Mapping Nature Across the Americas, a virtual seminar for schoolteachers from the Newberry Library

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The Newberry Library’s Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography is pleased to announce Mapping Nature Across the Americas, a four-week seminar for schoolteachers supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The seminar, hosted by the Newberry Library from July 12 to August 6, 2021, will be conducted entirely online. The seminar, led by James Akerman (a geographer and director of the Smith Center) and Kathleen Brosnan (an environmental historian and Travis Chair of Modern American History, University of Oklahoma), will emphasize how map study can provide insights into the complicated, contradictory, and contested ways in which humans have conceived their place in nature throughout history. A primary feature of the seminar will be virtual workshop sessions where participants will become immersed in historical maps from the Newberry’s extensive and renowned collections. The virtual environment will present as well an opportunity to develop skills and tools emphasizing the use of online research and teaching collections. Educational professionals specializing in any subject and teaching at all K-12 grade levels are encouraged to apply. For further information consult https://mappingnature2021.com/ or contact Madeline Crispell at crispelm@newberry.org.

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