Symposium on Southern Environmental History

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Mississippi State University

Hosted by the Center for the History Agriculture, Science, and the Environment of the South (CHASES)

Moderated by Mark D. Hersey and James C. Giesen, Mississippi State University Department of History.
Tuesday
6 p.m.: Drinks at the Hotel Chester’s Beer Garden
7 p.m.: Welcome Dinner, Hotel Chester

Wednesday
8 a.m. Breakfast/Coffee, Swalm Chemical Engineering Building, 4th Floor

Session 1: 9:00—10:25 a.m.
9:00: Bert Way, “‘A Cosmopolitan Weed of the World’: Bermuda Grass in Global Perspective”
9:45: Karen Senaga, “Tasteless, Cheap, and Southern? The Rise and Decline of the Farm-Raised Catfish Industry”

Session 2: 10:40 a.m.—12:05 p.m.

Lunch, 12:05—1:00 p.m.

Session 3: 1:00—2:25 p.m.
1:00: Jack Davis, “Gulf: The Rise of a Nation and the Making and Unmaking of an American Sea”

Thursday
8 a.m.: Bagels/Coffee, 118 President’s Circle West

Session 1: 9—10:25 a.m. - 611 Allen Hall
9:00: Erin Mauldin, “Unredeemed Land: Exploring the Ecological Legacies of the Civil War in Southern Agriculture”
9:45: Drew Swanson, “The Lie of the Land: Nature’s Place in Rural Reconstruction”

Session 2: 10:40 a.m.—12:05 p.m.
10:40: Paul Sutter, “Slavery and Soils: Revisiting a Just So Story”

12:30 p.m. Depart for Field Trip to the Delta

We will return from the Delta around 10:30 p.m. Thursday night.