This is a seminar on Forest History and Deforestation. The course will focus on forests in the western hemisphere from ancient Mesopotamia to the Pacific Northwest. Diligent reading, careful analysis, and thoughtful interpretation--presented through quality writing--will be essential features of the course. The emphasis in particular will be on interpretation of primary sources and their integration with secondary materials. Together we will strive for the highest quality of written work through a combination of peer review and re-writing multiple drafts of each paper. The importance of carefully crafted writing in the course can be seen in the choice of required texts and in the grading system.

Required books (available at the University Bookstore)

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* Ebest, Sally Barr, et. al. Writing from A to Z: The Easy-to-Use Reference Handbook. 3d ed. Mountain View, California, 2000. (The IAS Program at UWT adopted this guide as the official writing and citation manual for all courses taught after March 1998. You will need it for every IAS course.)
* Electronic Reserve Readings (E-Reserves) will also be required. E-reserves will be filed under the instructor's name course number on the UWT E-Reserve Web site http://ereserves.tacoma.washington.edu/ and noted on the attached reading schedule with "E-RESERVE."

Course Highlights:

* Interdisciplinary approach useful to students in various concentrations and career goals, especially in Environmental Studies, pre law, and graduate school in the humanities or social sciences.
* 15-20 Hours per week work outside class (about 5 of which will be in the library).
* 100-200 pages per week reading.
* 2-3 pages per week writing (20-30 pages. total).
* Three 5-minute, in-class presentations.

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Beinart, William and Peter Coates. Environment and History: The Taming of Nature in the USA and South Africa


Crosby, Alfred. Ecological Imperialism. ?

---------. The Columbian Exchange: Biological and Social Consequences of 1492. ?


Dean, William. With Broadaxe and Firebrand: The Destruction of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest. ?


Dornic, François. Le fer contre la forêt. ___, France, 1984.? 


Fernow, Bernhard. A Brief History of Forestry (1907)?


Hurt, J. Douglas. Indian Agriculture in America: Prehistory to the Present. ?

James, N. D. G. A History of British Forestry ?


Melville, Elinor. A Plague of Sheep: Environmental Consequences of the Conquest of Mexico. ?


--------. Article??


Pielou, E.C. After the Ice Age: The Return of Life to Glaciated North America. ?


Ribbentrop, Bertold. Forestry in British India?


Sauer, Carl. The Early Spanish Main. ?


Thirgood, J.V. Man and the Mediterranean Forest. ?? E


Tucker, Richard and John Richards, eds. Global Deforestation and the Nineteenth Century World Economy. 1983


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