Despite an overwhelming amount of evidence that the climate is changing rapidly, and that it is unequivocally due to human interference in the climate system, there are still large swaths of people who are either unconvinced of the science or who simply do not care. Rather than people not ‘believing’ climate science, my work suggests that people’s relationship to climate knowledge – their climate consciousness – is a historically constructed and spatially linked by the intersecting and deeply embedded ideologies of empire, energy, and progress. In this talk, I will provide a brief overview of the work I have done to date and discuss contours for future research – including constructing a folk archive of climate knowledge – for an upcoming book project.