: Jefferson
Chair: Elizabeth Chatterjee, University of Chicago

Participants:

Hiroki Shin, Queen’s University Belfast, ‘Solar Water Heating and Energy Transition in Rural Japan, 1947-1980’

Linda Ross, Kingston University, *Nuclear Cultural Heritage: From Energy Past to Heritage Future*

Benjamin Beuerle, Centre Marc Bloch (Berlin) *The Late Soviet Renewable Energy Development Programme: Motivations, Design, and Aftermath*

Marianna Dudley, University of Bristol, *Putting the Alternative in ‘Alternative Energy’: Community Wind Power in Britain*

Publishing Environmental History in Journals
Roundtable 2-G: Lincoln
Moderator: Christine Keiner, Rochester Institute of Technology

Presenters:

Ellen Arnold, University of Stavanger
Stephen Brain, Mississippi State University
Alexandra Hui, Mississippi State University
Albert G. Way, Kennesaw State University

Plagues, Diseases and Politics in Southern Africa II
Panel 2-H: Mariner
Chair: Admire Mseba, University of Southern California

Participants:

Kundai Manamere, University of the Free State, *Colonial Medicine and the Political Economy of Malaria in Southern Africa*

Perseverence Madhuku, University of Bayreuth, *Destroying Snails, Eradicating Schistosomiasis: Southern Rhodesia’s Anti-schistosomiasis Campaigns, c.1940-1970*

Wesley Mwatwara, Walter Sisulu University, *Human-animal Relations and Communal Livestock Disease Management in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, 1994 to Present*
Thursday, March 23

Concurrent Sessions 2, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Landscapes of Relation (Part 1.)
Panel 2-I: Maverick A
Chair: Vanessa Esquivido, Nor Rel Muk Wintu

Participants:
Sara Grossman, Bryn Mawr College, Grievable Worlds
Hannah Jocelyn, Rutgers University, Writing Solastalgia: Deep-Landscape Literature by Border-Crossing Women
Jason Cortes, Rutgers University - Newark, Solastalgia, Indebted Subjectivity, and Activism in the Puerto Rican Debt State

Commentator: Melinda Adams, University California, Davis

The Silver Snake at Fifty: Environmental Controversies and Impacts of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System
Panel 2-J: Maverick B
Commentator: Raechel Lutz, The Wardlaw+Hartridge School

Participants:
Odinn Melsted, Maastricht University, Caribou counts: The Trans-Alaska Pipeline The Alaska Pipeline Project and the Environmental Movement: Robert Anderson, David Brower and the Oil in Environmentalism
Simone Schleper, Maastricht University, System, Wildlife and Stewardship in the Anthropocene
Philip Wight, University of Alaska Fairbanks, “Like an Iceberg“: Reckoning with the Real Nature of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System

Energy and Entanglements
Panel 2-K: Prefunction
Chair: James Morton Turner, Wellesley College

Participants:
Stephanie Childress, UT Austin, Communities of Resistance and Cultures of Violence in the Green Energy Transition: A Case Study for Public Environmental History Engagement
Warren J. Dennis, Boston University, Entangled Crises: Energy and Masculinity in the 1970s
Eve O’Connor, Harvard University, The People’s Pumps: Cooperativizing Oil in the Upper Midwest

Complex Collaborations in Environmental Justice History
Roundtable 2-L: Washington
Moderator: Neil Maher, New Jersey Institute of Technology

Presenters:
Teona Williams, Rutgers University
Brian McCammack, Lake Forest College
Cindy Ott, University of Delaware
Michael Innis-Jimenez, University of Alabama
Sleep, Environmental Knowledge, and Healthcare Practices in Early Modern Britain
Panel 3-A: 7th Floor Meeting Room
Chair: Sasha Handley, University of Manchester

Participants:
Leah Astbury, University of Manchester, *Barns, Stables and Mangers: Early Modern Animals and Their Sleeping Quarters*

Holly Fletcher, University of Manchester, *Making Early Modern Beds: An Environmental Approach to Early Modern Bedding Materials*

Lucy Elliott, University of Manchester, ‘Drink Old Good Wines, and Largely Sleep’: Sleep, Seasonal Soporifics, and Early Modern Almanacs

Conservation, Colonialism, Cruelty: Towards Decolonizing Global-Animal Histories
Panel 3-B: Adams A
Chair: Nancy Jacobs, Brown University

Participants:
Juno Salazar Parrenas, Cornell University, *The Life and Death of a Tropical Polar Bear*

Violette Pouillard, French National Center for Scientific Research/Ghent University, *Colonization as a Taming Process? Building and Escaping the Elephant Taming Station (Uele, DR Congo)*

Yuka Suzuki, Bard College, *Sauropods and Scientism*


Commentator: Mieke Roscher, University of Kassel, Germany

Radioactive Environments
Panel 3-C: Adams B
Chair: Joshua McGuffie, UCLA

Participants:
Linda Marie Richards, Oregon State University, *Nuk/Escape*

Irina Fedorova, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, *Growing Strawberries at the Polygon: Kazakhstan’s Experience of land Rehabilitation of the Former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site*

Siegfried Evens, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, “*It is Going to Crack Like a Piece of Glass*: Managing Nuclear Pressure Vessels in Radioactive “Environments”

Commentator: Davide Orsini, Rachel Carson Center - Munich

Waters: Transformations and Labour
Panel 3-D: Board Room
Chair: Daniel Macfarlane, Western Michigan University

Participants:
Gina Bloodworth, Salisbury University, *Small-Scale Hydrologic Transformations: A Geographic, Environmental Comparative Case Study of Agricultural Ditching Systems in WA and MD*

Catherine L Landis, SUNY ESF, *Cedar, Samphire, Cesspool: Historical Ecology of Onondaga Lake Coyote Ulysses Shook, The University of Texas, Austin, Ahab’s Beautiful Leg: a Disability History of American Whaling*

Cristina Wood, York University, *Natural border? Human visions of the Ottawa River*
**Thursday, March 23**

**Australian Waters and their More-than-Human Cultures**
Panel 3-E: Copley  
**Chair:** Elizabeth Hameeteman, Environmental History Now

**Participants:**
Emily O’Gorman, Macquarie University, *Protecting global wetlands: Multiscale and more-than-human histories from Australia*

Ruth A. Morgan, Australian National University, *River Time in the Barmah-Millewa Forest of the Murray-Darling Basin*

Sarah Hamilton, University of Bergen, *Water Down Under: Debates on Australia’s Great Artesian Basin, 1878-1914*

**How to Write a Good Environmental Story (When the Planet Is Melting and No One Wants to Hear It)**
Roundtable 3-F: Jefferson  
**Moderator:** Jenny Price, Washington University-St. Louis

**Presenters:**
Stephanie Hood, MPI for the History of Science
Leila Philip, College of the Holy Cross
Nicole Seymour, California State University, Fullerton
Marsha Weisiger, University of Oregon

**Concurrent Sessions 3, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

**Extractive Colonialism in the Land of the Yinka Dene, 1871-Present**
Panel 3-G: Lincoln  
**Chair:** Daniel Sims, Tsay Keh Dene / University of Northern British Columbia

**Participants:**
Tyler McCreary, Florida State University, *Consolidating Forests Under Corporate Control: Settler Colonialism and the Postwar Restructuring of Forestry in Northwestern British Columbia, Canada*

Daniel Sims, Tsay Keh Dene / University of Northern British Columbia, *Failure in the Rocky Mountain Trench: Defining Homesteading Success in Northern British Columbia, 1871-1914*

Sabina Dennis, Caribou Clan, Dakelh, *“It’s illegal to be an Indian” The ongoing effects the colonial systems has upon Indigenous peoples rights to self governance*

**Lofty imaginings: Histories of mountain lands**
Panel 3-H: Mariner  
**Chair:** Spencer Abbe, University of Oregon

**Participants:**
Dani Kara Inkpen, Mount Allison University, *Footprints in the Snow: Steps toward a Shadow History of Himalayan Expeditions*

Zac Robinson, University of Alberta, *“Beyond the Limits of the Map-Maker”: The High Desires and Colonial Fantasies of A.P. Coleman and J. Norman Collie in the Canadian Rockies, 1884-1908*

Peder Roberts, University of Stavanger, *Knowing the St Elias Mountains through Science, 1949-1978*

**Commentator:** Sarah Pickman, Yale University
Thursday, March 23

Landscapes of Relation (Part 2.)
Panel 3-1: Maverick A
Chair: Jason Cortes, Rutgers University - Newark

Participants:
Ron W. Goode, North Fork Mono Tribe, Chairman Ron W. Goode: Land, Fire, Wind, and Water
Melinda Adams, University California, Davis, Indigenous Cultural Fire as Sovereignty
Janet Hess, NAGPRA Tribal Liaison, Sonoma State University, Activating Native Histories Through Grant Work: Food Sovereignty and Cultural Land Management

Commentator: Erica Tom, Santa Rosa

Environmental Histories beyond the Academy: Storytelling for Diverse Publics
Roundtable 3-J: Maverick B
Moderator: Bathsheba Demuth, Brown University

Presenters:
Megan Kate Nelson, Writer
Elizabeth Chatterjee, University of Chicago
Jayson Porter, Brown University
Kathryn B. Carpenter, Princeton University

Concurrent Sessions 3, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Resisting Toxic Futures: Settler Colonialism, Environmental Racism, and Community Activism
Panel 3-K: Prefunction
Chair: Kristina Shull, UNC Charlotte

Participants:
Alyssa Martin, UNC Charlotte, The Environmental Erasure of Black History in Cancer Alley, Louisiana
Alyssa Kreikemeier, Boston University, Settler Law and Environmental Sovereignty: How Tribes Shaped the CAA
Judith Burr, UBC Vancouver, Listening to Fire Knowledges: Colonial Fire Suppression and Indigenous Cultural Burning in and around the Okanagan Valley
Keana Gorman, Harvard University, Settler Colonialism and Climate Change Impacts on Navajo Ceremonialism

Commentator: Kristina Shull, UNC Charlotte

Energy Flows, Citizenship, and Power: Narrating Low-energy Histories for Just Energy Futures
Panel 3-L: Washington
Chair: Odinn Melsted, Maastricht University

Participants:
Justin Fisher, University of Saskatchewan, “Just Common Sense”? Energy conservation in Saskatchewan as a response to the energy crisis
Joshua MacFadyen, University of Prince Edward Island, Low-energy, High-flow Agriculture: Animals and the Circular Economy in Canada, 1971-2021
Emma Schroeder, University of Maine, Women’s Energy Citizenship in 1970s North America
Thursday, March 23

Concurrent Sessions 4, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

From Empire to Nationalism: The Visual Archive of Southeast Asian Natures
Panel 4-A: Adams B
Chair: Faris Joraimi, New York University

Participants:

Nicole CuUnjieng Aboitiz, University of Cambridge, Fernando Amorsolo: Master of Philippine Sunlight and Elite Conceptions of Nature

Kathy Poh, Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, Retracing the East Indies: The Nature of Shells in 17th-Century Dutch Still-Life Paintings

Faizah Zakaria, Nanyang Technological University, Bird Conservation in Singapore: Aesthetics and Activism

Anthony Medrano, Yale-NUS College, Voyaging with Fishes: A History of Culture and Ecology in the Melaka Straits

Fair Housing and Environmental Justice in the United States
Roundtable 4-B: Adams A
Moderator: Jennifer Thomson, Bucknell University

Presenters:

Rob Gioielli, University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash College
Josiah Rector, University of Houston
Allison Puglisi, Vassar College
Megan Haberle, National Community Reinvestment Coalition

Stories Told about Past Natures
Panel 4-D: Copley
Chair: Marsha Weisiger, University of Oregon

Participants:

Caren Irr, Brandeis University, Mass Central: Telling Environmental Stories along a Rail Trail Under Construction

Abdul Basith Kallery, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Cultural Memories of the Ecological Past: Vellappokkamala and Flood Narratives in Arabimalayalam Literature

Lillian M. Nagengast, University of Texas at Austin, Representing Rural Environmental Histories in Jesmyn Ward’s Salvage the Bones and Behn Zeitlin’s Beasts of the Southern Wild

Jaime Ortega, UAM-X, Taming the dragons. Nature and Conflict in Travelogues to People’s China.
Thinking with Food Imaginaries: Beyond Conventional Narratives of 20th Century Food and Farm Histories  
Panel 4-E: Washington  
Chair: Frederick Opie, Babson College

Participants:

Benjamin Cohen, Lafayette College, How to Make a Car Out of Soy, or, George Washington Carver’s Chemurgic Role in Feeding the World

Endia Hayes, Rutgers University, Desirable Futures: Locating African American Food Imaginaries

Michelle Mart, Penn State-Berks, Moosewood Restaurant and Chez Panisse: New Food Movements?

Ancient and Medieval Environmental Histories  
Panel 4-H: Mariner  
Chair: David J. Patterson, Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University

Participants:

Marissa Crannell-Ash, University of Rochester, “I Haven’t Had This Much Fun Since the Pigs Ate My Brother”: Pigs as Childhood Hazards in Medieval Europe

Avner Goldstein, Boston College, Living and Making Everyday Religion with Water in Roman Ickham

Margaret K. Smith, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Climate Change, Local Authority, and the Religious Landscape in Late Medieval Britain and Ireland

Alice Wolff, Cornell University, The Beauty of the Field: Weeds in the Medieval Imagination and Landscape

Building a Community of Practitioners of Applied Environmental History  
Alternative Session 4-F: Jefferson

Participant:

Patricia Nelson Limerick, University of Colorado

Contested Crops, Cultures and Incorporating Ecologies within Latin American Transformations  
Panel 4-G: Lincoln  
Chair: Helen Anne Curry, University of Cambridge

Participants:

Viridiana Hernández Fernández, University of Iowa, Growing Hopes, Dry Negotiations: Mexican and U.S. Avocado Industries at the Age of Free Trade Agreements and Climate Change

Samira Peruchi Moretto, Federal University of Fronteira Sul, Brazil, The Changes in the Landscape in Southern Brazil: Native Species versus Monoculture

Sandro Dutra e Silva, Universidade Estadual de Goias Soils, Fertility and Microorganisms: History and Nature in the Agronomic Development of the Brazilian Cerrado
Thursday, March 23

Concurrent Sessions 4, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

**Landscapes of Relation (Part 3.)**
Panel 4-I: Maverick A
Chair: Sara Grossman, Bryn Mawr College

Participants:

Vanessa Esquivo, Nor Rel Muk Wintu; Maya Elizabeth Esquivo, Nor Rel Muk Wintu
Regrowth: TEK and California Native Epistemological Futurity

Nina Fontana, University of California, Davis, *Keepers of the Flame: De-colonial fire education*

Ronadh Cox, Williams College; Shirell Parfait-Dardar, Grand Caillou/Dulac band of Biloxi Chitimacha Choctaw; Devon Parfait, Williams College, *Tribal Migration in Response to Coastal Land Loss*

**Commentator:** Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University

**Roundtable: Histories of Environment and Health in North America**
Roundtable 4-J: Maverick B
Moderator: Christopher Sellers, State University of New York at Stony Brook

Presenters:

Gerard James Fitzgerald, University of Stavanger
Amy Hay, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Elaine LaFay, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Kendra Smith-Howard, State University of New York at Albany

**Marine Science and Sustainability**
Panel 4-K: Prefunction
Chair: Christine Keiner, Rochester Institute of Technology

Participants:


Anna K.L. Guasco, University of Cambridge, *Sustaining the Pacific Coast Feeding Group: Histories of Gray Whale Genetics, Politics, and Territory in the Pacific Northwest*

Jen Corrinne Brown, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, *Beyond Sustainability: Cetacean Rights and Science in America’s First Animal Liberation Trial*

Aaron Van Neste, Harvard University, *Regime Shifts or Shifting Baselines: Bluefin Tuna Management in the 1990s-2000s*
Friday, March 24

**Climate, Change, and Consequence**
Panel 5-A: 7th Floor Meeting Room
Chair: Peder Roberts, University of Stavanger

Participants:

Muhammed Fatih Calisir, Ibn Haldun University, *The Ottoman Response to the “Great Frost” of 1708-1709 in Europe*

Kelly Hydrick, Climate Stories Project, *Challenges and Opportunities in Teaching Community-Based Climate Change Oral History Methods*

Julia Lajus, Columbia University, *Multispecies history of ‘warming of the Arctic’ in the 1920s-1930s*

Andrew Thomas Stuhl, Bucknell University; Bethany Fitch, Bucknell University; Gerard Stropnicky, Theater Artist, *Floodplain Frontiers: Community and Climate Resilience in the Susquehanna River Valley after Tropical Storm Agnes (1972)*

Panel 5-B: Adams A
Chair: Sara Gregg, Indiana University

Participants:

Austin Schoenkopf, Montana State University, *Rapeseed, Rye, and Melons: Crop Selection, Land Policy, and Black Agricultural Labor in California’s Desert Country, 1909-1934*

Jeremy Vetter, University of Arizona, *Great Plains Science: An Environmental History of Agricultural Research before the Dust Bowl*

Atar David, University of Texas at Austin, *Agriculture as a Science of Global Comparison: Cultivating Middle Eastern Dates in the U.S. South-West, 1869-1914*

Concurrent Sessions 5, 8:30 – 10:00 am

Lawrence Culver, Utah State University, *The Newlands Reclamation Act, Roosevelt Dam, and Agrarian and Urban Aspirations in Southern Arizona*

Commentator: Sara Gregg, Indiana University

**Exploring Early Modern Ocean History**
Roundtable: 5-C: Adams B
Chair: Helen Rozwadowski, University of Connecticut

Presenters:

Jakobina Arch, Whitman College

Jack Bouchard, Rutgers University

Brooke Grasberger, Brown University

Christopher Pastore, SUNY Albany

Molly Warsh, University of Pittsburgh

Moderator: Katey Anderson, York University

**Health, Pollution, and Environmental Justice**
Panel 5-D: Board Room
Chair: Brian McCammack, Lake Forest College

Participants:

Kathie Beebe, Independent Scholar, *In Search of Environmental Justice: Dr. Ward Stone and Iroquois Nations*

Richard Mizelle, University of Houston, *A Condition of “Depression”: Racism and Lead Poisoning During the Civil Rights Era*

Rohini Patel, University of Toronto, *Chemical Dispersions, Governance, and Justice in Late Twentieth Century Ontario*
**Friday, March 24**

**Concurrent Sessions 5, 8:30 - 10:00 am**

**Grassroots Resistance: Saving the South’s Environment from Development**
Panel 5-E: Copley  
Chair: Chau J. Kelly, University of North Florida

**Participants:**
Charles E. Closmann, University of North Florida, *One Step Forward and Two Steps Back: Grassroots Campaigns to Protect Florida's St. Johns River*

Mary Closmann Kahle, Texas State University, *Protecting a Jewel: The Save Our Springs Movement of Late Twentieth-Century Austin*

Leslie Kemp Poole, Rollins College, *Biscayne National Monument (Park): From Crisis Comes Protection*

**Commentator:** Fritz Davis, Purdue University

**Environmental Learning and Education: Possibilities for Resistance and Disruption?**
Panel 5-G: Lincoln  
Chair: Elizabeth (Scout) Blum, Troy University

**Participants:**
Meghan Freeman, Manhattanville College; Elizabeth Cherry, Manhattanville College, *The Making of Citizen Bird: Conservation and Civics for Children in Progressive-Era America*

Simo Juhani Laakkonen, University of Turku, *Industrial City and Children: Oral Environmental Histories - Helsinki*

Elizabeth (Scout) Blum, Troy University, *The Effects of the Environmental Education Act of 1970: Resistance to Traditional Nature Pedagogy?*

**Transforming Workforce Diversity: Reckoning with Environment, Race, Culture, and Resistance in Federal Natural Resource Agencies**
Alternative Session 5-F: Jefferson  
Moderator: Donna L. Sinclair, Western Oregon University/WSU Vancouver

**Participants:**
Jasmine Kiara Brown, Michigan State University

Maria Parisi, USFWS, National Conservation Training Center

Sylvia Staples Staples, USDA Forest Service

Mark Madison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Misfit Electrification: Patterns of Electrification Running Against the Current**
Panel 5-H: Mariner  
Chair: Robert Lifset, University of Oklahoma

**Participants:**
Diana J. Montaño, Washington University in St. Louis, *White Coal for the Fossil-Hungry Mexican Nation, 1880s-1914*

Sarah Stanford-McIntyre, University of Colorado Boulder, *Wind and Water: The New Deal Origins of Texas’s Independent Electricity Grid*

Nathan Kapoor, Illinois State University, *The Coal Answer: The Huntly Power Station and New Zealand’s Modern Energy Regime*
Friday, March 24

Concurrent Sessions 5, 8:30 - 10:00 am

Steal this Book! Sparking New Research in Environmental History
Roundtable 5-I: Maverick A
Moderator: Traci Brynne Voyles, University of Oklahoma

Presenters:
Connie Chiang, Bowdoin College
Ellen Stroud, Penn State University
Kathleen A. Brosnan, University of Oklahoma
Jared Farmer, University of Pennsylvania

Problems of Place: An Ongoing Conversation on Community, Connection, and Belonging
Roundtable 5-J: Maverick B
Chair: Anastasia Day, U.S. National Park Service

Presenters:
Ligia Arguilez, University of Texas at El Paso
Kristin Victoria Brig-Ortiz, Johns Hopkins University
Ángela Castillo-Ardilla, University of California at Berkeley
Endia Hayes, Rutgers University
Aylin Malcolm, University of Pennsylvania
Genie Yoo, Princeton University
Moderator: Elizabeth Hameeteman, Environmental History Now

When the Empire Branches Out: Green Foliage and the Photosynthetic Making of Modern China
Panel 5-K: Prefunction
Chair: Ling Zhang, Boston College

Participants:
Anne-Sophie Pratte, Georgetown University in Qatar, Mapping Steppe Trees: Arboreal Portrayals on Local Mongol Maps of the Qing era (18th - 19th century)
Huiying Chen, Purdue University, Road Greening: Planting Roadside Trees in Qing Beijing
Larissa Pitts, Quinnipiac University, Tree Diplomacy: Stemming the Exodus of Chinese Timber in North Manchuria in the late Qing and Republican Periods
Rui Hua, Boston University, The Anarchical Woods: How the Ecologies of a Borderland Shaped the Resource Laws of Republican China, 1911-1931

Meat and Its Histories: The Origins of an Ecological Calamity
Roundtable 5-L: Washington
Chair: Emily J. Pawley, Dickinson College

Presenters:
Marcy Norton, University of Pennsylvania
Josh Berson, Independent Scholar
Gabriel Rosenberg, Duke University
Shawn Van Ausdal, Universidad de los Andes
Rebecca Woods, University of Toronto
Moderator: Emily J. Pawley, Dickinson College
Friday, March 24

Concurrent Sessions 6, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Climate Justice in Historical Context**
Panel 6-A: 7th Floor Meeting Room
Chair: Jennifer Thomson, Bucknell University

Participants:

Saptarishi Bandopadhyay, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, *The Uses of History in Climate Litigation*

Jesse Ha Ritner, University of Texas at Austin, *Technology, Capitalism, and Impossible Futures on the Western Slope*


**A Grand Narrative for the Early Modern World: The Twentieth Anniversary of “The Unending Frontier”**
Roundtable 6-B: Adams A
Moderator: Faisal Husain, Penn State University

Presenters:

Keith Pluymers, Illinois State University

Joanna Linzer, Harvard University

Victoria McAlister, Towson University

Andy Bruno, Northern Illinois University

Tatiana Seijas, Rutgers University

Sam White, University of Helsinki

**Resisting Nature: Imperial Projects and the Limits of Environmental Knowledge**
Roundtable 6-C: Adams B
Moderator: Philipp N. Lehmann, UC Riverside

Presenters:

Andrew Denning, University of Kansas

Andrea Duffy, Colorado State University

Angelo Caglioti, Barnard College, Columbia University

Cevat Dargin, University of Michigan

Tamara Fernando, Stony Brook University

**Environmental Resistance and Refugees**
Panel 6-D: Board Room
Chair: Jim Clifford, University of Saskatchewan

Participants:

Laura Frances Goffman, University of Arizona, *“For Some of them the Date Crop was Set on Fire”: Remembering Environmental Damage in an Arabian Quarantine*

Abdoulie Jabang, Michigan State University, *Conflict Ecologies: The Politics of Class and Injustice along the Gambia River, 1840-1894*

Owain Lawson, University of Toronto, *Policing the Litani: Refugees and “Environmental Crime” in Lebanon’s Litani River Basin*

Saghar Sadeghian, Willamette University, *Resistance, Transformation, and the High Price to Pay as an Environmentalist in Today Iran*
Calculating Environmental Catastrophe, Slow and Fast
Panel 6-E: Copley
Chair: Deborah Coen, Yale University

Participants:
Adriana Petryna, University of Pennsylvania, Horizon Work: Orchestrating Expertise Beyond the Catastrophic Extreme
Stefan Helmreich, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Waves Aflame
Lucas M. Mueller, Université de Genève, Avalanches of Snow, Avalanches of Numbers

Commentator: Deborah Coen, Yale University

Coastal Environmental History: Researching on the Edge
Roundtable 6-F: Jefferson
Chair: John McNeill, Georgetown University

Presenters:
Joana Gaspar de Freitas, University of Lisbon
Tim Soens, University of Antwerp

Moderator: Christopher Pastore, SUNY Albany

Mineral Resource Extraction and the Settler Colonization of Eastern North America
Panel 6-G: Lincoln
Chair: Mark Chambers, Stony Brook University

Participants:
Sophie Hess, University of Maryland, Red Soil and White Water: Iron Extraction and the Landscape of Settler Colonial Violence in Eighteenth-Century Maryland

Black Ecologies on Land, At Sea and In between
Roundtable 6-I: Maverick A
Moderator: Adrian Cato, Emory University

Presenters:
Alexandria Nicole Casteel, Dartmouth College
Hannah Jo King, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Ashton Pemapanik Dunkley, University of Minnesota

Annabel G. LaBrecque, UC Berkeley, “To Drill for Salt or Hell”: Ecologies of Extraction and Erasure in the Ohio River Valley
Gustave Lester, Harvard University, Geology and the US Settler-Industrial State in Early Nineteenth-Century Great Lakes Region
Commentator: Ann Daly, Mississippi State University

Landscapes of Change in the Medieval Environment
Panel 6-H: Mariner
Chair: Carolyn Twomey, St Lawrence University

Participants:
Ellen Arnold, University of Stavanger, Big Fish Tales: Intersections of Medieval and Modern Imaginations
David J. Patterson, Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, Weathering the Landscape in the Early Middle Ages
Carolyn Twomey, St Lawrence University, Converting the Landscape: Medieval Transformations of the Natural World
Amanda Power, University of Oxford, To Root Up, Plough, Sow, and Harvest: Medieval Strategies of Governance
Lightning Session / Book Talks
Lightning Session 6-J: Maverick B
Chair: Matthew Klingle, Bowdoin College

Participants:

Robyn d’Avignon, NYU, A Ritual Geology: Gold and Subterranean Knowledge in Savanna West Africa

Linda C. Morice, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Book talk: “Nuked: Echoes of the Hiroshima Bomb in St. Louis”

Dolly Jørgensen, University of Stavanger, Extinction as Cultural Heritage: Mauritius and the Dodo

Angelo Baca, RISD, Indigenous Approaches to Media Orientation: Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and Cultural Sensitivity Training

Adrian Gustavo Zarrilli, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, Industrial agriculture versus organic agriculture in Argentina (1990-2018). Contributions to increase agricultural sustainability

Shibani Bose, Independent Researcher Mega Mammals in Ancient India: Rhinos, Tigers & Elephants

Caleb Pennington, University of Iowa, Mere Creatures of the State: the Environmental Movement and Civil Liberties in the United States

Christina Dunbar-Hester, University of Southern California, Oil Beach: How Toxic Infrastructure Threatens Life in the Ports of Los Angeles and Beyond

Gregory Wilson, University of Akron, Poison Powder: The Kepone Disaster in Virginia and its Legacy

Indigenous Histories of Land and Resilience
Panel 6-K: Prefunction
Chair: Jessica Leslie Arnett, Oberlin College

Participants:

Brittany Luby, University of Guelph, Crop Restoration, Community Resilience: How History Helped to Guide Field Reclamation in Anishinaabe-Aki

Prerna Sah, iFOREST; Sambit Mallick, IIT Guwahati, Exclusionary Conservation Models: The Displacement of the Van Gujjars from the Rajaji National Park in India

Jacob Tropp, Middlebury College, Globalizing Diné (Navajo) Stories of Environmental Injustice: Transnational and Settler Colonial Politics of Uranium Mining, Late 1970s to Early 1980s

Joseph Peter Yauch, Brandeis University, “I Would Be Without Moose-Meat or Fish”: Eastern Wabanaki Land Management Strategies and Contact with Europeans in the 16th and 17th Centuries

Alternative Energy Strategies during the 1970s Oil Crises
Panel 6-L: Washington
Chair: Christopher Jones, Arizona State University

Participants:

Victor McFarland, University of Missouri, Nuclear Fracking and the Energy Crisis

Stephen Gross, New York University, Oil Shock and the Remaking of West Germany Politics in the 1970s

Jennifer Eaglin, Ohio State University, “The Alcohol is Ours”: Brazilian Ethanol Development in the 1970s

Commentator: Sarah Mittlefehldt, Northern Michigan University

Friday, March 24
Concurrent Sessions 6, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
**Saturday, March 25**

**The Farm as a Factory, and Its Toll: Assessing a Global Paradigm**
Roundtable 7-A: 7th Floor Meeting Room  
**Moderator:** Frank Uekötter, University of Birmingham

**Presenters:**  
Deborah K. Fitzgerald, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Jenny Leigh Smith, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
Kapil Subramanian, Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi, India  
April Merleaux, Hampshire College / Rainforest Action Network

**Reckoning with Capitalism at the Nexus of Economic and Environmental Policy**
Panel 7-B: Adams A  
**Commentator:** Donald Worster, Renmin University

**Participants:**  
Zozan Pehlivan, University of Minnesota,  
*Technologies of Dispossession: Dams on the Upper Tigris-Euphrates*  
Sarah Elkind, San Diego State University,  
*Economic Thinking in Mid-Twentieth Century American Water Policy*  
Sara Gregg, Indiana University,  
*Passing the Buck: Legislative Expansion in the Long Homestead Era*

**New Perspectives on Race and the Environment in Twentieth Century U.S.**
Roundtable 7-C: Adams B  
**Chair:** Robert Self, Brown University

**Presenters:**  
Micah C Jones, Yale University  
Hannah Ramer, University of Minnesota  
Eshe Sherley, University of Michigan  
Rebecca Walker, University of Minnesota  
**Moderator:** Johnathan K. Williams, Boston University

**Parks, Tourism, and Recreation**
Panel 7-D: Board Room  
**Chair:** Amanda Katz, Carnegie Mellon University

**Participants:**  
Owen Griffis Clow, Fordham University,  
*Creating Bavaria in the Blue Ridge Mountains: Helen, Georgia and the Environmental History of a Tourist Landscape*  
Tyler Eyster, Miami University,  
*Personhood for the American Landscape: Mapping the Historical Narratives of the Rights of Nature Movement via Midwestern Conservation Sites*  
Kevin Kjell Olsen, Montclair State University,  
*A Jewel from the Post Industrial Landscape - Reclaiming Liberty State Park*  
Thomas G. Zeller, University of Maryland College Park,  
*Loving Parks, Embracing Highways: Bernard DeVoto on Wilderness and Roads*
Saturday, March 25

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

Climate Science and Policy in the Late Twentieth Century: Historical Efforts to Understand and Address Climate Change
Panel 7-E: Copley
Chair: Richard Tucker, University of Michigan

Participants:
Verena Wetjen, University of Kassel, Germany, Climatology in context: Scientific explorations, social movements and environmental policy in Western Germany in the 1970s Karolin

Common Knowledge: Categories of Expertise in Environmental Issues
Panel 7-F: Jefferson
Chair: Kaitlin Stack Whitney, Rochester Institute of Technology

Participants:
Nicole Labruto, Johns Hopkins University, Process over Profit: Community Involvement in the Development of Baltimore’s Middle Branch
Samantha Muka, Stevens Institute of Technology, Reef Balls: Understanding the importance of industrial and commercial expertise in artificial reef building communities
Michaela J. Thompson, Harvard University, Citizen Shark Science: stakeholders and elasmobranch research in Cape Cod

Commentator: Kristoffer Whitney, Rochester Institute of Technology

Animals, Water, and Energy in the City
Panel 7-G: Lincoln
Chair: Dawn Biehler, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Participants:
Anne Beamish, Kansas State University, The Cost of Light: Environmental and Health Consequences of Gas Lighting in Nineteenth-Century Boston
Javier Bonilla, Carnegie Mellon University, Water in Urban Panama: Before and After the Canal Francisco
Yohad Zacarías, University of Texas Austin, The aesthetics of lighting and electrical substations and the unequal extension of technology in urban space. Santiago de Chile. 1900-1930

Oil Art Imaginaries: Creating and Commissioning Extractive Worlds
Panel 7-H: Mariner
Chair: Michaela Rife, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Participants:
Zannah Mae Matson, University of Guelph; Christopher Alton, University of Waterloo, Reading Economies of Extraction through Charles Comfor’s A Procession of Industry
Tobah Aukland-Peck, The Graduate Center, CUNY, “With the Oil Industry for Subject”: Abstraction and Oil Patronage in Mid-Century Britain
Judith Ellen Brunton, Harvard University, The Story of Oil: Discovery and Futurity in Imperial Oil’s Commissioned Art
Ross Barrett, Boston University, “Exploring Energy’s Horizons:” Tulsa’s Golden Driller and the Midcontinent Oil and Gas Industry
Satuday, March 25

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

Disasters in Latin American Environmental History
Panel 7-I: Maverick A
Chair: Sandro Dutra e Silva, Universidade Estadual de Goias

Participants:

Javier Puente, Smith College, Melting Highlands: El Niño, Mudslides, and the Geopolitics of Disaster in Peru
Lise Sedrez, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Landslides, environmental risks, and the right to the city: the Morro da Babilônia speaks
Catalina Vasquez-Marchant, University of Connecticut, “The 1985 Earthquake in Chile: Disaster in Dictatorship”
Myrna I. Santiago, Saint Mary's College of California, “Nature and Empire: The 1931 Earthquake in Nicaragua under the US Marines”

Energy and Democracy
Panel 7-J: Maverick B
Chair: Liza Piper, University of Alberta

Participants:

Melanie Arndt, Freiburg University, The Warmth of Welfare: The Co-Production of the Material and the Social in District Heating at the Turn of the Century
Trish Kahle, Georgetown University Qatar, Coal-Fired Liberalism and the Problem of Energy Democracy in Modern America: Revisiting the New Deal Order
Stephen Milder, University of Groningen / Rachel Carson Center, Munich, “Grey Democracy” and the Great Acceleration: Energy, Environmental Politics, and the democratization of Western Europe

Commentator: Petra Dolata, University of Calgary

The Environment of Political Transitions in the Modern Middle East: Food, Land, and Agriculture
Panel 7-K: Prefunction
Chair: Samuel Dolbee, Vanderbilt University

Participants:

Matthew Ghazarian, Smith College, The Nature of Revolt: Drought, Famine, and the 1908 Ottoman Constitutional Revolution
Seda Altuğ, Bosphorus University, The Land Question and the Armenian Issue in the Ottoman East
Elizabeth Williams, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, Marginal Lands? Ecologies of Capital on the Desert’s Edge from Ottoman to French Mandate Syria
Graham Pitts, The University of Mississippi, Lebanon’s Environment Between Informal and Formal Colonialism

Commentator: Samuel Dolbee, Vanderbilt University

Household Environments and Knowledge Production
Panel 7-L: Washington
Chair: Kendra Smith-Howard, State University of New York at Albany

Participants:

Melanie Kiechle, Virginia Tech, Women as Meters or Masters of Health at Home
Donald L Opitz, DePaul University, “All our known world”: Family, Domesticity, and Agrarianism in Victorian Aristocratic Science
Alexander Parry, Johns Hopkins University, Risky Homes: U.S. Public Health and the Epidemiology of Accidents
Kymara Sneed, Mississippi State University, For Hearth and Home: Improving Black Homes, Improving Black Lives

Commentator: Petra Dolata, University of Calgary
Saturday, March 25

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

Seeking Control: Rivers in Asian History
Panel 8-A: 7th Floor Meeting Room
Chair: Prasannan Parthasarathi, Boston College

Participants:
You Wang, University of Chicago, *Farmers United: Sustaining Water Governance in Rural China, 1653-1821*
Radha Kumar, Syracuse University, *Claims to Water: Building Dams and Subjects in British India*
Angma Jhala, Bentley University, *The Kaptai Dam, c. 1957-1964: Histories of Environment and Energy, Indigeneity and Cold War geopolitics in East Pakistan*

Caribbean Conflicts: Dispossession, Colonialism & the Environment
Panel 8-B: Adams A
Chair: John McNeill, Georgetown University

Participants:
Jessica Samuel, Independent Scholar, *Disaster in “America’s Paradise”: Situating U.S. Empire in the aftermath of “Irmaria” in the U.S. Virgin Islands*
Matthew P. Johnson, Harvard University *Gold of Paradise: An Environmental History of Oil Refining in the Caribbean since the 1920s*
Megan Raby, University of Texas at Austin, *Diverse Monocultures: The United Fruit Company’s Crop Diversification Program and the Transformation of Honduras’s Caribbean Coast*

Commentator: Sharika D. Crawford, United States Naval Academy

Northern Environments and Northern Borderlands
Roundtable 8-C: Adams B
Chair: Philip Wight, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Presenters:
Isabelle Gapp, University of Toronto
Heather Green, Saint Mary’s University
Glenn Iceton, University of New Brunswick Saint John
Mark Stoller, Queen’s University
Mica Jorgenson, University of Stavanger
Andreas Mentrup-Womelsdorf, University of Vienna
Moderator: Finis Dunaway, Trent University

Settler Colonialism and Environmental Relations
Panel 8-D: Board Room
Chair: Judith Burr, UBC Vancouver

Participants:
Juliana Gazzinelli de Oliveira, Iscte- IUL, Portugal, *Vulnerability, Racialization and Territoriality: The Impact of Extractivism in Vulnerable Communities*
Henrik Jaron Schneider, University of Texas at Austin, *Echoes of the Past: Geological Prehistories on the Colorado Plateau, Environmental Protection, and Wastelanding in Post-War America*
Benjamin Shultz, University of Texas at El Paso *Land of Abundance: The Legacy of Settler Colonialism and Ecocide in Southern California*
Joseph Whitson, Harvard University, *Climbing and Claiming: Yosemite Dirtbags and Settler Indigenization in Outdoor Recreation*
Concurrent Sessions 8, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Power and Land: Federal Agriculture Programs and Environments during the Long New Deal**
Panel 8-E: Copley
Chair: Steven Stoll, Fordham University

Participants:

Brendan Thomas, University of Oklahoma, *The Paradox of Submarginal Land: Conservation and Dispossession in New Deal Oklahoma*

Kathryn Morse, Middlebury College, *Fifty Ways to Lose Your Livestock*: New Deal Rural Rehabilitation Loans and the Ecological Realities of the Rural West in the late 1930s

Olivia Paschal, University of Virginia, *Production Credit Associations and Poultry: How a New Deal Program Impacted the Landscape of the Chicken Industry, 1940s*

Commentator: Sarah T. Phillips, Boston University

**Energy and Deindustrialization: Transitions in the North Atlantic, 1945-Present**
Panel 8-G: Lincoln
Chair: Lena Krause, Universität Freiburg

Participants:

Petra Dolata, University of Calgary, *The Lived Experience of Energy Transitions: Coal and Deindustrialization in West Germany*

Liza Piper, University of Alberta, *The Rocky Mountains as an Industrial Zone: Remaking Landscapes through Energy Transitions*

Robert Suits, University of Edinburgh, *Deindustrialization, Energy Transitions, and Society in the U.S., 1973-present*

Commentator: Trish Kahle, Georgetown University Qatar

**Climate, Weather, and the Elemental Everyday: Rhythms, Places, and People**
Panel 8-F: Jefferson
Commentator: Catherine Dunlop, Montana State University

Participants:

Piper Milton, UC Santa Cruz, *Divine Weather: Climate and Evangelization in Northwestern New Spain, 1680-1794*

Edward Slavishak, Susquehanna University, *Chain Gang Rain: Weather and Emplacement in Southern Road Camps, 1910-1930*

Kara Schlichting, Queens College, CUNY, *Summer Dangers: Climatological Understandings of Ill-Health in Nineteenth Century New York*

Corey Lane Griffis, Montana State University, *From Wet-footed to Webfooted: Rainfall and the Resettlement of the Pacific Northwest, 1543-1900*

**America’s “Animal Industrial Complex”: Navigating Animal History in and Beyond Industrial Capitalism**
Panel 8-H: Mariner
Chair: Bathsheba Demuth, Brown University

Participants:

Katherine McLeod, New York University, *Beyond the Biological: The Bronx Zoo’s ecological field work in British Guiana, 1916-1924*


Oliver Lazarus, Harvard University, *In the Bureau of Animal Industry: American Power and the Industrialization of Life, 1884-1930*

Saturday, March 25

Teaching Indigenous History as Environmental History and Vice Versa
Alternative Session 8-I: Maverick A

Participants:
Katrina Phillips, Macalester College
Gregory Hitch, Brown University
James Rice, Tufts University
Amy Kohout, Colorado College
Ramya Swayamprakash, Michigan State University
Chris Slaby, William & Mary/Brooks School

The Rise of Global Environmental Governance: Stocktaking and Futuremaking since Stockholm UN 1972
Panel 8-J: Maverick B
Chair: Eric Paglia, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Participants:
Maria Ivanova, Northeastern University, UNEP at Fifty and Beyond: The Case for Transformation
Simone Schleper, Maastricht University; Cyrus Mody, Maastricht University, Behind Closed Doors?: Environmental Governance in Heterogeneous Networks
Perrin Selcer, University of Michigan, A Half-Century of Global Environmental Governance—Taking Stock and Looking Forward
Sverker Sörlin, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Stockholm as a Counter-Narrative of Environmental Progress

Commentator: Julia Adeney Thomas, University of Notre Dame

Art, Photography, Text, and Dialogue: Framing Relations with Nature
Panel 8-K: Prefunction
Chair: Dani Kara Inkpen, Mount Allison University

Participants:
Anna Amramina, Smithsonian Institution, The Road to Nekouz: Cold War Scientific Dialogue for Environmental Protection
Preston Decker, University of Kansas, Struggling Against Pests, Advancing Through Pests: Positioning the Pest Campaigns of 1950s Xinjiang in the Early-PRC ‘War Against Nature’
Jarrod Hore, UNSW, Mediating Population and Place: An Environmental History of Photography in the Western Pacific
Astrid Tvetenstrand, Boston University, Great Camps, Landscape Paintings: Framing Views in the Adirondacks

Beyond History? A Roundtable on Working in Environmental Studies and Sustainability Programs
Roundtable 8-L: Washington
Moderator: Adam Rome, University at Buffalo

Presenters:
Peter Alagona, University of California -- Santa Barbara
Jim Feldman, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh
Lynne Heasley, Western Michigan University
Elizabeth Hennessy, University of Wisconsin -- Madison
Michael Lewis, Salisbury University
George Vrtis, Carleton College
Emerging Topics in Grazing Animals and Transformative Ecologies in the North American West  
Roundtable 9-A: 7th Floor Meeting Room  
**Moderator:** Matthew Luckett, California State University Dominguez Hills

**Presenters:**  
Kerri Clement, University of Idaho  
Greg LeDonne, University of Colorado-Boulder  
Jenni Tifft-Ochoa, University of California-Davis  
Camille Pon, University of California-Davis

Naturalized and Denaturalized: Teaching Capitalism and the Environment  
Roundtable 9-B: Adams A  
**Chair:** Erin Stewart Mauldin, University of South Florida

**Presenters:**  
Jackson Perry, George Washington University  
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