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Saturday, October 22, 2011 (cont’d)

11:00-12:30 | Biological Warfare
Kathleen Clark (University of Georgia), chair
Kelby Ouchley (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services), “Picking Blackberries Pot-Shooting Alligators: Environmental Attitudes During the Civil War”
Drew Swanson (Millsaps College), “‘Their Life is Yellow Tobacco’: Tobacco, Environment, and the Civil War in the Piedmont South”
James C. Giesen (Mississippi State University), comment

4:30-6:00 | The Nature of War
Paul Sutter (University of Colorado), chair
Lisa Brady (Boise State University), “Nature as Friction: Integrating Clausewitz into Civil War Environmental Histories”
Aaron Sachs (Cornell University), “Stumps in the Wilderness”
Albert G. Way, (Kennesaw State University), comment

6:00-8:00 | Closing Dinner at T.R.R. Cobb House
Paul Sutter, (University of Colorado), comment

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Thursday, October 20, 2011

3:30-5:30 | Book launch and reception for Albert G. Way, Conserving Southern Longleaf
Location: Odum School of Ecology auditorium
Albert G. Way is an assistant professor of history at Kennesaw State University and received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Georgia. He is coauthor of The Art of Managing Longleaf: A Personal History of the Stoddard-Neel Approach (UGA Press).

Friday, October 21, 2011

① 9:00-10:30 | Go West! (Life is Peaceful There?)
Stephen Berry (University of Georgia), chair
Megan Kate Nelson (Harvard University), “Dying in the Desert”
James Downs (Connecticut College), “The Coefficient of Reconstruction: The Environmental Consequences of Native American Resettlement in the West after the Civil War”
Paul Sutter (Colorado), comment

② 11:00-12:30 | “It’s Raining, Men”
Sam Thomas (Watson-Brown Foundation), chair
Cary Mock (University of South Carolina) and Dorian J. Burnette (University of Arkansas), “Meteorological Conditions during the CSS Hunley Event of February 1864, A Civil War Example of Climate Reconstruction”
Kenneth Noe (Auburn University), “Have Civil War Historians Forgotten About the Weather?: Some Preliminary Speculations”
Brian Drake (University of Georgia), comment

③ 2:30-4:00 | Running on Empty
Emory Thomas (University of Georgia), chair
Mart Stewart (Western Washington University), “Walking, Running, Marching and the Environmental History of the Civil War”
Kathryn Shively Meier (University of Scranton), “The Man Who Has Nothing to Lose': Environmental Impacts on Civil War Stragglers in 1862 Virginia”
David Moltke-Hansen (University of South Carolina), comment

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④ 9:00-10:30 | This Ecology of Suffering
John Inscoe (University of Georgia), chair
Timothy Johnson (University of Georgia), “Captive to Strange Gods: From Slavery to Chemical-Intensive Agriculture on the Georgia Cotton Belt”
Timothy Silver, (Appalachian State University), “Yancey County Goes to War”
Kathryn Newfont (Mars Hill College), comment