

New Perspectives in Environmental History



A Northeast Environmental History Conference

Saturday, April 22, 2017 • Yale University • Henry R. Luce Hall • 34 Hillhouse Avenue

9:30am • Opening Remarks • **Paul Sabin**, Yale University

9:45am • Panel 1 • **TRANSNATIONAL COMMODITIES**

Chair: **Edward Mellilo**, Amherst College

Shaine Scarminach, University of Connecticut, "**Of Borders and Boundaries: The United States, Ecuador, and the Ocean Environment**" • **Zachary Cuyler**, New York University, "**Assembling the Lebanese Oil Complex**" • **William San Martin**, University of California, Davis and MIT, "**Writing a Transnational History of the Global Nitrogen Challenge**"

Commentator: **Bathsheba Demuth**, Brown University

11:20am • Panel 2 • **LIVING EMPIRES**

Chair: **Harriet Ritvo**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Christopher Blakley, Rutgers University, "**Exchanges in Flesh and Bone: Nonhuman Animals in the Atlantic African Slave Trade**" • **Hannah Anderson**, University of Pennsylvania, "**Household Labor, Healing and Ecological Adaptation in Early Philadelphia**" • **Owain Lawson**, Columbia University, "**The Colonizing Laboratory: Science and Labor on Experimental Farms in Egypt**"

Commentator: **Deborah Coen**, Barnard College

1:35pm • Panel 3 • **NATURE BY DESIGN**

Chair: **Peter Perdue**, Yale University

Ian Stevenson, Boston University, "**This is not a Wilderness Area': Cape Cod National Seashore, the National Park Service, and Hybridity**" • **Alison Laurence**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "**Designing the Pleistocene: Past and Present at the La Brea Tar Pits**" • **Yuan Chen**, Yale University, "**Frontier, Fortification, and Forestation: Defensive Woodland on the Sino-Nomadic border, 916-1123**" • **Mateusz Falkowski**, Princeton University, "**Adopting Trees: Landscape and Landscape Transformations in Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Aintab**"

Commentator: **Andrew Robichaud**, Boston University

3:35pm • Faculty-led Discussions

4:45pm • Closing Remarks • **Paul Sabin**, Yale University