

BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS:

The Long History of Appalachian Commodities

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Old stereotypes of Appalachia portray the mountains as a region isolated by its environment. Professor Swanson's talk and forthcoming book upend those portrayals, using the stories of regional commodities like gold, salt, and tobacco to show how natural resources so often connected the mountains to the rest of the nation and globe.



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This talk is the keynote address for the Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History.

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