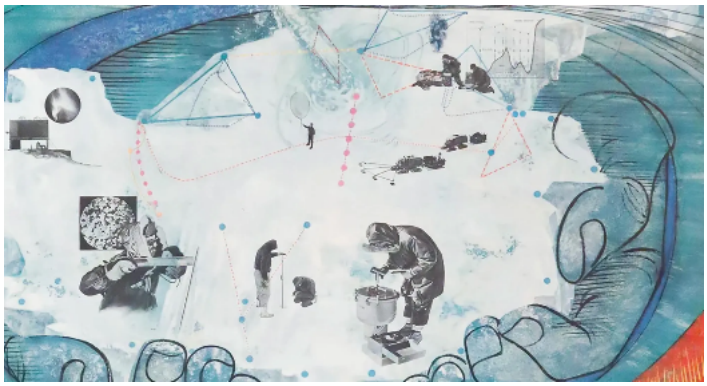
Call for Participants

The Past, Present, and Future of the International Polar Year

April 22-23, 2027; Columbus, Ohio



2032/33 will mark the fifth International Polar Year (IPY) since the first global polar research effort began in 1882. In anticipation of this milestone, the **Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center**, the journal ***Environmental History***, and **Ohio State's Environmental History Initiative** are convening an interdisciplinary workshop to explore the history, impact, and future promise of the International Polar Years.

This gathering will bring together scholars from a variety of disciplines to:

- Share ideas and emerging research questions
- Exchange methods, resources, and data
- Build new collaborations across fields
- Help shape future polar research initiatives

Rather than presenting completed research, participants will be invited to "show and tell" disciplinary approaches, potential sources, and unanswered questions / potential research avenues designed to spark conversation and collaboration.

To express interest in being a participant, please email a one-page CV and a 250-word statement about what you are interested in contributing to the interdisciplinary discussion. For questions about participating or attending, or to submit materials, email Ellen Arnold at arnold.1422@osu.edu by November 30, 2026.

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