General Information
The field of environmental history examines human interactions with their environment. Its subjects range from nature, environmentalism and the built environment, to climate change and natural resources. World environmental history applies a global perspective to such subjects, highlighting patterns and connections across space and time. Like environmental history in general, it complements other fields of history by providing critical insight into historical developments.

This course introduces advanced students of history to the methods, sources, narratives, and content of world environmental history. Assigned readings offer a thematic approach to the field, presenting seminal works and key themes within the field. At the same time, the course familiarizes students with historiography and the practice of history through discussion, assignments, and activities. It aims to prepare students for further study as well as research, writing, and oral communication in applied/professional contexts.

Course Objectives
By the end of the semester, students should be able to…

• Demonstrate familiarity with the principle methods, themes, and content of world environmental history;

• Explain the value of an environmental lens in understanding and investigating historical subjects;

• Critically evaluate world environmental history scholarship; and

• Practice history research and scholarship.

Readings
The following books are required (all are available for purchase in the University bookstore):
6. Andrea Duffy, *Nomad's Land* (University of Nebraska, 2019)

Assignments and Expectations
This course includes the following assignments, which will be explained in greater detail in class and on Canvas. Unless otherwise noted, all written assignments should be double spaced, 12pt Times, 1in margins. Citations should use CMS / MLA format.
1. Academic Book Review
2. Source Analyses (6)
3. Discussion Leader & Reading Group Presentation
4. Research Paper Proposal
5. Final Research Paper
6. Research Presentation

Grading
Participation: 15%
Book Review: 10%
Source Analyses: 15% total
Discussion Leader & Reading Group Presentation: 15%
Research Paper Preliminary Components: 10%
Final Research Paper: 25%
Research Presentation: 10%


Academic Integrity
It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with CSU’s policy on Academic Integrity: http://www.ssw.chhs.colostate.edu/field/files/Field%20Manuals/Policies/CSU%20Policy%20on%20Academic%20Dishonesty.pdf. As outlined in this policy, students found responsible for acts of academic dishonesty such as cheating or plagiarism may receive an automatic F in the course. In any case of academic dishonesty, the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct Services will be notified. Note that avoiding plagiarism requires citing your sources fully and correctly. Information on proper citation is available on the CSU Writing Center website: http://writing.colostate.edu/guides/guide.cfm?guideid=9.
Class Schedule
(may be subject to change)

Part I: Foundations and Perspectives

Week 1: January 22
No assigned readings

Week 2: January 29
Readings:

Week 3: February 5
Source Analysis 1 due

Part II: Environment and Power

Week 4: February 12
Research Proposal due
Readings:

Week 5: February 19
Source Analysis 2 due

Week 6: February 26
Source Analysis 3 due
Andrea Duffy, *Nomad’s Land* (University of Nebraska, 2019)

Week 7: March 4
Source Analysis 4 due
Reading: James Scott, *The Art of Not Being Governed* (Yale, 2010)
Week 8: March 11  
Source Analysis 5 due  
Reading: Warren Dean, *With Broadax and Firebrand* (University of California, 1995).

*Spring Break, March 14-22*

Week 9: March 25  
Book Review due  
No assigned reading

Part III: Environmental Futures

Week 10: April 1  
Source Analysis 6 due  
Reading: John R. McNeill and Peter Engelke, *The Great Acceleration* (Cambridge, 2016)

Week 11: April 8  
Final Paper Draft due  
Readings:

Week 12: April 15  
Final Paper Peer Review due  
Environmental History in Review

Readings:
Week 13: April 22
Final Paper due April 26, 11:59pm
Research Presentations

Week 14: April 29
Research Presentations

Week 15: May 6
Research Presentations