

ENGL 870 Hope is a Place: Climate Futures, Colonial Pasts

Just when we were seeming to come out of a global pandemic in early summer 2021, the heat dome struck BC and then came the fires and the rain. Three states of emergency declared in a single year and countless environmental records smashed. Our recent experience of what feels like landscapes in revolt raises the spectre that the land and the weather have conspired with an agency beyond our control, even as the cause is attributed to us, as human-induced climate change, and has a new geologic name, the Anthropocene. For many, there's no denying our climate future is here and now. In this seminar, we will consider how local events involving extreme heat, wildfires, drought, record rain, and floods intensify or transform our understanding of place and unearth the extent to which our current climate crisis and sense of

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