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**ASEH Annual Conference 2022**  
**Eugene, Oregon**  
**and**  
**Virtual THIS WEEKEND April 8-10**

Thank you for joining us in Eugene for the in-person conference from March 23 to 27, 2022. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and enjoy the company and scenery in Oregon. Thank you to the local arrangements committee and the program committee for all of your work to make it happen.

But ASEH 2022 is not over yet! The **virtual part** of the conference will take place this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on the [Whova ASEH event page and app](#). There are more than [20 panels](#) scheduled for April 8-10. Register for ASEH 2022 to access all of the virtual panels.

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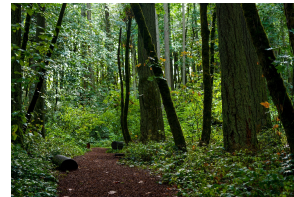
## Thank you, Eugene



Oregon Coast, site of Sunday field trip



Attendees went birding at Finley Wildlife Refuge



Trails in Hendricks Park

## WANT TO HELP BUILD THE PROGRAM FOR ASEH 2023?

ASEH is soliciting volunteers for the 2023 Program Committee for our Annual Meeting to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, March 22-26, 2023. After the recent success of our return to an in-person meeting in Eugene, Oregon we are looking forward to bringing our community together again next year.

The Program Committee sets the conference theme, solicits and reviews panel and paper proposals. If you wish to participate in this invaluable work for our society, or if you have any questions, please contact the 2023 Program Committee Chair, Liza Piper ([epiper@ualberta.ca](mailto:epiper@ualberta.ca)).

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### *Environmental History*

**The April issue will arrive soon!**

Access *Environmental History* online.



The April issue (Volume 27, Number 2) of *Environmental History* will be on the way to members soon from the [University of Chicago Press](#).

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I am pleased to report that the annual conference in Eugene was a great success. Attendees forged new networks, shared new research, and embraced the opportunity to mingle and talk in person. Thank you for coming, cheerfully showing your vaccination cards at the registration desk, and wearing masks so much of the time. We missed those of you who could not attend because of cancelled flights, inadequate travel funds, pandemic concerns and other obligations. Conference conversations continue this weekend with the Virtual Conference on Whova, and with Environmental History Week events all month.

Environmental History Week will be smaller this year because, frankly, we didn't start promoting it out early enough. But you still have time to post events in your community and your networks to the [EHW calendar](#). In person and virtual events are all welcome, as are events taking place any time this month.

One of the best moments of the Eugene conference was the Award Ceremony on Saturday night. Below is a rundown of this year's fellowships, awards, and prizes. These awards are funded by member donations. [Please donate!](#)

Awards are selected by several ASEH committees. I am grateful to Benny Andrés, Karl Appuhn, Debjani Bhattacharyya, Kate Brown, Alix Cooper, Kelly Enright, Andy Flack, Sumit Guha, Casey Lurtz, Edward Melillo, Andrew Needham, James Rice, Karen Sayer, Lise Sedrez, and Molly Warsh for their care, thought, and time selecting this year's fellowship and prize winners.

***You can nominate yourself or others for ASEH prizes using links on at [ASEH.org](#).***

Sarah Elkind  
ASEH President

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***Please consider donating to ASEH to support our research fellowships for graduate students and underrepresented scholars, prizes and awards, conference travel grants for underfunded students and scholars, conferences, journal, and other programs and operations. We greatly appreciate your membership and generous support.***

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## Environmental History Week 2022 April 18-24

**Environmental History Week** is an international celebration of environmental history, organized by environmental historians of all stripes to foster scholarly collaboration, teaching and public engagement with environmental history. This year, **Environmental History Week will highlight public-facing environmental history events and activities.**

**Environmental History Week is April 18-24, 2022.**

Please join us by organizing an event in your area, and [sending information to us](#) so we can publicize it on the Environmental History Week [events calendar](#) on the ASEH.org website.

**[SUBMIT YOUR EVENT!](#)**

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# ASEH Awarded Pandemic Recovery Grant from the American Historical Association for Environmental History Week 2023

ASEH has been awarded funding from the [American Historical Association's](#) Grants to Sustain and Advance the Work of Historical Organizations Program, which provides relief to institutions adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. [This opportunity](#) was made possible with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The grant will support Environmental History Week 2023, the third iteration of [EHW](#). EHW will emphasize locally organized, public-facing, and virtual events that promote engagement with the communities to address current environmental challenges. EHW began during the pandemic to sustain community and to promote new modes of engagement and models for more sustainable, equitable, and accessible meetings. Grant funds will be utilized to improve EHW organizational, communications, and technological capacity, as well as enhanced community outreach and professionalization opportunities.

ASEH is one of [fifty grant recipients](#), which include site-based organizations, membership associations, and history departments at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. EH Week was selected as one of the funded short-term projects that explore new ideas or build on experiments initiated during the pandemic—from online programming or publications to using new technologies or expanding audiences and accessibility.

**We are extremely grateful for the support of AHA and NEH.**

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Remain au courant: <https://wceh2024.com/>

*Transitions, Transformations and Transdisciplinarity: Histories beyond History.* Firmly grounded in historical understandings of humans, non-humans, and the environment, this conference aims to encourage historians, anthropologists, archaeologists, cultural studies scholars, geographers, biologists, and others working on important environmental issues to understand and address planetary ecological challenges in a collaborative, cross-disciplinary manner.

## WORLD CONGRESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

WCEH4 - OULU, FINLAND

AUGUST 19-23, 2024

<https://wceh2024.com/>

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

**Roger Norum**, University of Oulu (Chair); **Dmitry Arzyutov**, Oulu; **Vesa-Pekka Herva**, Oulu, **Esa Ruuskanen**, Oulu and **Laura Siragusa**, Oulu.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: World Congress of Environmental History, 2024.

**Claire Campbell**, Bucknell University (USA) (Chair); **Dmitry Arzyutov** (Dima), Oulu (local organizing committee representative); **Colin Coates**, York University; **Mike Dockry**, University of Minnesota; **Sandro Dutra e Silva**, Universidade de Estadual de Goiás; **Sarah Hamilton**, University of Bergen; **David Hsuing**, Juniata College; **Melanie Kiechle**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; **Claudia Leal**, Universidad de Los Andes; **James (Jim) McCann**, Boston University; **Anupama Mohan**, Presidency University; **Admire Mseba**, University of Missouri; **Emily O’Gorman**, Macquarie University; **Peder Roberts**, University of Stavanger; **Fei Sheng**, Sun Yat-sen University; **Julie Sze**, UC Davis; **Frank Zelko**, University of Hawaii.

VENUE: Oulu is a multicultural city of 250,000 people, easily accessible by air and rail via the Finnish capital, Helsinki. The University of Oulu offers top-notch conference facilities and the city is a handsome and safe Arctic setting that should ensure a memorable and enjoyable world-class conference. Pre- mid- and post- conference field excursions will take advantage of the unique Northern setting, and local programs for those accompanying conference delegates will be organized.





## ASEH Prize, Award, and Fellowship Winners

At the awards ceremony Saturday night March 26th in Eugene, OR, ASEH announced the winners of its [annual awards, prizes, and fellowships](#). Congratulations to this year's winners:

The ***Distinguished Scholar Award*** given every year to an individual who has contributed significantly to environmental history scholarship.

**Linda Nash**

The ***Lisa Mighetto Distinguished Service Award*** is given every year to an individual who has contributed significantly to the development of ASEH as an organization.

**William Cronon**

The ***Public Outreach Project Award*** presented every two years to an environmental history project that engages the public.

### Environmental History Now

***George Perkins Marsh Prize*** for best book in environmental history

Winner:

**Lucas Bessire, *Running Out: In Search of Water on the High Plains*** (Princeton)

Finalists:

Bartow Elmore, *Seed Money: Monsanto's Past and Our Food Future* (W.W. Norton)

Faisal H. Husain, *Rivers of the Sultan: The Tigris and Euphrates in the Ottoman Empire* (Oxford)

Kristin A. Wintersteen, *The Fishmeal Revolution: The Industrialization of the Humboldt Current* (California)

***Rachel Carson Prize*** for best dissertation in environmental history

**Will Michael Wright**, "Nature Unbound: What Gray Wolves, Monarch Butterflies, and Giant Sequoias Tell Us About Large Landscape Conservation" (Montana State University)

***Alice Hamilton Prize*** for best article outside journal *Environmental History*

**Tamara Fernando**, "Seeing Like the Sea: A Multispecies History of the Ceylon Pearl Fishery, 1800-1925" (*Past and Present*, Vol. 254 (1), Sept 2021).

***Leopold-Hidy Award*** to honor the best article in the journal, *Environmental History*.

**Kendra Smith-Howard**, "Absorbing Waste, Displacing Labor: Family, Environment, and the Disposable Diaper in the 1970s" (April 2021).

### ***ASEH-FHS Graduate Student Essay Prize***

**Sherri Sheu**, "A Total Approach to Urban Problems!: Summer in the Parks and the National Park Service"

The EH editors selected two *Environmental History* Fellows who will also participate in the Graduate Essay Prize workshops. These fellows are:

**Julia Fine**, "Who Will Voluntarily Sacrifice His Life by Becoming a Labourer?": Water, Work, and Resistance in Colonial Bengal's Salt Industry, 1780-1862"

**Kyuhyun Han**, "Protect the Forest, Prevent Forest Fires: CCP Forest Fire Prevention and Wasteland-burning Cultivation, 1949-1959"

### ***Hal Rothman Dissertation Fellowship***

**Marissa Crannell-Ash**, for "Unruly Swine: Pigs, Community, and Justice in Late Medieval Burgundy"

### ***J. Donald Hughes Graduate Research Fellowships***

**Natascha De Vasconcellos Otoya**, for "Geological Historical Bicycle Expedition in the Reconcavo Bay, Bahia – Brazil"

**Thanglienmang Haokip**, for "Swidden Transformations in Manipur: Causes and Consequences on the Environment"

### ***Equity Graduate Fellowship***

**José Manuel Santillana Blanco**, for "Racial Motherhood Ecologies: Towards a Mapping of Social Life, Violence & Resistance in the Southwest Borderlands, 1980-Present"

## ***Samuel P. Hays Research Fellowship***

**Claire Perrott**, for “Volcano in a Cornfield: The History of Parícutin Volcano, 1943-1952”

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### **NEWS**

- ASEH member Char Miller, director of environmental analysis and the W.M. Keck Professor of Environmental Analysis and History, was awarded a grant and is the principal investigator of the two-year project entitled “[The People’s Archive: Los Angeles River Narratives, Counternarratives and Conversations.](#)”
  - ASEH has signed on to several statements over the past few months, including: [Statement by the African Studies Association on Discriminatory Treatment meted out to Africans, Scholars and Students, fleeing the war in Ukraine](#); [Historians Condemn Russian Invasion of Ukraine](#); [AHA Condemns Violations of Presidential Records Act](#); [Joint Statement in Support of Afghan Scholars and Students](#); and, [Bomb Threats against HBCUs: A History of Domestic Terrorism.](#)
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## **Join us in Boston for ASEH 2023**



Boston Bay



Boston from above



Boston waterfront

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