Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History

April 10-11, 2015
Presented by the Mississippi State University Department of History and the Center for the History of the Agriculture, Science, and Environment of the South

Friday, April 10th

3:00-4:30 – Session I, McCool 225

“Wonder Indescribable”: Mammoth Cave and the “Deep” South Experience, 1835-1860
- Alyssa Warrick, Mississippi State University

Creating the Tropical Gulf: Medical Geography and the Cultivation of Climate in the Antebellum Gulf South
- Elaine LaFay, University of Pennsylvania

Plantation Ecology and Disease in the Lower Mississippi Valley, 1817-1853
- Urmi Engineer, University of Pittsburgh

5:00-6:00 – Keynote Address, McCool 225

Religion in American Environmentalism
-Mark Stoll, Texas Tech

6:30-9:00 – Reception, Marcus Home

Drinks and Heavy Appetizers Provided
Transportation available
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Saturday, April 11th

8:00-8:30 – Morning Reception, McCool 213
Coffee provided

8:30-10:00 – Session II, McCool 213
The Environmental Consequences of Economic Autonomy in the Post-Emancipation South, 1865-1875
- Erin Mauldin, Samford University

When Wishes Were Horses: Herd Size, Horse Stealing, and Power on the Plains
- Matthew Luckett, University of California Los Angeles

Doctor Mead has Dreamed a Dream: Reclamation in the Twentieth Century South
- Tom Okie, Kennesaw State University

10:30-12:00 – Session III, McCool 213
- Joshua Kercsmar, Valparaiso University

Fearing the Reaper: Religion, Nature, and Death in Nineteenth Century America
- Kelli Nelson, Mississippi State University

“God’s Own Open Air”: Conservation in Nineteenth Century England
- Robyn Curtis, Australian National University

12:00-1:30 – Lunch
Campus Dining information in link. Additional dining options are available throughout town within walking distance.
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1:30-3:00 – Session IV, McCool 213

- Chris Eklund, Auburn University

Constructing Gendered Labor in World War II Agriculture
- Denna Clymer, University of Arkansas

The Balance of Nature Appears…Badly Upset”: Early Experiments in Arkansas Agricultural Applications of DDT
- Jama Grove, University of Arkansas

3:30-5:00 – Session V, McCool 213

Encroaching on Suburban Nature: Rural Politics, Development, and the Floodplains of East Texas
- Andrew Baker, Middle Tennessee State University

Wasting Paradise
- Andrew Patrick, University of Kentucky

Before the Floods: Numbering Risk in Iowa City
- Brian Rumsey, University of Kansas