

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY 932
Fall 2017, Tuesdays, 8:50-10:45am, 202-204 Bradley Memorial
Bill Cronon's Seminar on American Environmental History
<http://www.williamcronon.net/courses/932.htm>

The seminar is designed to provide a general overview of the major theoretical and methodological issues of American environmental history. Emphasis will be on important themes of the historiography, including the historical migration of species; the effects of disease on human communities; the role of different land-use activities in transforming ecosystems; the effects of markets and industrialization on environmental change; changing cultural conceptions of the natural world; the relationship of environmental history to social history and other subfields; the history of conservation and environmental politics; and methodological strategies for analyzing and narrating such topics. We will decide as a group whether to concentrate our written work for the semester on historiographical review; research design; undergraduate pedagogy; or writing beyond the academy in a digital age. The seminar does not provide a systematic chronological overview of U.S. environmental history *per se*, and those interested in gaining such an overview may wish to consider taking or auditing History/Geography/Environmental Studies 460 or 469 either in tandem with the seminar or as a replacement for it; the courses are designed to be complementary. The seminar is open to students in any field or program, but preference will be given to those who have a continuing research interest in the subject.

Name: _____ Primary Phone: _____

Email Address (required!): _____ Student ID #: _____

Address _____

Department or Program: _____ Year of Study _____

In Which Department Are You Registering, History or Geography? _____

Are you a CHE Grad Affiliate? _____

Relevant Coursework

Relevant Experience

IMPORTANT: On the other side of this sheet, please write a brief statement describing how this course fits into your overall program of study and career goals. Why do you wish to take it? Are there any special perspectives or contributions that you believe you'll be able to share with other members of the class?

This application must be emailed to wcronon@wisc.edu **BY NO LATER THAN 5:00PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 14** to assure full consideration. Admission to the seminar will be decided shortly after April 14, in time for people to web register for the course, and there is no assurance that late requests for admission will be able to be granted.

Why I'd Like to Take This Seminar: