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# **ASEH Annual Conference 2024**

## **Westin Denver Downtown**

**Denver, Colorado**

**April 3-7, 2024**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

Register now at reduced early registration rates. ASEH members can register at reduced member registration rates. [Join ASEH or renew your membership today.](#)

**IMPORTANT:** [Registration for the in-person ASEH 2024 Conference in Denver includes registration for the virtual ASEH Conference \(March 24-30, 2024\).](#) To register for **ONLY** the virtual conference which does not include in-person registration, [Click HERE](#)

Register now for ASEH 2024! The program is set and the conference will feature 120 panels. Check out all of the panels at the [Online Conference Schedule](#).

The [schedule at-a-glance](#) lists many of the special events we have planned, including a plenary session, receptions and the awards ceremony, breakfasts, and social gatherings.



Red Rocks Amphitheatre



Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge

The local arrangements committee has planned nine exciting [field trips](#) on Friday - birding at Burr Lake, a walking tour of Auraria, the nuclear legacies of Rocky Flats, Rocky Mountain Arsenal and Wildlife Refuge, a guided tour of the Sand Creek Massacre exhibit at History Colorado, Red Rocks, and more.

## Register for ASEH 2024

Students can volunteer to work at the conference in exchange for registration. Learn more about [volunteering at the conference](#).

The conference sessions will take place at the **Westin Denver Downtown**.

ASEH has reserved a block of rooms at a reduced conference rate.

[Book your room at the ASEH 2024 Conference rate](#)

ASEH has also reserved a limited number of rooms at a lower **STUDENT** rate. Please do not book these rooms if you are not a student.

[Book your room at the ASEH 2024 Conference STUDENT rate](#)

***Staying at the Westin Denver Downtown helps ASEH meet its room block obligation and ensure the financial health of the Society.***



History Colorado Center



National Center for Atmospheric Research

**Registration for Exhibits, Advertising, and Sponsorship  
at ASEH 2024 is now open!**

There is still time to [reserve exhibit space](#), [advertise in the conference program](#), and [sponsor events](#) at ASEH 2024. We expect this to be one of our best attended meetings ever and we have reserved a large exhibit area at the Westin Denver Downtown. **Space is limited.**

Reserve advertising space in the conference program or on the conference website. There are many opportunities to sponsor events, panels, receptions, and breakfasts. **Register now.**

***Deadline: January 15, 2024***

**Exhibit/Advertise/Sponsor ASEH 2024**

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***Environmental History***

**Access *Environmental History* online.**



The January issue (Volume 29, Number 1) of *Environmental History* will be on the way to members soon from the [University of Chicago Press](#).

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The ASEH Executive Council is excited to report that we will be launching a new online open-access journal, *Environmental History Review*. Beginning in 2024, *EHR* will take advantage of web-based publication to publish born-digital work in a range of formats.

*EHR* is intended to complement, not compete with *Environmental History*, the flagship journal that we co-publish with the Forest History Society. Rather than long-form texts, *EHR* will provide space for multimedia projects, podcasts, videos, commentaries, interviews, teaching reflections, and review essays. With a quicker cycle than a traditional journal, it will foster topical commentary and discussion. We intend to feature environmental historians from within and beyond the academy with both peer-reviewed and non-peer reviewed work. *EHR* will serve as a public face of the ASEH and provide a lively and respectful forum for discussion among environmental historians.

The planning for this new journal began in 2022 when ASEH President Sarah Elkind named a committee to study the feasibility and need for an online journal. Executive Council members Peter Alagona, Catherine McNeur, and Edmund Russell produced an in-depth study that recommended that we embrace the potential of digital publication. They recognized the excellent online environmental history publications that already exist and concluded that there is room for another, especially one oriented toward linkage rather than competition. With the name *Environmental History Review* we honor the ASEH's first serial, the precursor to our current journal.

In 2023 a follow-up committee consisting of Peter Alagona, Sean Kheraj, Melanie Kiechle, Ruth Morgan, and Jay Turner devised a business plan, reporting structure, and launch procedures, which the Executive Council approved in October. The search committee for the inaugural editor is now in place with Catherine McNeur (chair), Lisa Brady, and Ramya Swayamprakash. They will publicize the job description and application process in January 2024.

The Executive Council left much about the format and content of the publication open to the inaugural editor. We expect *EHR* will be adaptable, open to risk-taking, and inclusive. To reduce barriers to participation, it will offer honoraria to junior and/or unemployed contributors. In addition, the ASEH will provide the editor-in-chief and two to three associate editors with a stipend; the positions will not require institutional support.

Please see the call for applications below. We encourage applications from environmental historians of all kinds and at all stages of their careers. If I can offer any encouragement to your application, please contact me at

[President@ASEH.org](mailto:President@ASEH.org)

Nancy Jacobs  
ASEH President

## **APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR EDITOR OF *ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY REVIEW***

Review of applications to begin on: February 1, 2024

The American Society for Environmental History seeks applicants to serve as Editor of the new digital journal *Environmental History Review* for a renewable three-year term beginning July 2024.

The *Environmental History Review (EHR)* will be the open-access digital publication of the American Society for Environmental History, existing as a space to exchange knowledge, respond to contemporary issues, and explore topics that connect the environmental present with its past. *EHR's* goals include the fast-paced publication of work by a wide range of environmental historians in formats and media that go beyond standard academic articles and reviews. While the *Environmental History Review* will include both peer-reviewed and non-peer reviewed work, it will complement rather than compete with the work of *Environmental History*. The initial goal will be to publish content twice a week and provide a space to cultivate community.

The editor-in-chief will work with two to three associate editors and will be paid an annual stipend of \$6000. The associate editors as well as the social media outreach coordinator will also be compensated.

### **Qualifications**

The ideal candidate must have:

- Recognized expertise in the field,
- A compelling vision for the future of the journal and the field,
- Managerial, organizational, editorial, and digital media skills to oversee the editorial cycle, meet deadlines, and work with publishing professionals,
- The ability to attract established and new scholars to contribute to the journal,
- Tact in communicating with authors and staff, and
- Membership in the ASEH.

### **Application Materials**

The application package must include:

- Vision Statement that cohesively answers the following questions:
  - Where do you envision the *Environmental History Review* six years from now?

- How will the *EHR* differ from similar digital journals?
- How do you plan to collaborate and build relationships with *Environmental History* and other environmental history publications and efforts?
- Why are you considering this role at this moment in your career?
- Curriculum vitae that highlights publications, editorial experience, and links to any digital portfolios

## Search Procedure

Review of applications will begin on February 1, 2024. Finalists will be interviewed remotely over Zoom or at the ASEH meeting in Denver, Colorado, April 3-7, 2024.

Applications must be submitted as a single PDF file with the file name “yourlastname\_EHReditor.pdf” to the chair of the search committee, Catherine McNeur ([catherine.mcneur@pdx.edu](mailto:catherine.mcneur@pdx.edu)).

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**Together with ASEH**, our campaign to raise \$150,000 for both new and long-standing ASEH initiatives, has had a very successful year. We met our target to raise \$30,000 for a permanent reserve for the George Perkins Marsh Prize. We also raised \$30,000 to underwrite travel by scholars from the Global South to our annual meetings. **Both these important initiatives are now fully funded.**





As 2024 comes to an end, please consider donating. Through the generosity of ASEH colleagues, we can offer a match to your gift. ***If you donate before the end of the year, your contribution will receive a two-to-one match***, tripling the amount directed to the cause of your choice:

- **Grants for Faculty at Minority-Serving Institutions**
- **Assistance for Early Career Researchers**
- **Dependent Care at Conferences**
- **Permanent Reserves for Existing ASEH Prizes**

Thank you to all who supported the campaign! Your gifts provide vital support to the next generation of environmental historians, including scholars from underrepresented demographics.

[\*\*Donate to ASEH\*\*](#)

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## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE

In October, the ASEH Executive Council approved the formation of a Finance Committee, to be chaired by the Treasurer. In addition to other duties set by the Executive Council, the Finance Committee will review budgets and spending, recommend policy for distributing donations and reserve funds, and advise on investments. We seek two members with experience in budgeting and financial decision making in academic institutions, non-profits, or business. To volunteer, please check the "Finance" box on the [ASEH Committee Membership Nomination Form](#). If you have questions, please contact Executive Director David Spatz at [David.Spatz@aseh.org](mailto:David.Spatz@aseh.org).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY WEEK 2024

**will be April 21-28, 2024**

**Save the date!**

**Environmental History Week 2024 is the week of Earth Day.**

Environmental History Week is a volunteer-run, international celebration of environmental history with events organized by environmental historians of all stripes for all audiences. Events can take nearly any form, from field trips, exhibits and public lectures, to student projects, clean-ups, or scholarly presentations.

EHW 2024 will support and promote local events that connect environmental historians, community institutions and organizations, and people interested in learning about their local environments and how they can get involved.

We will announce more details about adding your event to the EHW 2024 Calendar and promoting events in the coming weeks.

**Start planning events now!**

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## RENEW YOUR ASEH MEMBERSHIP

If you have not done so already, [please renew your ASEH membership](#). Memberships run on a calendar year, January 1 to December 31. ASEH members receive exclusive benefits, including:

- Print and online subscription to our quarterly journal, *Environmental History*, and access to back issues and other electronic resources
- Subscription to quarterly e-newsletter, *ASEH News*
- Registration discount at ASEH's [annual conference](#)
- Eligible for ASEH travel grants and [fellowships](#)
- Participation in online [member directory](#)
- As a Leading Level Member of the [International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations](#), (ICEHO), members receive online access to *Global Environment*

**We appreciate your membership and look forward to a great 2024!**

**Renew your ASEH Membership**

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## NEWS and OPPORTUNITIES

- The University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) invites applications for a tenure-track position in the Department of History at the rank of Assistant Professor. The Department is seeking a scholar with a specialization in Environmental History. See [full description](#).
- The School of History and Sociology at the Georgia Institute of Technology invites applications for two tenure-track faculty positions at the rank of Assistant Professor, one in the History of Science, Technology, or Medicine and a second in the Sociology of Science, Technology, or Medicine. For further details and information on how to apply, see <https://bit.ly/41mGmCw> (Job ID: 266473). Deadline: February 1, 2024.
- The [Linda Hall Library](#) is now accepting applications for its 2024-25 fellowship program. These fellowships provide graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and independent scholars in the history of science and related humanities fields with financial support to explore the Library's outstanding science and engineering collections. For further information, visit the [Fellowships](#) page or email [fellowships@lindahall.org](mailto:fellowships@lindahall.org).
- Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife's 2024 gathering, *Into the Woods: New England Forests in Fact and Imagination*, will held at Historic Deerfield June 28-29, 2024. View the [Full Call for Papers](#). Deadline for submissions February 19, 2024.
- The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science seeks two research assistants in the Department "Knowledge Systems and Collective Life," a [Research Scholar](#) and a [Postdoctoral Scholar](#). Applications must be received by January 15, 2024.

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**See you in Denver in April for ASEH 2024!**



City Park in Denver



Rocky Mountain National Park

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