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***“How East Tennessee Transformed the World: Following the
Tennessee Valley Authority’s Global Career during the Cold War”***
A Lecture with Tore C. Olsson

PROGRAM: *How East Tennessee Transformed the World:
Following the Tennessee Valley Authority’s
Global Career during the Cold War,
Lecture with Tore C. Olsson*

DATE: Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE



(Knoxville, TN) Too often, East Tennessee is imagined as insular, isolated, and disconnected from the larger world. In fact, this is far from true. In this special evening lecture on Tuesday, October 24, historian Tore Olsson will demonstrate how one regional institution--the Tennessee Valley Authority--came to serve as a model for hydraulic social transformation in places as far-flung as Mexico, India, and Afghanistan. After World War II, countless governments in the so-called "Third World" looked to the Tennessee Valley for lessons in rationalizing water, land use, and human society. East Tennessee, it turns out, has a global footprint far greater than you may expect!

Tore Olsson is an assistant professor of history at the University of Tennessee, where he teaches and researches modern US history in international perspective. His first book, *Agrarian Crossings: Reformers and the Remaking of the US and Mexican Countryside*, was published by Princeton University Press in 2017.

The program is presented in partnership with the University of Tennessee History Department and the East Tennessee Historical Society. The lecture is free and open to the public and will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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