

Mark Himeline

History, Climate Change, and the “Specific Sciences”

Monday, November 7

3:10 PM

Hill Auditorium, Barrows Hall



Dr. Mark Himeline, historian of science, will present a talk on how scientists have understood and situated climatic change, not through the exact sciences but through descriptive methods – historical records that describe shifts in the distribution and seasonality of plant and animal life. He will describe these “specific sciences” and explain their implications for climate planning.

Dr. Himeline received a Ph.D. in history of science and science studies from University of California San Diego and taught at Bowdoin College before joining the faculty at Lyman Briggs College, Michigan State University. He is author of *The Backyard Naturalist: Tracking Climate Change through Shifting Seasons*, which discusses the complicated choices scientists made about how to gauge climate change and how to explain it to a skeptical public.

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