

## **Book Launch**

### **Climate History: Historical Perspectives and the Current Debate**

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Link to the streaming video from the Wilson Center:

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Links to the books discussed:

*The Callendar Effect* <http://www.ametsoc.org/pubs/books/bookdesc.html#CLDR>

is the untold story of the remarkable individual who established the carbon dioxide theory of climate change. Guy Stewart Callendar discovered that global warming could be brought about by increases in the concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide due to human activities, primarily through burning fossil fuels. He did this in 1938!

*Intimate Universality* <http://www.shpusa.com/books/climate.html> edited by Fleming, Vlad Jankovic, and Deborah R. Coen, contains eight essays on weather and climate from the Enlightenment to 2006. The atmosphere and humans interact on all scales, from lungs and laboratory flasks to the Austrian Alps and Latin American airways; from an overly hot (or cold) day to the science and politics of climate change; from gusty winds to the general planetary circulation.