Science, Technology, and the Environment: An Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in History

Carnegie Mellon’s Department of History seeks applicants for a fully-funded Ph.D. in History focused on Science, Technology, and the Environment.

We are particularly interested in applicants who wish to explore the ethical and political dimensions of these fields as well as those interested in connections to social movements in national and transnational frameworks. Successful applicants will receive broad training in history, anthropology, and STS and will participate in an interdisciplinary working group that includes Jay Aronson, Ema Grama, Whitney Laemmli, Christopher Phillips, Ed Russell, John Soluri, Joel Tarr, and Noah Theriault.

Pittsburgh provides an outstanding and welcoming setting for projects in the history of science, technology, and the environment. On campus and in the city, there are substantial resources for interdisciplinary collaboration between historians and scholars in the fields of digital humanities, statistics, environmental policy, robotics, the behavioral sciences, and the social consequences of autonomous technologies, in addition to other fields.

We are delighted to welcome Professor Ed Russell, the president-elect of the American Society for Environmental History and a former vice president of the American Historical Association, who will join Carnegie Mellon’s faculty in January 2019. Dr. Russell’s research has won the Edelstein Prize, the Rachel Carson Prize, the Leopold-Hidy Prize, and the Forum for the History of Science in America Prize. We are also delighted to welcome Whitney Laemmli, who received her PhD in the History and Sociology of Science from the University of Pennsylvania in 2016. Dr. Laemmli’s research explores data recording and storage, the body, and the interactions between technical practice, artistic endeavor, and politics in the twentieth-century United States and Europe.

We are happy to announce that a Mellon-funded Sawyer Seminar on “Bread and Water: Access, Belonging, and Environmental Justice in the City” will take place in the History department in the 2019-20 academic year, providing incoming graduate students a unique opportunity to engage with a wide range of scholars from around the world.

Our financial package includes tuition, health insurance, fees, and a living stipend. In addition, we offer several additional scholarships and research grants that make it possible for our students to attend conferences and to conduct research across the United States and abroad. We also offer a new fully funded internship program.

For more information, contact our Director of Graduate Studies, Professor Nico Slate (slate@cmu.edu) or visit: www.cmu.edu/dietrich/history/graduate

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