

Mapping Nature across the Americas

July 14 – August 15, 2014

Tentative Syllabus (as of December 2013)*

Part I: Maps in Nature, Nature in Maps

(Week 1)

Monday, July 14, 2014

9 – 12 Session 1: *Introduction*
1:30 – 2:30 Library tour
2:30 – 4:30 Workshop: Interpreting maps and visual materials (Akerman)
Evening Welcome dinner

Tuesday, July 15

Session 2
9 – 12 Session 2: *The “Old” and “New” History of Cartography* (Akerman)
1:30 – 2:30 Orientation to the library
2:30 – 4:00 Introduction to the collections

Wednesday, July 16

Free research day
9 – 5 Individual consultations with directors

Thursday, July 17

9 – 12 Session 3: *The History of Environmental History* (Brosnan)
1 – 5 Individual consultations with directors

Friday, July 18

9 – 12 Session 4: *Mapping and Environmental History* (Akerman and Brosnan)

Part II: The Spatial History of Nature

(Week 2)

Monday, July 21

9 – 12 Session 5: *Constructing Space: History and Spatial Relations* (White)
12:30 – 6 Field trip: Illinois and Michigan Canal (Conzen)

Tuesday, July 22

9 – 12 Session 6: *Railroads and the Construction of North America*

Wednesday, July 23

Free research day

Thursday, July 24

9 – 12 Session 7: *Maps: Keys to Unlocking Environmental History* (Knowles)

Friday, July 25

9 – 12 Session 8: Workshop: *Working with Historical GIS* (Knowles)

Part III: Maps Nature in the Americas across Time and Space

(Week 3)

Monday, July 28

9 – 12 Session 9: *Mapping, Tourism, and Nature* (Akerman)

12:30 – 6 Field trip, Reading the Indiana Lakeshore (Nekola)

Tuesday, July 29

9 – 12 Session 10: *The State, Mapping, and the Rationalization of Resources* (Brosnan)

2 – 4 Workshop: *Government Mapping and Natural Resource Management* (Nekola)

Wednesday, July 30

Research day

Thursday, July 31

9 – 12 Session 11: *Exploring Amazonian Nature: Myths, Realities, and Indigenous Sources*
(Safier)

Friday, August 1

9 – 12 Session 12: *Cartographic Sources for an Environmental History of the Luso-Brazilian Atlantic* (Safier)

(Week 4)

Monday, August 4

9 – 12 Session 13: *Commerce, Identity, and Ecology in the North American Borderlands*
(Evans)

12:30 – 6 Field trip, Environmental History of Suburban Growth in Chicago (Keating)

Tuesday, August 5

9 – 12 Session 14: *Mapping and Indigenous Development in the Borderlands* (Evans)

Wednesday, August 6

Research day

Thursday, August 7

9 – 12 Session 15: *Ecologies of Property* (Craib)

Friday, August 8

9 – 12 Session 16: *Peasants, Maps, and Countermaps* (Craib)

(Week 5)

Monday, August 11

9 – 12 Session 17: *Naming Nature* (Colten)

Tuesday, August 12

9 – 12 Session 18: *Historical Hazards* (Colten)

Wednesday, August 13

Research day

Thursday, August 14

9 – 12 Project presentations

1 – 5 Project presentations

Friday, August 15

9 – 12 Project presentations

1 – 3 Farewell lunch

3 – 4:30 Closing session and evaluation