

Virtual ASEH 2022 Schedule



Friday, April 8

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Rethinking Spheres: Planetary Scale and Environmental History

Live Stream: [Join stream](#)

Location: Virtual

Speakers: Elaine LaFay, Leah Aronowsky, Alexis Rider, Stefan Helmreich

Through the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, spheres have become a foundational epistemological and methodological organizing principle for the Earth sciences. From hydrosphere to atmosphere to biosphere, spheres have historically served to define scientific disciplines and carve up the Earth as ...[Read More](#)
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From Pasture to Lagoon: Post-World War II Cattle Landscapes

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Location: Virtual

Speakers: Michael Weeks, Michelle Berry, Abeer Saha, Nicole Welk-Joerger

While American beef consumption doubled in the quarter-century following World War II, many of the most dynamic trends could not be found under cellophane and at dinner tables. They transpired on ranches and in feedlots. They occurred within cattle bodies and surfaced in the cultural and environment...[Read More](#)
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The Birds and (Urban) Bees


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Speakers: John Doyle-Raso, Sophie FitzMaurice, Yotam Tsal

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Revisiting the "Columbian Exchange"


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Speakers: Gabriel de Avilez Rocha, Lauren Derby, Marcy Norton, Susanna Hecht

12:45 PM-2:15 PM

Colonialism and Resource Conflicts


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Speakers: Chris Conz, Robert Olajos, Willis Okech Oyugi, Daniel Sims

2:30 PM-4:00 PM

Virtual Panel on the History of Central-West Texas Water Conservation: From Natural Springs to the Whooping Crane

 Live Stream: Join stream


Location: Virtual

Speakers: Scott Swearingen, Mary Closmann Kahle, Robert E. Mace, David Todd, Charles Closmann

Texans have historically had a complicated relationship with water management. Long-term issues facing Texans include development pressure, flooding and drought risks, over-pumping, and water quality degradation. The four participants on this panel approach the history of these issues from different...[Read More](#)
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2:30 PM-4:00 PM

Religion and Environmental History: New and Disparate Approaches

 Live Stream: Join stream

Location: Virtual

Speakers: Mark Stoll, Royden Loewen, Danae Jacobson, Sasha Coles, Neall Pogue

This panel considers religion as fundamental to environmental history enquiry, especially attuned to it as a record of the dialectic between culture and the physical world. These papers argue implicitly that religion has played a more persistent, dynamic and varied role in shaping human interaction ...[Read More](#)
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Saturday, April 9

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

North American Energy Landscapes: Stories of Ideas, Knowledges, and Perceptions

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Location: Virtual

Speakers: Trish Kahle, Varsha Venkatasubramanian, Nevcihan Ozbilge, Brandon Cordeiro, Brian Black

Energy regimes engender historically produced and politically dynamic ways of knowing and perceiving the environment. This panel examines key moments of transformation in how people across North America have known the environment through energy since the mid-twentieth century. We examine the role of...[Read More \(/embedded/session/why6D0VeuRvo/Y5zVe5XILKLOms1b+Y1qEJzGklkqUg=/2136466/?widget=primary\)](#)

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(Post) Colonial Landscapes

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Location: Virtual

Speakers: Katharina Loeber, Oliver Lucier, Admire Mseba, Santiago Silva de Andrade

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Honeybees and their Keepers in the Americas since 1500

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Location: Virtual

Speakers: Edward Melillo, Geo rey Wallace, Jennifer Bonnell, Angelica Marquez-Osuna, Marcela Cely-Santos

Our panel looks at the history of honeybee-human interaction in the Americas from the 16th to the early 20th centuries. We consider the ways beekeepers and their bees responded to broad historical challenges and opportunities over the last five centuries, including European contact and colonization ...[Read More \(/embedded/session/why6D0VeuRvo/Y5zVe5XILKLOms1b+Y1qEJzGklkqUg=/2136481/?widget=primary\)](#)

12:45 PM-2:15 PM

Wildlife at War and Peace in Canada, the United States, and Japan: Ecological Studies from the Indigenous to the International


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Speakers: Mark Madison, Jennifer Hubbard, Carmel Finley, Jean Mansavage, Maria Parisi

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Understanding Disability, the Environment, History and the Future


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Location: Virtual

Speakers: Kristine Ericson, Sara Grossman, Clark Pomerleau, Kenneth Reilly

12:45 PM-2:15 PM

Around the Middle Sea: Narratives of Disease and Power in the Modern Mediterranean World

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Location: Virtual

Speakers: Secil Binboga, Jackson Perry, Angelo Caglioti, Maria C. Taylor, Chris Gratien

In his magnum opus on the “mer Méditerranée,” Fernand Braudel was careful to distinguish the Mediterranean from “the Mediterranean World.” The former term denoted a geographic space, while the latter evoked the history of the region and of its impacts on the vas...[Read More](#)

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Speculative Vision: Histories of “Seeing” Natural Resources

 Live Stream: Join stream

Location: Virtual

Speakers: Emma Young, B. Jack Hanly, Dante LaRiccia, James Allison, Jeremy Vetter

How does a landscape become “legible” from a distance; from beneath the earth’s surface, from faraway centers of capital? This panel unites three papers, from a range of geographic and temporal scopes, to consider the geopolitical ...

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2:30 PM-4:00 PM

Tourism, Place, and Narratives of Contested Space

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Location: Vistas


Speakers: Katrina Phillips, Chris Slaby, Blair Stein, Lawrence Culver

This panel addresses the history of tourism in “contested” spaces. How, the panelists ask, have tourism and recreation fit into various colonial, settler-colonial, and national narratives of belonging? What happens when those narratives meet the embodied experiences of the people who live and work i...[Read More](#)

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Quotidian Perspectives of Agricultural Sustainability: Diarists from Canada's Maritime Provinces

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Location: Virtual


Speakers: Royden Loewen, Matthew Hatvany, Margot Ann Maddison-MacFadyen, Joshua MacFadyen

Canada's Maritime provinces (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island) are best known among environmental historians for their long record of extractive industries, including codfish, timber, wooden ships, minerals, and agricultural commodities such as apples and potatoes. From shi...Read More

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8:00 PM-9:30 PM

Nursing and the Environment

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Location: Virtual


Speakers: Erin Spinney, Suzanna Wagner, Emily Kaliei, Glenn Icton, Jessica DeWitt

This proposed panel presents recent research that brings together the experience of nurses and environment across two centuries and multiple geographies. Starting chronologically, Erin Spinney examines nurses' fumigation responsibilities at British military and naval hospitals in the late 18th...Read More

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8:00 PM-9:30 PM

Seeing Like a Disaster – Interactions and Hierarchies in Natural & Human Disasters in East Asia

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Location: Virtual


Speakers: Jack Hayes, Ling Zhang, Sam Bass, David Bello

Major environmental disasters like the Chernobyl, Mt. Pinatubo volcano, 3/11 earthquake and tsunami, and recent Covid-19 pandemic highlight that there are no natural or political borders to natural and human disasters. Although disasters may happen ...

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8:00 PM-9:30 PM

Roundtable: Caribou/reindeer histories across the global north

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Location: Virtual

Speakers: Heather Green, Catherine Christen, Bathsheba Demuth, Finis Dunaway, Nancy Langston, Jonathan Luedee


This roundtable will explore the histories of caribou/reindeer across the global north, from the Arctic to the Andes. Speakers will discuss the role of caribou/reindeer in Indigenous and non-Indigenous societies, and the impact of climate change on these animals and their communities.

This roundtable explores caribou (*Rangifer tarandus*; also known as reindeer) environmental histories around the global north. Humans and caribou have a long history of close relationships, now threatened by the potential disasters of energy development, industrial forestry, changing predation patten...[Read More](#)

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Globalizing Environmental History: Lessons from East Asia

 Live Stream: [Join stream](#)

Location: Virtual

Speakers: Lisa Brady, Shen Hou, Sheng Fei, Mu Cao, Satoshi Murayama

This roundtable session brings together scholars from and of China, Korea, and Japan to discuss their research and experiences as practitioners of environmental history in East Asia. It will provide insight into the challenges and opportunities related to archival rese...[Read More](#)

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Sunday, April 10

12:45 PM-2:15 PM

Yeast, Milk, Dust, and Dogs: Uncovering the More-than-Human at Work, Home, and War

 Live Stream: [Join stream](#)

Location: Virtual

Speakers: Chris Otter, James Esposito, Ives Hartman, Neil Humphrey, Cody Patton

Environmental historians have stressed how important nonhuman entities have been to human history from this subfield's origin. Our species would not be the same—nor have the same stories to tell—without having farmed corn, mined coal, dammed rivers, and domesticated cattle; just to...[Read More](#)

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12:45 PM-2:15 PM

What's the Matter with Environmental History? New Perspectives on Material- and Commodity-Centered Scholarship

 Live Stream: [Join stream](#)

Location: Virtual


Speakers: Angelica Marquez-Osuna, Joshua Specht, Jeremy Zallen, Gabriel Lee, Andrew Robichaud, Rebecca Woods

Material-centered histories have become one of the most prominent, notable, and successful forms of environmental history over the past few decades. 2021 marks the thirty-year anniversary of William Cronon's *Nature's Metropolis*—a book that stitched together several commodity histor...[Read More](#)

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2:30 PM-4:00 PM

Making the Environment Governable: Towards a History of Global Environmental Governance

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Location: Virtual


Speakers: Sverker Sörlin, Sabine Höhler, Erik Isberg, Eric Paglia, Julia Adeney Thomas

Environmental history has innovatively deepened and widened historical scholarship in a range of topics. Still, not much work has been conducted by professional environmental historians on the international global politics and governance of environment and climate, which to a large extent has so far...[Read More](#)

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8:00 PM-9:30 PM

The Hurricane as Method: Archive, Theory, Argument

 Live Stream: Join stream

Location: Virtual

Speakers: Robert Roupail, Scott Knowles, Andy Horowitz, Caroline Grego

This roundtable asks the following: is there a methodology for studying the history of (natural) disasters and of hurricanes in particular? How do scholars of these storms attend to the material realities of these meteorological events while engaging their respective regional, social, cultural, econ...[Read More](#)

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