

Announcing ASEH's New Website: www.ASEH.net

ASEH's new website, designed by Jan Oosthoek, can be viewed at <www.aseh.net>. This site is linked to the former URL at <<http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~environ/index.html>>. We are very grateful to Jan Oosthoek, who will serve as webmaster. Check it out for updated information on conferences, positions available, travel grants, back issues of *ASEH News* and more. ASEH also remains grateful to Dennis Williams, who maintained our first website.



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Welcome to ASEH!

ASEH Conference In Providence, Rhode Island, Biltmore Hotel, March 26-30, 2003
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ASEH Travel Grants Available for Providence Meeting

ASEH wishes to encourage graduate students and low income, international, and minority scholars to attend its annual meetings. The Society offers the following grants:

- Eleven travel grants of \$500 year each for graduate students and low income and international scholars who are presenting research at its annual meeting.
- Minority travel grants for minority/non-white scholars from North America, Mexico, and the Caribbean to attend its annual meetings.
- If you are interested in applying for one of these travel grants, please provide the following items:
- Vitae or resume
- Short statement outlining your interests and objectives in attending the ASEH conference and your paper title if you are presenting research
- Specify all sources of funding received or applied for
- Specify which of the grants listed above you are applying for

For travel grants for graduate students and low income and international scholars, whose research presentation has been accepted for the 2003 ASEH program in Providence, R. I. , send the information requested above to:

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For travel grants for minority/non-white scholars from North America, Mexico, and the Caribbean, who are interested in attending the 2003 ASEH meeting in Providence, R.I. send the information requested above to:

Professor Douglas Weiner
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Deadline for application: January 31, 2003.
 Recipients will be notified by February 14, 2003.

From the President's Desk

Two years ago I had the good fortune to assume the Presidency of the American Society for Environmental History. During that time we celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversaries of the society's journal in 1976, founding of the society in 1977 and the twentieth anniversary of our first conference in Irvine, CA in 1982. Over that two-year period, I have had the pleasure of working with a Society whose members are among the most enthusiastic and dedicated in the world. The vibrancy of our field and its new directions of growth are one reason why so many people participate in our conferences, committees, listservs, and website and publish papers in our journal *Environmental History*. During my presidency, we have seen our membership swell, and we have moved forward on many fronts, including the following:

- Planned and held two conferences, one in Denver, Colorado in 2002 and our upcoming conference in Providence, Rhode Island from March 26-30, 2003 (see p. 10 of this issue).
- Planned the 2004 conference to be held jointly with the National Council on Public History in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, (Mar. 31-Apr. 4, 2004) and the 2005 conference to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee (Mar 16-20, 2005) (see p. 10 of this issue). Sites for conferences for 2006-8 are all in the planning stages.

- Carried forward the work of developing our Endowment Fund by initiating an Annual Giving Campaign (please see clip out form, p. 11 of this issue).
- Created a Travel Grant Program to assist students, low-income, international, and minority/nonwhite scholars in attending and presenting research at our annual conferences (see p. 1 of this issue).
- Initiated the Samuel P. Hays Research Fund which will begin to offer modest grants-in-aid when fully funded.
- Fully endowed the Society's prizes and doubled the amount of the awards.
- Further democratized the Society's election procedures by adding contested elections for members of the Executive Committee in addition to those of the nominating committee (see special pullout section of this issue).
- Welcomed Adam Rome as Editor of *Environmental History* and Eve Munson as Managing Editor.
- Worked closely with the Forest History Society to coordinate membership, journal management, publication procedures, and awards.
- Created close ties and collaboration with the European Society for *Environmental History* and moved further forward on internationalizing the field.
- Introduced a new and dynamic ASEH website designed and maintained by Jan Oosthoek (see p. 1 of this issue).
- Initiated a campaign to endow an Executive Director position to assist us with our annual conference planning, fund-raising, and coordination with the society's committees, publications, and outreach efforts.

In these endeavors, I have had the delight of working with our incoming president Douglas Weiner, secretary Lisa Mighetto, treasurer Mark Madison, *Environmental History* editor Adam Rome, Forest History Society president Steven Anderson and all their outstanding board and staff members. I am extremely grateful as well to all our members who have served on the executive, nominating, prize, program, local arrangements, conference sites, ASEH website, H-Environment listserv, and development committees and to the many other members who offered assistance, suggestions, and support. I would especially like to thank Lisa Mighetto and Jim Harvey for their excellent work in designing, editing, and publishing *ASEH News*. I and the entire Society are deeply indebted to all of you. We are well positioned to move forward into our second quarter century.

Carolyn Merchant
ASEH President

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The American Society for Environmental History seeks understanding of the human experience of the environment from the perspectives of history, liberal arts, and sciences. The Society encourages cross-disciplinary dialogue on every aspect of the present and past relationship of humankind to the natural environment. ASEH maintains a website at <www.aseh.net>. Contact <k.j.w.oosthoek@phil.uni-goettingen.de> to discuss including material on the web page.

Items for the next newsletter should be sent by March 31, 2003 to: Lisa Mighetto, Editor, 119 Pine St., Suite 301, Seattle, WA 98101. E-mail to <mighetto@hrassoc.com>.

Other correspondence should be directed to: American Society for Environmental History, 701 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27701-3147.
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Announcements

Denver Public Library - Environmental Fellowship Available

For two consecutive years, the Denver Public Library has offered the Joy R. Hilliard Fellowship to facilitate continued work in the area of environmental research. The fellowship was first announced in the American Society for Environmental History News and the successful two-year-old program has become a coveted prize.

“The Library received many applications from tremendously qualified candidates for its first two fellowships and we expect an even larger response this year,” said Jim Kroll, manager, Western History/Genealogy Department, Denver Public Library.

The first two winners of the Hilliard Fellowship were: John C. Miles, Ph.D. from Western Washington University, Huxley College of Environmental Studies, and Michael Yochim, PhD. Candidate in Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Western History/Genealogy Department of the Denver Public Library is known to have an extensive collection of primary source research materials that document the history of the conservation and environmental movements in this country. Some of the organizations and individuals represented include the Wilderness Society, American Farmland Trust, Isaac Walton League of America, American Rivers, Wildhorse Annie (Velma V. Johnson) Arthur Carhart, William Vogt, Hugh Hammond Bennett, John Seiberling, and many others.

“We are actively expanding this acquisitions program and growing our collections,” Kroll said. “We are committed to collection development to ensure the Library's holdings are the best they can be. Scholars look to maximize their research and through the efforts of the Denver Public Library staff, they are able to do that with every visit.”

The Joy R. Hilliard Fellowship offers its winner \$3,000 to help finance ongoing environmental research. New fellowship applications are currently being accepted - completion of an application form is not required. The fellowship is open to advanced graduate students, independent scholars and holders of the Ph.D. or equivalent. Requirements for the fellowship include: conservation/environmental academic training and experience, a written prospectus describing general subject area and how working with the Denver Public Library's Conservation Collection will be beneficial to the applicant's research goals. The winner of the fellowship must be in residence a minimum of three weeks, not necessarily contiguous, between May 1, 2003, and April 30, 2004. A written report must be submitted within three months of departure from the Library after fulfilling these requirements.

Researchers interested in applying need to provide the prospectus mentioned above, a cover letter and three references. Graduate student applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member.

Send all materials to Manager, Western History/Genealogy Department, Denver Public Library, 10 W. 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, Colorado 80204-02731.

The deadline for submission is *March 15, 2003*. For more information, contact Barbara Walton at

<bwalton@denver.lib.co.us> or by phone at 720-865-1810.

Positions Open

Environmental History, University of Houston

The Department of History, University of Houston, announces a tenure track position at the Assistant Professor level. The successful candidate will have research interests in Environmental History and will hold a Ph.D. in a field of history that will contribute to the department's world history emphasis. *Send letters of application and current c.v. by January 31, 2003*, to Professor Martin Melosi, Chair, Environmental History Search, Department of History, University of Houston, Houston, Texas 77204-3003. The University of Houston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Minorities, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

ESEH Publication Prize

The European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) is soliciting submissions for its publication prize. The prize is intended to identify superior research in the environmental history of Europe carried out by younger scholars from all countries. The prize will be awarded for the best article published in an academic journal since the year 2000 and will be awarded at the next ESEH meeting in September 2003 in Prague.

The ESEH publication prize is intended for an article on any subject in European environmental history published by a graduate student or scholar whose Ph.D. was not awarded before 2000. The winner will receive a complete copy of the Encyclopedia of World Environmental History, worth \$450. Applicants are asked to submit one copy of their published article by mail, together with a one-page curriculum vitae, to each member of the prize committee (addresses below.) The article can have been published in any European language. If the article was not published in English, however, applicants are required to submit a one-page summary in English of their article with their applications. *Complete applications must be received by May 1, 2003*. Further information on the European Society for Environmental History is available on its website: <www.eseh.org>.

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ASEH Election 2002

The candidates are listed below, along with biographical statements. The winning candidates will take office after the Providence conference, in April 2003.

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

Stephen Pyne, Arizona State University

Steve Pyne is a professor now in his 16th year (and third department) at Arizona State University, specifically, the Human Dimensions of Biology faculty in the School of Life Sciences. He teaches environmental history, exploration history, and, his passion, fire. He is the author of 15 books, among them the world-spanning *Cycle of Fire* suite. He has enjoyed two fellowships from NEH, a senior Fulbright to Sweden, and numerous awards, including the *LA Times'* Kirsch Award (for body-of-work contribution to American letters), and is in his second tour at the National Humanities Center. He has written contract histories, fire plans for several national parks, participated in fire-study missions to Ghana and Brazil, and is currently a member of the U.N. Interagency Task Force for Disaster Reduction, WG-4 (Fire). He is a founding member of ASEH and a board member of the Forest History Society. Presently he is writing a fire history of Canada.

Personal statement:

Environmental history is a mature field, and the ASEH a mature institution. That condition defines the tasks currently before the organization. The most fundamental (I think) is to attract and promote young scholars. But almost equal is the need to expand further outward, or rather to cultivate linkages geographic, thematic, institutional. The ESEH indicates how the former might develop, and the FHS the latter. Under a variety of labels, environmental history is now embedded in many disciplines, with which we ought to seek alliances. This kind of diversification seems to me the likely and most promising future. It's a direction in which the ASEH is already moving; we can pick up the pace.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sarah S. Elkind, San Diego State University

When, as a graduate student, I attended the 1991 ASEH conference, I found a community that was both welcoming and intellectually critical. I value that spirit. Over the past seven years, I have assisted with the ASEH web page, edited the 1998 web syllabus collection and served as a member of the nominating committee (1995), the executive committee (1998-2001), and the Rachel Carson (1999) and George Perkins Marsh (2000) prize committees. I currently sit on the development committee. As graduate student liaison, I have tried to find alternative housing to make conferences more affordable. I would like to see ASEH retain its character as an intellectual home for a wide variety of

scholars. But because environmental history has so much to contribute to larger public debates on environmental and social policy, I would also like to see the ASEH reach out to the larger community, perhaps as a source of expertise for community action groups, public officials and the media.

My research focuses on American urban environmental politics in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. I am currently examining patterns of political influence in Los Angeles pollution and development policies in the 1950s.

Dolores Greenberg, Hunter College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

Former member of the Environmental History editorial board, past chairperson of the Leopold Prize Committee, and member of the Marsh Prize Committee, Greenberg's most recent work is on neglected grassroots struggles for environmental justice. She is completing a study of local to global networking in redefining perceptions of human rights over the past century. As a member of the ASEH Executive Committee she would support a more holistic research vision and more inclusive membership for the society.

Richard C. Hoffman, York University

The intersection of human symbolic and material cultures with natural forces and relationships is, in retrospect, where I have worked throughout my thirty-five years as a medievalist, so I was doing environmental history long before I knew it. I now see my approach to the past in the ecological perspective voiced by Charles Darwin: 'we are all netted together.' Home was Wisconsin, up to a BA in history from Madison, followed by medieval studies and economic history at Yale. Now I have spent more than thirty years and climbed the ladder of rank in one of the largest and most stimulating communities of historians in North America, the Department of History at York University, where my colleagues twice privileged me to serve as their Chair. A first book on medieval agrarian development in east-central Europe was recognized with awards from the AHA and CHA.

In recent decades I have approached medieval encounters with aquatic ecosystems from several angles, completing along the way a monographic source study and several articles and chapters on inland fisheries, one of which received the Alice Hamilton Prize from the ASEH. Lately work on marine systems has improved but delayed completion of a synthetic monograph meant to link medieval European fisheries to the present global fisheries crisis. I next project an ecological history of medieval Europe. Since the early 1990s this experience has let me offer seminars in the

environmental history of preindustrial Europe to senior undergraduates and graduate students at York University, in the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto, and at Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. I have also fallen into a role as interdisciplinary intermediary, carrying environmental history to medievalists (organized sessions at meetings of the Medieval Academy of America, the AHA, and whole mini-conferences in the International Congress of Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo for 2000, 2002, and planned for 2004), bringing medieval Europe to meetings of the ASEH and ESEH and the editorial board of *Environmental History*, and providing long term historical perspectives in occasional advisory roles for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (regarding restoration of Atlantic salmon in Lake Ontario), the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, the Marine Conservation Biology Institute, and a symposium on historical ecology of marine systems for the Western Society of Naturalists. At various times I have volunteered with the Federation of Ontario Naturalists and Toronto Field Naturalists, worked for stream protection and rehabilitation with Trout Unlimited Canada, and engaged in watershed conservation and management with the Humber Watershed Alliance. Should I be chosen for the ASEH Executive, as well as fulfilling regular responsibilities I would like to help open the organization more fully to historians and others who work on humans and their natural environments outside recent North America and in the long term.

Nancy Langston, University of Wisconsin-Madison

I'm honored to have the opportunity to stand for election to the Executive Committee of ASEH. As a former scientist who became an environmental historian, I've always felt welcomed by ASEH and its members, and this collegiality and willingness to explore the intersections of disciplinary boundaries are among the aspects of ASEH I most value. I believe ASEH should work to encourage active engagement among environmental historians and scientists, activists, resource managers, and other practitioners who develop and implement environmental policies. I am currently Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Forest Ecology and Management at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I'm the author of *Forest Dreams, Forest Nightmares: The Paradox of Old Growth in the Inland West* (1995), and *Where Land and Water Meet: A Western Landscape Transformed* (2003), and co-author of the interdisciplinary textbook *Ecology* (2000). My current research examines the links between environmental toxins and women's bodies. My service has included: co-chair, 2004 Conference Program Committee; member of 2000 Conference Program Committee; member of George Perkins Marsh Prize Committee 1999; member of the Editorial Board of *Environmental History*; and member of the Board of Directors, Forest History Society. I am currently serving on the National Resource Council Committee on Endangered Fishes in the Klamath Basin, trying to incorporate environmental history into resource policy.

Cynthia Radding, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Cynthia Radding is the author of *Wandering Peoples. Colonialism, Ethnic Spaces, and Ecological Frontiers in Northwestern Mexico, 1700-1850* (1997), an ethnohistorical study of the semi-nomadic

Indian peoples of the northern frontier of New Spain during the colonial and early national periods of Mexican history. *Wandering Peoples* won the American Society for Ethnohistory prize for the best work of ethnohistory in 1998.

Professor Radding is completing a comparative ethnohistorical study of northwestern Mexico and eastern Bolivia that brings together cultural and environmental history. Titled *Landscapes of Power and Identity in the Shadow of Empire: Northwestern Mexico and Eastern Bolivia from Colony to Republic*, the project spans over a century, from 1750 to 1880, in two very different ecological regions. This comparative study poses new questions for the themes of culture, colonialism, and the historical evolution of hybrid frontier societies in the Spanish and Portuguese American empires based on archival research and field work. It addresses central methodological concerns of ethnohistorians working in comparative colonial settings of the Americas, Asia, and Africa, and relates outward expressions of culture documented in texts, imagery, pageantry, and landscapes to the material cultures exhibited in the economy and ecology of these two specific colonial societies. Professor Radding is a member of the University of Illinois Environmental Council and a faculty affiliate with the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, the Program on Women and Gender in Global Perspective, and Human Dimensions in Environmental Systems. She participated as Co-Principal Investigator in an interdisciplinary proposal submitted to the NSH IGERT (Innovative Graduate Education and Research Training) Program on the theme of "Collaborative Design for Sustainability."

Cynthia Radding is a member of ASEH since 1996, and has participated in a number of annual meetings as panelist and commentator. She is most interested in contributing to the efforts of the Executive Committee to strengthen the Society's endowment in support of student participation, book prizes, and travel monies for students and professionals who are in the early stages of their career of their career, as well as in supporting the sense of community. Her vision for the Society emphasizes maintaining the excellent quality of the *Environmental History* journal and encouraging further international themes and interdisciplinary panels at the annual meetings.

Ravi Rajan, University of California-Santa Cruz

It is a great honor to be nominated for an election to one of the upcoming posts on the ASEH Executive Committee. It is a particular honor because the ASEH is a rare institution in that most of its members combine the virtues of scholarly integrity, humanism, and a deep concern for the world. The challenge, as I see it, is to maintain the organization's spirit of broad-minded conviviality and its consensus on nurturing socially relevant scholarship, while adjusting to the inevitable demands of growth. Like all of us, I will do my very best to contribute toward this end, regardless of whether or not I get elected. Once again, thank you for the honor of the nomination.

Ted Steinberg, Case Western Reserve University

I would like to see our organization do an even better job of convincing non-environmental historians, both in and out of the academy, of our field's supreme importance. We ought to continue to branch out and take our case not just to historians and those in

the sciences, but to the public more generally, explaining how the study of humankind's interactions with the environment can change not just how they think about the past but how they view the world today. I have been working in the field of environmental history since 1984 and chaired the program committee for the 1995 meeting in Las Vegas. In addition, I worked as associate editor of *Environmental History* from 1993 to 1996. Presently, I am serving a term on the editorial board of *Environmental History*.

Mart A. Stewart, Western Washington University

Mart A. Stewart traveled a circuitous route to his position as a professor in the Department of History and an affiliate professor in the Huxley College of Environmental Studies at Western Washington University. After doing B.A. and M.A. work in European history and the history of science, he worked as a forester for nine years in the West and in Georgia, and then was able to bring his interests together in his dissertation in a Ph.D. program at Emory University in the 1980s. He has taught environmental history courses since 1992, and in 1994 directed an environmental history NEH Summer Seminar for School Teachers. He has participated in symposia, seminars, and workshops in environmental history in Canada, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, and several times taught seminars in the field in Austria. Most recently, he was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for fifteen months, where he developed curriculum materials and organized and directed workshops and seminars in environmental education and history for high school teachers, university faculty, and senior researchers. His publications include: "Cattle, Culture, and the Environment in Early Georgia," in *Agricultural History*, awarded the Carstensen Award; "Rice, Water, and Power: Domination and Resistance in the Low Country, 1790-1900," in *Environmental History Review* (Reprinted in *Out of the Woods: Essays in Environmental History*); "'Let Us Begin with the Weather?': Climate, Race, and Cultural Distinctiveness in the American South," in *Nature and Society in Historical Context*, ed. Mikuláš Teich and Roy Porter; an essay on southern environmental history in *Blackwell Companion to the American South* (2002); and *"What Nature Suffers to Groe": Life, Labor, and Landscape on the Georgia Coast, 1680-1920* (1996; 2002). He has served as a Fellow at the Dibner Library, Smithsonian Institution, a Beinecke Fellow at Yale, and is this year a MacArthur Fellow in the Ecological Humanities at the National Humanities Center. He joined the ASEH in the early 1980s, has participated in all but one ASEH conference since 1987, has done peer reviews and book reviews for the Society's journal, and has served on and chaired the Aldo Leopold Price and Marsh Prize committees and served on the Nominating Committee. He also chaired the ASEH Program Committee in 2000.

Personal Statement: I have, first of all, an enduring debt of gratitude to the ASEH for providing me with an intellectual home early in my career, when environmental history was not yet recognized as a real field in many quarters. I will bring to the Executive Committee a strong commitment derived from this experience and from a long history of activity in environmental history and in the ASEH. It is important for the Society to

remember its interdisciplinary origins and history of inclusiveness, and to be even more responsive to scholars from a wide range of backgrounds who come to the Society because of a common interest in environmental history. We should continue to develop new and imaginative modes of support for scholars and scholarship outside of the United States as well. I have worked with journalists, museum curators, and community groups as an educator and resource-impresario, and have a keen sense of the need to encourage liaison efforts between environmental scholars and the public. The Society should provide support and resources for the teaching of environmental history or the integration of environmental history into other subjects in a variety of educational venues. The central mission of the Society will continue to be the support of strong scholarship in the field, but this should continue to be done by recognizing a multiplicity of cores and the relativity of margins within the larger field of what we call environmental history.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dianne Glave, Loyola Marymount University

Dianne Glave is an assistant professor in the African American Studies Department at Loyola Marymount University. Dr. Glave's scholarship and methodology in environmental history is based on interdisciplinary models in Africana Studies integrating history, literature, music, and theology. Whenever possible, she studies African Americans within the context of the African Diaspora, exploring lingering Africanisms through spirituality, agrarian-based culture, and value systems. She is currently editing a collection of essays with the University of Pittsburgh Press with Mark Stoll titled "To Love the Wind and the Rain: Essays in African American Environmental History." Dr. Glave is the author of articles in the *International Journal of Africana Studies* and *Callaloo* (forthcoming). Currently, she is working on two book projects. One is an environmental history of rural African Americans in the American South in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The other is an interdisciplinary study of African and African eco-theology based on African American literature, narratives, sermons, and music.

Personal Statement: I have attended all of the ASEH meetings since 1995, anticipating exhilarating breakthroughs in environmental history. Never disappointed, I became active in the ASEH. I contributed my time as a Program Committee Member in 2001 and an organizing for various panels over the years. I am committed to broadening the audience in environmental history by organizing panels and presenting at other meetings including the Black Women Studies and the Academy, National Council of Black Studies and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. I also mentor students and junior faculty in history, geography and African American Studies who are pursuing studies in some aspect of African American environmental history. Through my scholarship and service, I seek to address issues of diversity in the ASEH and the scholarship of environmental history.

Diana Hadley, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona

Diana Hadley is a research specialist at the Office of Ethnohistorical Research of the Arizona State Museum at the University of Arizona, where she translates and edits Spanish historical documents. With degrees in archaeology and history from Washington University and the University of Arizona, she specializes in the history of land use and ecological change in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. She has co-authored three book-length ethnoecological studies for the Bureau of Land Management, two for the US Forest Service, and is currently writing a history of the cattle industry in southern Arizona. Raised in Arizona, she is the former operator of a family ranch. She has organized conferences on grassland restoration, Native American sacred sites, deforestation in the Sierra Madre (held in Chihuahua, Chihuahua), a bi-national bi-lingual conference on the ecology of the prairie dog (held in Nuevas Casas Grandes, Chihuahua), and two conferences on the restoration of the Santa Cruz River. She also served as chair of the Local Arrangements committee for the ASEH meeting in Tucson and organized the opening plenary session on Water. She has served on the boards of the Center for Desert Archaeology, Native Seeds/SEARCH, the Research Ranch Foundation of the Appleton Whittell Research Ranch, the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum (currently and during the 1980s), and as a commissioner on the Tucson Pima County Historical Commission.

Stuart McCook, The College of New Jersey

I received my PhD in History of Science from Princeton University in 1996. I am currently an Associate Professor of History at The College of New Jersey. My research specialty is the environmental history of tropical Latin America. My book, *States of Nature: Science, Agriculture, and Environment in the Spanish Caribbean, 1760-1940*, was recently published by the University of Texas Press. I am now doing research on the comparative history of epidemic crop diseases in Latin America during the export boom of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Most recently, I have been working on epidemic diseases of cacao in early twentieth-century Ecuador. I would like to see the ASEH continue to encourage and promote discussions environmental history Latin America, Africa, and Asia, and to seek to build deeper connections with scholars working in those regions.

John McNeill, Georgetown University

John McNeill teaches in the History Department and School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. His research interests lie mainly in environmental history since about 1600. For the next few years, he will focus on the Caribbean. He has served one term on the ASEH Executive Committee. His only institutional goal for the ASEH is that it should help integrate environmental history into the mainstream of the historical profession. As a member of the Nominating Committee, he would try to assure that ASEH office-holders are as representative as possible of the membership.

ASEH 2003 Election Ballot

See *ASEH News*, Winter 2002, for a description of each candidate.
 Please mail ballots to Lisa Mighetto, HRA, 119 Pine Street, Suite 207, Seattle, WA 98101, by February 14, 2003.

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

- Stephen Pyne
- _____ (write-in)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

vote for four

- Sarah S. Elkind
- Dolores Greenberg
- Richard C. Hoffman
- Nancy Langston
- Cynthia Radding
- Ravi Rajan
- Ted Steinberg
- Mart A. Stewart
- _____ (write-in)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

vote for two

- Dianne Glave
- Diana Hadley
- Stuart McCook
- John McNeill
- _____ (write-in)



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Field Trip to Mexico Planned, Conference of Latin American Geographers

Bill Forbes (University of North Texas) is attempting to organize an additional field trip associated with the Conference of Latin American Geographers meeting, January 4-8 in Tucson, Arizona. See <<http://las.arizona.edu/clag2003.html>>.

The proposed field trip would focus on northwestern Chihuahua sites visited by geographer Donald Brand and ecologist Aldo Leopold in the 1930s.

The trip would tour northwestern Chihuahua January 8-11, returning to Tucson early on Sunday January 12th. Proposed sites include:

1. Prehistoric settlements (extensive 12th century Paquime ruins and museum)
2. Spanish churches from the 1600s located in Janos and Casas Grandes
3. Mennonite and Mormon communities
4. Remains of one of Terraza's pre-revolution haciendas
5. Paquime replica pottery demonstration at Mata Ortiz
6. Sites of Norwegian explorer Carl Lumholtz, including Cave Valley cliff dwellings
7. Departure sites for Aldo Leopold's pack trips into the Rio Gavilan
8. A small ranch demonstrating ecological restoration practices
9. Mountain agricultural trincheras (researched by geographer Larry Herold)
10. Ceremonial site used by Apaches returning in 1988

Border crossings would be made at Douglas going down and coming back. Participants will need a valid passport, and will be required to pay cash for a Mexican entry visa (currently \$22 US). Overnight stops would be made at: Nuevo Casas Grandes, Juan Mata Ortiz, and El Gavilan ranch, with two people to each room. Approximate total cost would be \$330.

If you think you might be interested in such a field trip, in association with the January conference or at other times, please contact:

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Call for Papers (Conferences Other Than ASEH)

New England Historical Association (NEHA), an affiliate of the AHA, will hold its 70th conference at Bentley College in Waltham, MA on April 26, 2003. Proposed papers on any historical topic,

time or place may be submitted to the program chair (one-page abstract and brief CV) by *January 15, 2003*. Contact Paul Monod, Middlebury College, History Department, Middlebury, VT 05753; <monod@middlebury.edu>.

The Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association (NEPCA), a regional affiliate of the national PCA and ACA, holds its 26th annual conference in Worcester, MA on October 31-November 1, 2003. Proposals on any pop culture or American culture topics (one-page abstract and brief CV) may be submitted to the program chair by *June 1, 2003*. The annual NEPCA Prize is offered for the best paper by a graduate student. Contact Peter Holloran, Worcester State College, History Department, Worcester, MA 01602; <pch@world.std.com>.

Member News

Fritz Davis has been appointed to a position in the History Department at Florida State University, where he will teach environmental history and the history of environmental sciences.

Mart Stewart's book, 'What Nature Suffers to Groe': Life, Labor, and Landscape on the Georgia Coast, 1680-1920 (University of Georgia Press, 2002) has just been issued in paperback, with a new introduction by the author.

Conference Report: Western History Association Meeting Held in Colorado, October 2002

By Emily Greenwald

The site of this year's Western History Association meeting gave environmental historians an opportunity to explore the built landscape from an unusual perspective. The conference hotel was adjacent to an I-25 interchange, about three miles south of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Target, Village Inn, Chili's, a mall, a multiplex theater, gas stations, and the many other hotels within walking distance seemed somewhat at odds with the backdrop of Pikes Peak. The setting, along with the papers presented, reminded attendees that the West encompasses both the common and the distinctive.

Titled "Western Roots and Migration," the October 16-19 conference emphasized the themes of mobility, ethnicity, and community. Environmental history highlights included papers about images and labor on the Chilkoot Trail (Kathy Morse), the cultural creation of Utah's Mount Timpanogos (Jared Farmer), and Indians' structuring of fishing rights on the Columbia River (Andy Fisher). The conference also featured sessions on mining, the fur trade, water development in the Arkansas River basin, drought, dams, and scientists in the West.

Attendees could choose from various environmentally oriented field trips, such as a tour of Manitou Springs, a journey up Pikes Peak via cog railway, a visit to the Western Museum of Mining and Industry, a tour of the Broadmoor Resort, and a triple-header to Cripple Creek, Victor, and Garden of the Gods.

Next year's conference will take place October 7-11, 2003, in Fort Worth, Texas. It is titled "The Boundless West: Imagery and Popular Culture of the American West." For more information, see <<http://www.unm.edu/~wha/>>.

ASEH Conference Information

Call for Papers *Note Upcoming Deadline*

2004 ASEH/NCPH Annual Meeting Victoria, British Columbia March 31- April 4, 2004

The joint conference in 2004 between the American Society for Environmental History and the National Council on Public History will revolve around the theme "Cultural Places and Natural Spaces: Memory, History, and Landscape." The conference theme reflects the interdisciplinary nature of the conference between the ASEH and the NCPH as members of these organizations discover common ground. The program committee seeks proposals for sessions that will explore the wide variety of cultural, environmental, social, and public histories that have transformed the places and spaces of our world. We also are interested in sessions that investigate the interplay of memory, history, and landscape. Since the 2004 conference will be held in Victoria, B.C., sessions that examine border issues, both physical as well as metaphorical, are welcome. Sessions that explore other issues in environmental and public history will also be considered. The 2004 program committee will accept proposals that are focused solely on environmental history, public history, or a combination of the two.

The program committee encourages proposals for entire sessions. We also will accept individual paper submissions.

A call for poster session proposals will be released in September 2003.

All proposals must include the following information:

- A cover page, including complete mailing address, e-mail, phone number and affiliation of each participant;
- An abstract of no more than 500 words for the session as a whole;
- A prospectus of no more than 250 words for each paper or presentation;
- A two-page vita for each participant;
- Any requests for audio-visual equipment for the session.

Individuals interested in acting as chairs or commentators are welcome to submit their names to the committee.

All proposals must be received no later than April 5, 2003.

All proposals must be submitted by e-mail to:

Jon Hunner, co-chair of 2004 Program Committee, at <jhunner@nmsu.edu>.

or

Nancy Langston, co-chair of 2004 Program Committee, at <nelangst@facstaff.wisc.edu>.

Proposals should be attached as either a Word or Wordperfect file.

ASEH Next Annual Meeting To Be Held In Providence, Rhode Island, March 26-30, 2003

“Frontiers in Environmental History: Mainstreaming the 'Marginal'”

Members will receive program information, including the registration information form, in the mail. For additional information, contact local arrangements committee co-chairs:

Nancy Jacobs <Nancy_Jacobs@Brown.edu> or

Karl Jacoby <Karl_Jacoby@Brown.edu>.

Registration Costs:

	Before Feb. 21	After Feb. 21
ASEH/FHS Members	\$95	\$105
Non Members	\$105	\$115
ASEH/FHS Student Members	\$40	\$50
Student Non Members	\$50	\$60
On-site one-day registration fee:		\$60

Accommodations:

The conference hotel is the Providence Biltmore <<http://www.providencebiltmore.com>>. Located in downtown Providence, it is well connected by public transportation to outstanding restaurants in nearby neighborhoods.

Room Options:

- Traditional rooms with one queen-size or two double beds (\$120).
- Deluxe junior suite with one king- or two queen-size beds and a separate living area with sofa bed (\$150).

To reserve a room at the Providence Biltmore, please phone 401-241-0700 or toll free 800-294-7709. Please request the rate for the American Society for Environmental History. To receive this rate, please reserve by the close of the business day, February 25, 2003.

Transportation

The Providence Amtrak station is downtown, conveniently located near the Biltmore hotel. Most major U. S. airlines serve T. F. Green airport, 8 miles from downtown.

Attention Authors And Presses

For information on exhibiting your books at the Providence Conference, please contact Steven Stoll at <Steven_Stoll@brown.edu>.

ASEH Future Meetings: Mark Your Calendar ✓

2004. Victoria, B.C., Canada. March 31-April 4, 2004.

Fairmont Empress and Victoria Conference Center. Joint Meeting with the National Council on Public History (NCPH). Local Arrangements Chair, Lorne Hammond, Curator of History, Royal British Columbia Museum, 675 Belleville Street, Victoria, BC V8W 9W2. (250) 387-2486. <lhammond@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca>

2005. Knoxville, TN. March 16-March 20, 2005.

Local Arrangements Chair, Kathleen A. Brosnan, Department of History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-4065. (865) 974-5421. <kbrosnan@utk.edu>

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