

Course number and section: SUST104

Course Topic: Introduction to Environmental Humanities

Credits: 3

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Contemporary environmental crises are caused by our beliefs, values, power imbalances, and histories as much as by lack of scientific knowledge or technological progress. This course explores the emergence and transformation of the idea of ‘species’ – in part through ‘racial science’ – and how the concept functions today. We will examine the entanglement of politics, culture, and science in the designation of ‘endangered’ and ‘invasive’ species. This course is part of the BSUST degree but is open to anyone.

Tentative Reading List:

Novel: T.C. Boyle, “When the Killing’s Done”, any edition.

Other: Further required readings, consisting mainly of book chapters and academic articles, will be made available as part of a course pack.