History 394: American Environmental History

Tuesday-Thursday 3:00-4:15

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This mid-level survey is intended to introduce students of environmental science to the historical context of environmental developments and to introduce students of history to the unique perspectives of environmental historians. By treating the environment itself as a critical player in historical developments, environmental history highlights the relationships between nature-asfound and nature-as modified by humans. We begin with the settler invasions of North America in the 17th century and follow the story through the so-called "greening" of America in the late 20th century. This class involves lecture, reading, discussion, and writing.



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