

Climate Change in History

A PRESIDENTIAL DREAM COURSE — SPRING 2020



HSCI 3473: History of Ecology and Environmentalism

Climate change is challenging humans to reevaluate and restructure the social, political, and environmental foundations of our societies. How did scientists and others come to recognize this threat and how can we understand the emergence of global and local efforts to confront climate change? This course explores the history of climate change, from the emergence of climate science to debates about projects meant to mitigate and adapt to it. Throughout, we will evaluate the past to consider our paths forward.

INSTRUCTORS:

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All lectures are free and open to the public.

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JANUARY 23, 7:00–8:30 PM

Decentering Climate History: The Global Little Ice Age, circa 1570 to 1720

Gregory T. Cushman, Ph.D. (Associate Professor of International Environmental History, University of Kansas)

Oklahoma Memorial Union, Frontier Room

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FEBRUARY 21, 3:30–5:00 PM

Indigenous Cultural Revitalization as a Response to Climate Change

Kari Norgaard, Ph.D. (Associate Professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies, University of Oregon)

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FEBRUARY 27, 7:00–8:30 PM

The Floral Archive: Climate Change, History, and the Problem of Scale

Deborah Coen, Ph.D. (Professor of History, Yale University)

Oklahoma Memorial Union, Frontier Room

MARCH 6, 3:30–5:00 PM

Time and Risk in Climate Knowledge: An Infrastructure Perspective

Paul Edwards, Ph.D. (William J. Perry Fellow in International Security and Senior Research Fellow, Stanford University)

Oklahoma Memorial Union, Scholars Room

APRIL 10, 3:30–5:00 PM

Imagining and Designing Low-Carbon Societies

Clark Miller, Ph.D. (Professor in the School for the Future of Innovation in Society, Arizona State University)

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APRIL 20, 4:30–6:00 PM

The 12 Year Window: Locating Crisis, Climate Change, and Colonialism

Candis Callison, Ph.D. (Associate Professor of Journalism, University of British Columbia)

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