

New Perspectives in Environmental History



A Northeast Environmental History Conference

Saturday, April 12, 2014 • Yale University • Burke Auditorium, Kroon Hall • 195 Prospect Street

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

9:45am • Panel 1 • **POWER AND RESOURCES**

Chair: **Robert Harms**, Yale University

Steven Elliot, Temple University, "Surviving the Hard Winter: Landscapes, Climate, and the Continental Army's 1779-1780 Winter Encampment" • **Matthew Shutzer**, New York University, "India in the Age of Coal: Geology, Hydropower, and Modernization in Princely India, 1920s-1940s" • **Faisal Husain**, Georgetown University, "Between the River and the Floodplain: The Khaza'il-Ottoman Encounter in the Marshes of the Middle Euphrates Region"

Commentator: **Peter Perdue**, Yale University

11:20am • Panel 2 • **WATER AND THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT**

Chair: **Karen Hébert**, Yale University

Sarah Randle, Yale University, "Hyperion as Icarus?: The Delights and Disappointments of a Space-Age Sewage Treatment Plant" • **Derek Nelson**, University of New Hampshire, "The Ravages of Teredo': The Impact of Marine Wood-borers on Late Nineteenth Century and Early Twentieth Century American Society and Culture" • **Adrián Lerner Patrón**, Yale University, "Missing the Rivers for the Forest: Regional Planning and Long-Term Continuities in the Representation of Amazonian Nature in Twentieth Century Brazil"

Commentator: **Aaron Sachs**, Cornell University

1:45pm • Panel 3 • **SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION**

Chair: **Daniel Kevles**, Yale University

Leah Aronowsky, Harvard University, "Making Global Nature Visible: The Field Illustrations of the U.S. Exploring Expedition (1838-1842)" • **Peter Oviatt**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "Cultivating *Pleurotus*: Species and Substrates in Mushroom Science" • **Laura Martin**, Cornell University, "G. Evelyn Hutchinson's Geochronometric Laboratory and the Construction of Ecological Time" • **Philip Rotz**, Boston University, "The Sweetness and the Fever?: Sugar Production, *aedes aegypti*, and Dengue Fever in Natal, South Africa, 1926-27"

Commentator: **Alistair Sponsel**, Vanderbilt University

4:00pm • **FACULTY PANEL**

Alan Mikhail, Yale University • **Harriet Ritvo**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology • **James McCann**, Boston University

Moderator: **Timothy Lorek**, Yale University

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