



CLIMATE, PEOPLE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM SEMINAR SERIES



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The ocean as an archive of history: An interdisciplinary inquiry

Natural scientists and scholars in the social sciences and humanities both consider the ocean to be a record of life on Earth. In this talk, I explain and build on this perhaps strange resonance to more fully develop an interdisciplinary notion of the ocean as a planetary-scale historical archive. My inquiry proceeds along three lines: 1) How does the ocean serve as an alternative or complement to the geological archive in Anthropocene narratives? 2) How does the ocean prompt us to reconsider what it means to write history? and 3) How does the ocean's historical archive get interpreted, and by who? By pursuing these questions, I hope to develop an interdisciplinary basis for considering human and natural history together through the ocean's dynamics.

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