

BANFF

Bison Landscapes, Mountain Places

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Mountain and Eastern Slope geographies have hosted human and biotic communities since time immemorial. Aboriginal, newcomer, territorial and modern-era people have fostered significant relationships with bison and other wildlife, and will likely continue to do so as bison restoration projects unfold both within Banff National Park and along the Eastern Slopes in traditional territories of the Iyârhe Nakoda, Blackfoot (Niitsitapi) and Ktunaxa people.

The 2016 CHESS will meet in Banff, in Canada's first National Park. Field school encounters will be organized in traditional aboriginal mountain and Eastern Slope territories, providing an opportunity for participants to reflect on bison landscapes. Presentations and on-the-ground tours will introduce understandings of mountain wildlife habitat, the past and present of national park natural history, the varied human imagination of wildlife, and how national parks are being reconceptualised as both aboriginal and bison landscapes.

To attend:

Spaces are limited. Please send a message **BY OCTOBER 20, 2015** to chess16@ucalgary.ca, attaching to your message a short letter of introduction explaining why you are interested in attending, as well as a C.V. detailing your scholarly trajectory and current coordinates.

Graduate Students are encouraged to apply. Financial support for their attendance is presently being procured.

Watch for more information at
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