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The 1995 Carl L. Becker Memorial Lecture in History by Martin V. Melosi

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The Environmental Justice Movement, originating in the late 1970s, found its strength at the grass-roots, especially among low-income people of color who faced serious environmental threats from myriad toxics and hazardous wastes. The emergence of this movement, Professor Melosi states, “offers a fascinating opportunity to ask: ‘What constitutes environmental equity or environmental justice as advocated by its most recent proponents?’ Has ‘environmental equity’ at last found its place in the modern American environmental movement?” Professor Melosi will be exploring such questions in his talk.