

**SOUTHERN FORUM ON AGRICULTURAL, RURAL, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY
CONVERSE COLLEGE**

Information and registration:
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Friday, April 26—Sessions at Converse College

9:00-9:15 am—registration

9:15-9:30 am--welcome

9:30-11:15 am—Opening Session—Lever Auditorium, Kuhn Hall 203

New Perspectives on Southern Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History

Jason Manthorne, University of Georgia, "Why the Farm Security Administration Does Not Deserve Its Reputation as the 'Good' New Deal Agency for Agriculture"

Thomas Keep, University of Sheffield, "Harcourt A. Morgan and his Common Mooring Philosophy: Forgotten Thoughts on Environmental Sustainability"

Drew Swanson, Millsaps College, "Between Barns and Lungs: Addiction, Environment, and Contingency in Tobacco History"

Robin K. O'Sullivan, Troy University, "Freedom to Roam: Hiking through Hybridity and Hyper-reality"

11:15 am-12:45 pm—lunch on your own

1:00 pm -3:00 pm—Session Two

Agriculture, Environment, Culture, and Society

Jason L. Hauser, Mississippi State University, "Gold and Labor: Mining in North Carolina 1799-1860"

James Willis, Mississippi State University, "Turpentine, Sugarcane, Shade Tobacco, and the Cultural Development of the Wiregrass"

Andrew C. Baker, Rice University, "From Piney Woods to Pinewood Estates: Suburban Sprawl and the Birth of an Exurban South, 1962-1980"

Jordan Ruth Bauer, University of Houston, "Raising Cane: Reservoir Development, Suburban Expansion, and the Transformation of the Metropolitan Hinterland in North Carolina's Research Triangle, 1969-1989"

3:15-4:15 pm—Session Three

Transnational Perspectives on Agricultural History

Kathleen A. Tobin, Purdue University-Calumet, “Schooling for Agriculture: Education Priorities in Mid-20th Century Haiti”

Yuridia Ramírez, Duke University, "En Mi Casa, Es México: Mexican Women and the Creation of Transnational Places in Rural North Carolina”

4:30 pm—Keynote address

Dr. Kathryn Newfont, chair of the Regional Studies Department at Mars Hill College, author of *Blue Ridge Commons: Environmental Activism and Forest History in Western North Carolina--* “Exploring the Fruitful Intersection of Oral History and Environmental History.”

5:30-7pm—Reception and reading

John Lane, Professor of English and director of the Goodall Center for Environmental Studies at Wofford College, environmental writer and author of many books of poetry and essays including *My Paddle to the Sea*

Reception will be catered by [Converse Deli](#), a locally-owned restaurant with a strong commitment to using locally-grown ingredients, much of it produced at the restaurant’s own “Food Group Farm,” a partnership between Converse Deli and [SPACE](#), the Spartanburg Area Conservancy.

Dinner on your own

Saturday, April 27

8:30 am-12 noon

Field trip to [Happy Cow Creamery](#), Pelzer, SC (carpool)

12-1:30- lunch on your own

1:30-4:30 pm--Closing Session—Wofford College’s Goodall Center for Environmental Studies, Glendale Shoals (Short break halfway through this session)

Race, Class, Politics, Society and the Environment

Tessa A. Evans, James Madison University, “Alligators and Antebellum Southern Culture”

Leonard Lanier, Louisiana State University, “Killing a Klansman: “Tobacco and the Violent Landscape in Eastern North Carolina during the Long Civil War”

Jeannine M. Wayne, University of Arkansas, "Race, Politics and the Environment in Cotton's Metropolis: Memphis, Tennessee, 1866-1885"

Thomas Luke Manget, University of Georgia, “Hugh MacRae and the Idea of Farm City: Race, Class, and Conservation in the New South, 1906-1934”

Alyssa D. Warrick, Mississippi State University, "To Hell with the National Park: The Surface Battle over Mammoth Cave, 1926-1941"

Justin M. Randolph, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, "Civil Rights out in the County: Rural Activism in Clay County, Mississippi"

4:30 pm—Tours of Goodall Center