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BLAND SIMPSON is Kenan Distinguished Professor of English and Creative Writing at UNC-Chapel Hill. Raised in Elizabeth City, he has written extensively about eastern North Carolina. Among his books are into the Sound (Cooper, 1998), The Green River: The Politics of the Colonial Southeast is scheduled for publication in 2012. Her article “In the Scolding Houses”: Indians and the Law in Eastern North Carolina, 1684-1760” in the April 2006 North Carolina Historical Review won the R.D.W. Connor Award.

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SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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Timothy Silver, Appalachian State University
North Carolina’s History
An Environmental Approach to Western North Carolina’s History
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12:40 P.M. LUNCH

3:40 P.M. BREAK

4:00 P.M. SESSION IV: THE UNCOMPROMISING ENVIRONMENT
Moderator: Gerry Prokopowicz, East Carolina University
Environmental Constraints on Colonization of North Carolina’s Coastal Plain
Stanley Riggs, East Carolina University
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DAVID C. DENNARD teaches history and directs the African and African American program at East Carolina University. He completed his graduate work at Northwestern University, where he wrote a dissertation on slave preachers in the antebellum South. A specialist in social and cultural history, he is a member of the North Carolina Historical Commission.


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