



Sarah R. Payne explores how the National Park Service integrates—or sometimes overlooks—historical scholarship in the stewardship of cultural and natural resources. Payne examines the successes and shortcomings of these efforts, highlighting the vital role that public historians play in shaping how we understand, preserve, and engage with our shared past. By connecting academic history with real-world applications, this talk underscores the promise and complexity of managing parks that aim to serve both present and future generations.

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