

Dr Chris Pearson

Candidate for ESEH Regional Representative of Great Britain and Ireland

I am writing to nominate myself for the position of British and Irish regional representative for the ESEH. I am a Senior Lecturer in Twentieth Century History at the University of Liverpool, where I have been based since 2012. Before moving to the North West, I completed my PhD and a postdoc at the University of Bristol and held a lectureship at the Warwick University. I work on the environmental history of France and, increasingly, urban transnational history. I am currently working on the history of dogs in London, New York and Paris.

With Britain mired in Brexit, I believe firmly that it is essential for strong links to be maintained between environmental historians in Britain, Ireland, Europe and beyond. I would seek to strengthen the excellent work thus far conducted by Professor Ian Rotherham in keeping colleagues up-to-date on events in this environmental history in Britain and Ireland and representing our interests to the Society.

If selected, I will:

- Continue with the email newsletters and use Twitter to publicise our activities
- Encourage colleagues to apply for ESEH workshop grants
- Help with planning workshops. I would also explore hosting a British-Irish environmental history workshop at the University of Liverpool (or at an institution in Ireland), drawing on the strategic partnership signed between the University of Liverpool and Trinity College Dublin.

I am also interested in hearing from ESEH members in Britain and Ireland who have ideas about community building, networking, mentoring and sharing information.

Dr Chris Pearson, May 2019.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

October 2003–October 2006: PhD, Historical Studies, School of Humanities, University of Bristol

October 2002–September 2003: MA in Contemporary History (Distinction)
Department of Historical Studies, University of Bristol

October 1997–July 2001: BA (Hons) Politics with French (First Class), University of Sussex

CAREER HISTORY

December 2012– Present Day: Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Twentieth Century History, University of Liverpool

1 September 2010–August 2012: Assistant Professor in French History, University of Warwick.

1 June 2007– 31 May 2010: Research Associate, AHRC-funded project, ' Militarized Landscapes in Twentieth-Century Britain, France, and the United States,' University of Bristol

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Mobilizing Nature: The Environmental History of War and Militarization in Modern France (Manchester: Manchester University Press 2012), Cultural History of War series, 320pp. Paperback 2015.

Scarred Landscapes: War and Nature in Vichy France (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan, 2008), 253 pp

Journal Articles

'Stray Dogs and the Making of Modern Paris,' *Past and Present* 234 (1) (2017): 137-172

'Canines and Contraband: Dogs, Nonhuman Agency and the making of the Franco-Belgian Border during the French Third Republic,' *Journal of Historical Geography* 54 (October 2016): 50-62

'Between Instinct and Intelligence: Harnessing Police Dog Agency in Early Twentieth Century Paris,' *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 58:2(2016): 463–490

'Dogs, history and agency,' *History and Theory* 52:4 (2013): 128-145

Edited works: Contribution

[With Marianna Dudley], 'The Environment,' in Jon Hogg (ed.), *Using Primary Sources* (Liverpool: University of Liverpool Press, 2017), <https://library.biblioboard.com/textbook-chapter/b3157571-cc93-4d72-ae4a-6635def93f6e/f70aa3c5-93f8-435d-8e5a-e39ef46a7e93>