

NHS 2008 Fall Schedule

Please join us for the following talks in the Green College Coach House, UBC.
All talks start at 5:00 pm.

September 11

Associated Event: Law and Society Speaker Series

Author Meets Critics: Doug Harris's *Landing Native Fisheries* (2008) with comments from Nick Blomley (SFU) Renisa Mawani (UBC), Gordon Christie (UBC) NB: 5:30 start time

September 18

Improving Nature: Remaking Stanley Park's Forest, 1887-1931

Dr. Sean Kheraj (SSHRC Post-doc, Department of History, UBC)

Kheraj's lecture will address the practice of forestry management within Vancouver's iconic public park in its formative years. Based on wide-ranging archival research, Kheraj argues that Stanley Park's nature is not a timeless collection of trees but a natural and social space that has been shaped, politicized and contested. Kheraj holds a PhD in environmental history from York University where he studied with H.V. Nelles. His most recent paper on Stanley Park received the prize for the best article of the year in the *Canadian Historical Review*.

September 20

NHS Fall Field Trip: The Stanley Park You Never Knew (details TBA)

October 16

Temagami's Tangled Wild: Race and the Making of Canadian Nature

Jocelyn Thorpe (SSHRC Post-doc, Department of History, UBC)

In this talk, Thorpe will discuss the social and historical processes through which Temagami, Ontario, came to exist as a site of Canadian wilderness. Although it is popularly imagined as a naturally wild region, Temagami has actually been created as such over time through a number of discourses, practices and events. By examining how Temagami came to appear self-evidently natural and national, Thorpe reveals the operation of power, often racialized and gendered, in the making of Canadian wilderness. Thorpe holds a PhD in environmental studies from York University where she studied with Anders Sandberg and Cate Sandilands. Recent publications include a co-authored article with Sandberg in the *Canadian Political Science Review* (2007).

November 20

A Roundtable on the Past and Future of Hydro in British Columbia

Paul Hirt (Arizona State), Tina Loo (CRC, UBC) and Jeremy Mouat (U of Alberta)

British Columbians face major dilemmas in the near future over hydro and energy policy. How should the Columbia River Treaty be re-negotiated? How will new generation projects be conceived and implemented? Will the Peace River be dammed again? Who will participate in these debates and how? This roundtable will not seek to answer these questions, but will offer three views on the history of hydro in BC that will help to provide perspective and context. Each speaker will provide a brief overview of some of their recent research on hydro in BC-- from the Peace to the Columbia and beyond. Following the presentations, we will open up the discussion to the audience.

For more information about Nature/History/Society events, contact: Matthew Evenden mevenden@interchange.ubc.ca or Eagle Glassheim eagle.g@ubc.ca

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