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## BOOKS RECEIVED

*Alternative Energy: Political, Economic, and Social Feasibility.* By Christopher A. Simon. New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2007. Pp. 250. \$27.95 paperback. Systematically exploring the most viable alternative sources of energy and discussing the technical, political, economic, and social feasibility of each technology in understandable terms as well as the history of energy policy and current policy.

*Analyzing International Environmental Regimes: From Case Study to Database.* By Helmut Breitmeier, Oran R. Young & Michael Zürn. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2006. Pp. 321. \$27.00 paperback. Introducing the International Regimes Database, an important methodological innovation that allows scholars to adopt the quantitative approach to the study of international regimes.

*Brave New West: Morphing Moab at the Speed of Greed.* By Jim Stiles. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 2007. Pp. 272. \$19.95 paperback. Offering up a provocative rant against development in the West and making the argument that the economy most environmentalists hail as the solution to the woes of the rural West is in fact creating an unprecedented impact of its own.

*Business and Environmental Policy: Corporate Interests in the American Political System.* Edited by Michael E. Kraft & Sheldon Kamieniecki. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2007. Pp. 358. \$25.00 paperback. Analyzing corporate influence at all stages of the policy process, focusing on the factors that determine the success or failure of businesses lobbying in Congress, state legislatures, local governments, federal and state agencies, and the courts and considering whether business influence is effectively counterbalanced by the efforts of environmental groups, public opinion, and other forces.

*A Climate of Injustice: Global Inequality, North-South Politics, and Climate Policy.* By J. Timmons Roberts & Bradley C. Parks. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2007. Pp. 384. \$26.00 paperback. Arguing that global inequality dampens cooperative efforts by reinforcing the "structuralist" worldviews and causal beliefs of many poor nations, eroding conditions of generalized trust and promoting particularizing notions of "fair" solutions, and developing new measures of climate-related inequality, analyzing fatality and homelessness rates from hydrometeorological disaster, patterns of "emissions inequality," and participation in international environmental regimes.

*Cold, Clear, and Deadly: Unraveling a Toxic Legacy.* By Melvin J. Visser. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 2007. Pp. 192. \$24.95 hardcover. Recounting both a mystery and the story of the evolution of the author from a chemical and bioprocess scientist to the vice-president

in charge of a major company's corporate environmental division to a researcher traveling to discover the source of persistent organic pollutants in cold northern waters ranging from the Great Lakes to the Arctic.

*Degrees That Matter: Climate Change and the University.* By Ann Rappaport & Sarah Hammond Creighton. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2007. Pp. 376. \$24.95 paperback. Offering practical guidance for those who want to harness the power of universities and other institutions to address the issue of climate change and providing perspective on how to motivate change and inspire actions within complex organizations.

*Frontiers: Histories of Civil Society and Nature.* By Michael R. Redclift. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2006. Pp. 236. \$23.00 paperback. Examining the relationship between nature and society in frontier areas—contested zones in which rival versions of civil society vie with one another, often over the definition and management of nature itself—by presenting five cases in which civil societies emerged in frontier areas either to manage common property or to legitimize private holdings.

*Gaia's Revenge: Climate Change and Humanity's Loss.* By P.H. Liotta & Allan W. Shearer. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 2007. Pp. 194. \$49.95 hardback. Offering a broad examination of the meaning of climate change and global warming while maintaining a strategic perspective on the implications of environmental effects on all forms of security—national, international, and human.

*Global Environmental Assessments: Information and Influence.* Edited by Ronald B. Mitchell, William C. Clark, David W. Cash & Nancy M. Dickson. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2006. Pp. 352. \$27.00 paperback. Using a comparative analytic framework and supporting case studies to evaluate the impact of environmental assessments, looking at how, and under what conditions, global environmental assessments influence political and economic decision makers.

*Kaufman Field Guide to Insects of North America.* By Eric R. Eaton & Kenn Kaufman. New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2007. Pp. 392. \$18.95 paperback. Relying on "naked-eye entomology," observation of the insects that you are most likely to notice through simple observation, and providing a wealth of information on the amazing observable behaviors of insects and their fascinating life histories.

*The Myth of Progress: Toward a Sustainable Future.* By Tom Wessels. Lebanon, NH: University Press of New England, 2006. Pp. 131. \$19.95 hardback. Demonstrating how our current path toward progress, based on continual economic expansion and inefficient use of resources, runs

absolutely counter to three foundational scientific laws that govern all complex natural systems: the law of limits to growth, the second law of thermodynamics, and the law of self-organization.

*Native Americans and the Environment: Perspectives on the Ecological Indian.* Edited By Michael E. Harkin & David Rich Lewis. Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 2007. Pp. 403. \$24.95 paperback. Exploring related historical and contemporary themes and subjects involving Native Americans and the environment and examining the nature and evolution of traditional ecological knowledge.

*Natural Resources: Neither Curse nor Destiny.* Edited By Daniel Lederman & William F. Maloney. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press, 2007. Pp. 369. \$29.95 paperback. Addressing two key questions for policy makers in natural-resource-rich regions—Is natural resource wealth an asset or a liability? Can countries rich in natural resources efficiently diversify?—and bringing together a variety of analytical perspectives ranging from econometric analyses of economic growth to historical studies of successful development experiences in countries with abundant natural resources to answer these question.

*The New Environmental Regulation.* By Daniel J. Fiorino. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2006. Pp. 290. \$23.00 paperback. Arguing that, given recent environmental, economic, and social changes, it is time for a new, more effective model of environmental problem solving and providing a comprehensive but concise overview of U.S. environmental regulation and recommendations for a more collaborative, flexible, and performance-based alternative.

*Parks and Carrying Capacity: Commons without Tragedy.* By Robert E. Manning. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2007. Pp. 313. \$35.00 paperback. Examining different approaches that can be used to help analyze and manage carrying capacity and maintain long-term sustainability and creating a unique and comprehensive framework that defines carrying capacity challenges and provides case studies as models for application in parks, protected areas, and beyond.

*Reality Check: The Nature and Performance of Voluntary Environmental Programs in the United States, Europe, and Japan.* Edited by Richard D. Morgenstern & William A. Pizer. Washington, DC: RFF Press, 2007. Pp. 185. \$38.95 paperback. Providing a detailed and quantitative set of assessments of voluntary environmental programs using seven case studies to provide hard evidence on how well they work.

*Rivers under Siege: The Troubled Saga of West Tennessee's Wetlands.* By Jim W. Johnson. Knoxville: The University of Tennessee Press, 2007. Pp. 239. \$26.95 paperback. Providing a wrenching account of how human interventions, often well-intentioned, have wreaked havoc on West Tennessee's streams and wetlands and pointing to hopeful signs that West Tennessee's historic wetlands might yet be recovered for the benefit of all who use them and recognize their vital importance.

*Sustainability or Collapse?: An Integrated History and Future of People on Earth.* Edited by Robert Costanza, Lisa J. Graumlich & Will Steffen. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2007. Pp. 520. \$38.00 clothbound. Developing an integrated human and environmental history over millennial, centennial, and decadal time scales and making projections for the future, focusing on the human-environment interactions that have shaped historical forces since ancient times and discussing such key methodological issues as data quality.

*Thirst: Fighting the Corporate Theft of Our Water.* By Alan Snitow & Deborah Kaufman with Michael Fox. San Francisco: Jossey Bass, 2007. Pp. 304. \$27.95 hardcover. Investigating eight recent dramatic battles over the corporate takeover of water in the United States and illuminating how and why citizens are fighting back both here and abroad.

*Unnatural Landscapes: Tracking Invasive Species.* By Ceiridwen Terrill. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 2007. Pp. 240. \$17.95 paperback. Combining lucid science writing with first-person tales of adventure to provide a compelling introduction to invasion ecology and restoration management and providing the reader with the background and knowledge needed to understand and begin combating what is quickly becoming the most important environmental crisis facing the fragile ecosystems of the Southwest.