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Biography

Neil M. Maher is a professor of history and master teacher in the Federated History Department at New Jersey Institute of Technology. He studies environmental and political history in the 20th century, urban history and the history of environmental justice. Maher has earned fellowships, awards, and grants from institutions such as the Smithsonian Institution, NASA, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History at Harvard University and Ludwig Maximilian University?s Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society in Munich, Germany. Maher?s writing has appeared in academic journals like Modern American History, Social History and Environmental History, online publications and blogs such as the History News Network and The Edge of the American West and popular news outlets, including the New York Times and The Washington Post. He has served as historical advisor for PBS?s American Experience documentary film series and as a guest in podcasts, including the Moonrise miniseries by the Washington Post and a Green New Deal discussion with Naomi Klein on Intercepted. Maher?s books include Apollo in the Age of Aquarius (Harvard University Press, 2017), which was named a Choice Outstanding Academic Title, a Bloomberg View Must Read Book, a Smithsonian Best Book and earned the Eugene M. Emme best book award from the American Astronautical Society. His first book, Nature?s New Deal: The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Roots of the American Environmental Movement (Oxford University Press, 2008), received the Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Book Award for the best monograph in conservation history.

Areas of Expertise

Environmental History, History of Environmental Justice, 20th Century US Environmental and Political History, US History, Urban History, Federated History

Affiliations

Federated History Department at NJIT Rutgers, Newark, Rutgers New Brunswick History Department, NJIT Science, Technology and Society Program , Rutgers, Newark American Studies Program, NJIT-Rutgers, Newark Urban Systems Program

Education

New York University
Ph.D. US History

Dartmouth College
B.A. History

New York University
M.A. US History

Accomplishments

Master Teacher, New Jersey Institute of Technology
2019

Robert W. Van Houten Award for Teaching Excellence, New Jersey Institute of Technology
2009

Excellence in Advising Award, NJIT Undergraduate Student Senate
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