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PUBLICATION COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE



It's conference season! Inside this issue, you'll find information about ASA Meeting sessions sponsored by the Section, as well as Regular Sessions that are of special interest to environmental sociologists. Be sure to attend the Section Reception at [Brauhaus Schmitz](#) on Saturday, August 19,

from 7-9 PM. While you're at it, purchase a ticket (or donate a book) for the first-ever Section Book Raffle. You'll find the details inside!

In addition to recording Section members' recent publications, accomplishments, and transitions, this issue of the newsletter also features

information about recipients of the 2023 Section Awards. Please join me in congratulating these individuals for their remarkable contributions to environmental sociology. Following the list of award recipients, you'll find the results of the 2023 Section elections.

Finally, this issue contains two essays by Section members. In the first, Steve Kroll-Smith commemorates the life and career of Addie Levine, who many know from her pathbreaking book *Love Canal: Science, Politics, and People*. In the second, Bambang Trihadmojo describes how drought and natural resource exploitation combine to magnify risks faced by farmers in northeastern Brazil. Happy reading, and hope to see you in Philly!

Michael Haedicke, Publications Committee Chair

FEATURE ESSAYS

Remembering Addie Levine, Her Legacy and a Personal Story

Steve Kroll-Smith

University of North Carolina, Greensboro (emeritus)

Professor Adeline Levine (1925-2015) may be counted as the first sociologist to bring the wrath of technological disasters to our attention. The significance of her work reached far beyond our shores. Professor Levine worked with countries around the world facing the increasing toll of human-made calamities. While this work alone would establish Professor Levine as an international scholar of renown, she did not stop there.

Adeline, or Addie as she preferred to be called, also co-founded the Pro-Choice Network of Western New York. This organization succeeded in protecting women from verbal and physical abuse as they made their way to abortion clinics. In 1992 Professor Levine and her husband Murray co-authored *Helping Children: A Social History* (Oxford University Press). The American Psychological Association offered these words for the book:

Professionals and students in clinical and community psychology, public health, social work, psychiatry, and sociology, as well as interested lay readers, will find both insights from the past and keys to the future in this thoughtful, important volume
(<https://psycnet.apa.org/record/1992-97410-000>)

It was my good fortune to have enjoyed some personal time with this remarkable woman.

I first spoke with Professor Adeline Levine in 1985. At the time, I was living in Centralia, Pennsylvania collecting field data on the ways people in town were responding to an underground mine fire. Her foundational book, *Love Canal, Science, Politics, and People* (1982) was never far from my bedside. One late afternoon, following a raucous town meeting with representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, I made the decision to call Professor Levine. Mind you, she did not know me from the proverbial Adam. Addie answered the phone. I introduced myself and did my best to describe the social labyrinth that was Centralia. She did more than hear me. She listened. Towards the end of our conversation Addie invited me to Buffalo. I had to go.

I stayed at her house, at her request. There I met her remarkable husband, Murray, a legend in his own right. For two days Addie and I traded words about Love Canal and Centralia. I was struck by the way she toggled between abstract thought and empathy. Towards the end of our first day together Addie gave me a folder thick with fieldnotes from her time in Love Canal. She suggested I might want to look through them when time allowed. That night I read and pondered the details in her texts. What struck me was the casual yet deeply meaningful conversations she helped foster with people living in Love Canal. Illumed in Addie's notes is the premise that human life in all its complexities, all its varieties, all the ways it seeks significance is what is most important to understand. Addie was a humanist.

When I left Penn State and took a job at the University of New Orleans, I invited Addie to visit the Accidental City and give a talk about her work. She kindly accepted. She gave a general lecture to faculty from several departments and also visited a couple classes to speak directly with the students. Addie's rapport with both faculty and students warmed my heart. I watched as her ways of communicating inspired in her audiences a readiness to talk and share.

At the close of a busy day on campus I took Addie on a car tour of the city. We saw a bit of the French Quarter and walked along the levee, our eyes following the southward flow of the Mississippi. After coffee and beignets I asked her if there is any place else she would like to visit. "Might we go to the Saint Louis Cemetery?" "Of course," I responded. "Which one would you like to visit? There are three." Without a pause Addie responded, "The one where Homer Plessy is buried. He's one of my heroes." Off to St. Louis Cemetery One we went. As she looked at Mr. Plessy's tomb, Addie sighed, and a tear began its journey south to the cemetery ground.

In closing, Addie spent her life joining mind and heart in search of a more just and compassionate world.

Risk and Greed in Brazil's Northeastern Region: The Consequences of a Manufactured Climate Disaster

Bambang Trihadmojo
Northwestern University

In *A Slow-Motion Climate Disaster: The Spread of Barren Land*, Jack Nicas (2021) outlined the disproportionate distribution of hazards in the northeastern region of Brazil. With around 53 million inhabitants, this region is the most densely populated arid region in the world. It is plagued by intensifying droughts and poverty. From 2012 to 2017, it endured the longest drought on record. In 2021, another drought ravaged a large portion of Brazil.

Long-lasting drought impairs the Amazon rain forest's capacity to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. At the same time, it contributes significantly to desertification by depriving the air of moisture and the soil of shade. According to the United Nations' most recent major climate change report, published in August 2021, Brazil's northeast would see rising temperatures, a dramatic reduction in groundwater, and more frequent and harsher (Plumer & Fountain, 2021). Nonetheless, the drought continues to benefit local business owners.

At the beginning of the 1980s, local businessmen viewed the repeated droughts as an opportunity. When reservoirs and rivers evaporated, they exposed the nutrient-rich clay at the bottom, which was ideal for the production of the widely popular red roof tiles. These entrepreneurs began paying landowners for mud, and within a few years, dozens of ceramics plants employed hundreds of individuals. Nicas (2021) cited Adelson Olivera da Costa, a local businessman, as saying, "The drought is wonderful news for us."

Ceramics provided an economic boost for a region that had long been based on agriculture and cattle. But over time, the effects became obvious. Factory workers combine water and clay to create the tiles, which are subsequently baked in a wood-burning oven. Water, wood, and clay are all scarce resources in this place. While businesspeople profit from the drought, rural farmers continue to suffer crop failure. After a few years, their watermelon and bean harvests were so poor that they fed the produce to the cattle.

Notably, Bolsonaro's administration has taken no substantial steps to mitigate this environmental calamity. Bolsonaro has instead rolled down environmental restrictions, empowered miners and ranchers, and presided over a rapid increase in deforestation. That contributes to the extreme weather cycle.

This phenomenon may be explained by Beck's (1992) notion of the risk society. According to the notion, society has always been exposed to some level of risk, such as natural disasters, which are typically thought to be the result of forces outside of human control. But as a result of modernization itself, modern civilizations are subject to threats including pollution, newly found diseases, and crime. These two categories of risk are further classified by Giddens (1999) as external risks and manufactured hazards. External risks are typically out of people's control, whereas manufactured risks are characterized by a significant level of human agency engaged in both their production and their mitigation.

In the case of the northeastern region of Brazil, risk is primarily caused by the accumulation of wealth — a relic of a modern risk society in which social risk positions are acquired through risk aversion. Beck (1992, p. 23) stated, "In some dimensions, these follow the inequalities of class and strata positions, but they bring a fundamentally different logic of distribution." Mr. da Costa's assertion that "we believe [the water] will never run out" fully reflects Beck's thesis (Nicas, 2021). Da Costa's facilities use 2,500 gallons of water per week, while nearby farmers struggle with crop failure.

In conclusion, from the perspective of the risk society, I suggest that the extreme drought, deforestation, and desertification in the northeastern part of Brazil are a manufactured risk. It is preventable since the environmental issue stems from the greed of local businessmen and the administration of Bolsonaro. Both parties have extracted natural resources at the expense of others without reluctance.

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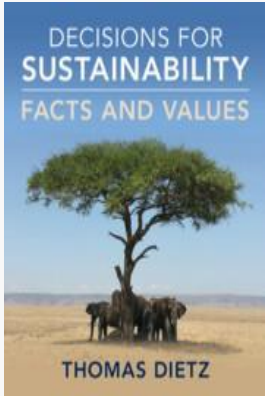
PUBLICATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Books

[Decisions for Sustainability: Facts and Values](#)

Thomas Dietz

Cambridge University Press



Decisions by individuals, organizations, and nations shape the well-being of humans and other species, the environment, and sustainability. *Decisions for Sustainability* examines how we can make better decisions concerning our future. It incorporates sociological, psychological and economic perspectives to highlight our strengths and weaknesses in decision-making, and to suggest strategies to influence both individual and societal decisions. How we use science in the face of uncertainty is also examined, and a range of ethical criteria for good decisions are proposed. Emphasizing the need for diversity in decision-making and clarifying the relationship between reform and societal transformation, this book provides a comprehensive view of what we know about decision-making and how we can do better in the face of sustainability challenges.

[Ecological Modernization Around the World: Perspectives and Critical Debates \(Japanese translation\)](#)

Edited by Arthur P.J. Mol and David Sonnenfeld

Translated by Hiroshi Matsuno and Kazuo Matsushita

Minerva Shobo Company, Ltd.

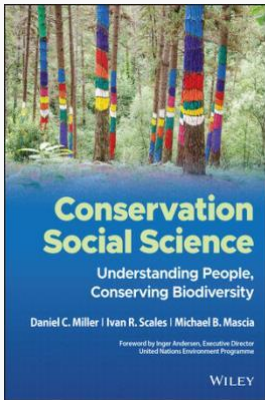


Published on the 25th anniversary of both the ASA Section on Environment and technology and the ISA Research Committee on Environment and Society (RC24), this volume introduces the transition of ecological modernization theory and examines the essence of the idea by citing examples from around the world while incorporating the stages of economic development. Contributors include Maurie Cohen, Jos Frijns, Zsuzsa Gille, Pekka Jokinen, Arthur Mol, David Pellow, Phung Thuy Phuong, Leonardas Rinkevicius, Allan Schnaiberg, David Sonnenfeld, Gert Spaargaren, Bas van Vliet, and Adam Weinberg. The collection was originally published in English by Frank Cass in 2000. It also appeared as a special issue of the journal *Environmental Politics* in the same year.

[Conservation Social Science: Understanding People, Conserving Biodiversity](#)

Edited by Daniel C. Miller, Ivan R. Scales, & Michael B. Mascia

Wiley



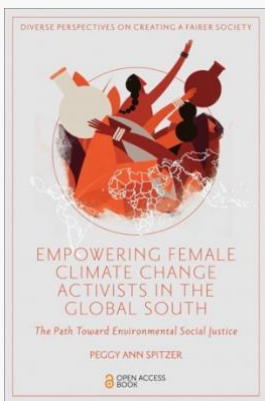
Authored by leading scholars at the nexus of social science and biodiversity conservation, *Conservation Social Science* addresses the growing realization that biodiversity conservation is, at heart, a social phenomenon. Threats to biological diversity are influenced by a wide range of political, economic, and cultural factors. The conservation of biodiversity is conceived and carried out by people. Biodiversity conservation is a manifestation of human beliefs and values. Choices about which species and habitats to conserve, how to prioritize efforts, and how to conserve them are inherently social – with consequences not just for wildlife but also human lives and livelihoods. *Conservation Social Science* is an essential, one-of-a-kind survey of novel approaches to explaining and fostering more effective, just, and enduring conservation of biodiversity. It is academically rigorous and

comprehensive in scope, yet sufficiently nontechnical and concise to be accessible to a global audience of students, faculty, and environmental professionals and policymakers.

[Empowering Female Climate Change Activists in the Global South: The Path Toward Environmental Social Justice](#)

Peggy Ann Spitzer

Emerald Publishing, Ltd.



The COP27 climate change conference in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, made it clear that fighting global warming will require continuing commitment, cooperation, and collaborative action from multiple constituencies around the world. Urging readers from the Global North to rethink their approaches and potential contributions to long-term change, *Empowering Female Climate Change Activists in the Global South* explains how women climate change leaders are confronting patriarchal structures to achieve social justice. Examining the lived experiences of woman climate change activists based in rural areas, Peg Ann Spitzer presents eighty-five original interviews that feature women whose careers in business, education, politics, and the arts have championed women's rights in Asia, environmental defenders who have established projects in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and woman farmers in

three Indian villages who have faced climate-related droughts and floods. Suggesting ways in which successful climate change amelioration and adaptation led by women in the Global South may be replicated elsewhere, Spitzer also considers how NGOs and other organizations from the Global North can best contribute to facilitating positive changes in the communities where they work by focusing on empathetic cooperation. The ebook edition of this titled is Open Access, thanks to Knowledge Unlatched funding, and freely available to read online.

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PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The **Climate and Development Lab** at Brown University published a report titled [Discourses of Climate Delay in the Campaign Against Offshore Wind: A Case Study from Rhode Island.](#)

Nikhil Deb (California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo) and **Nadia Genshaft-Volz** (California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo) published an article titled “[In Addressing Climate Change, Business As Usual is Climate Injustice](#)” on the *Just Security* blog.

Thomas Dietz published an article titled "[What Should We Do?](#)" on *Fifteen Eighty Four*, a blog of Cambridge University Press.

James R. Elliott (Rice University) and **Zheye (Jay) Wang** (Rice University) published an article in *The Conversation* titled "[When Homes Flood, Who Retreats and to Where? We Mapped Thousands of FEMA Buyouts and Found Distance and Race Play a Role.](#)"

Jordan Fox (University at Buffalo), **Tim Clark** (University of British Columbia), and **Apollonya Maria Porcelli** (Bucknell University) contributed a blog series to the University of Washington Ocean Nexus Center. Their contributions are titled "[Introducing Environmental Sociology and Its Importance for Ocean Science](#)," "[Aquaculture and Political Economy: Food System as Social Structure](#)," "[More Than Mermaids: Reclaiming the Lost Feminist Voice in the Sociology of Oceans](#)," and "[The Same Issue as the Sokol Hoax](#)."

John L. Hammond (Hunter College) published an article titled "[Tax the Rich, Because Inequality is Bad for All of Us](#)" in *Jacobin Magazine*.

Michael Haedicke (University of Maine) and Jean MacRae published an op-ed in the *Bangor Daily News* titled "[Producers and Regulators Must Finalize PFAS Registry](#)."

Joshua Shicca (Colorado State University) and **Carrie Chennault** (Colorado State University) published a data set titled "[Prison Agriculture in the United States](#)." They also participated in podcast interviews with [Edge Effects](#), [C21](#), and [The Audit](#) about their work with the Prison Agriculture Lab at Colorado State University.

With support from the Department of State, **Mingzhou Zin**, **Chien-Fei Chan**, and **Kevin Tomsovic** will develop the U.S.-Japan Exchange Program for Green Growth Collaboration (EXCET), based at the University of Tennessee, Waseda University, and Osaka University to share original ideas and best practices and policies for cleaner energy technologies.

TRANSITIONS AND HONORS

Jennifer S. Carrera (Michigan State University) received the Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement. This national award is given by Campus Connect to a full-time, early-career faculty member who connects their teaching, research, and service to community engagement.

Jordan Fox Wischerath (formerly Besek; University at Buffalo) is now publishing under the professional name **Jordan Fox**. He has been promoted to Associate Professor of Sociology and his professional email address has changed to jfox22@buffalo.edu.

John L. (Jack) Hammond has retired after 46 years at Hunter College and the Graduate Center, CUNY. In his honor, the Sociology Department at Hunter College has created the Jack Hammond Social Justice Award, which will be given annually to a student.

Longtime section member **Andrew Jorgenson** has moved from Boston College to the University of British Columbia, where he is now a Professor in the Department of Sociology.

Chris Morris earned his Ph.D. in Rural Sociology and Sustainable Agriculture from Iowa State University. Dr. Morris will begin work as a postdoctoral researcher and instructor at Iowa State University this fall.

Brock Ternes will move from the State University of New York at Oswego to the University of North Carolina, Wilmington in the Fall of 2023, where he will hold the position of Assistant Professor of Sociology.

Christine Vatovec recently accepted the role of Director of the Planetary Health Program at the University of Vermont Osher Center for Integrative Health.

SECTION NEWS

Environmental Sociology Section Awards

Allen Schnaiberg Outstanding Publication Award

Co-winner: Christof Brandtner. 2022. "[Green American City: Civic Capacity and the Distributed Adoption of Urban Innovations](#)." *American Journal of Sociology* 128 (3): 627-679.

Cities are confronted with a pressing imperative to embrace practices that address environmental concerns in the face of climate change. This research paper delves into the factors that contribute to varying rates of adoption of green construction practices among cities. The study reveals that the differences in these practices can be attributed to disparities in organizational communities and civic capacity within cities. Notably, the timing and presence of green-building certification are influenced by the organizational civic capacity present in a community, which extends beyond the mere existence of dedicated environmental advocacy organizations. This paper emphasizes the role of a broader range of nonprofit entities in fostering this civic capacity, subsequently acting as catalysts for both administrative and distributed adoption of green building innovations. The insights presented herein not only advance our understanding of environmental sociology but also urban sociology, and hold direct implications for the development of capacities required to promote local climate-related action.

Co-winner: Caleb Scoville. 2022. "[Constructing Environmental Compliance: Law, Science, and Endangered Species Conservation in California's Delta](#)." *American Journal of Sociology* 127(4): 1094-1150.

In the face of climate change and its detrimental impact on the environment, environmental law assumes a crucial role in shaping societal responses. Scoville's study delves into these processes and expands upon theories concerning the construction of legal compliance. By focusing on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and examining the case of the delta smelt, this research sheds light on the significant contribution of scientists in the construction of ESA compliance. It highlights how policy constructs boundary objects that influence the application of the law through scientific assessments. Importantly, the study demonstrates that this process is not static; rather, it reveals the emergence of multiple compliance relations over time in response to varying conditions, thus establishing a dynamic compliance process. These findings offer valuable theoretical insights for environmental sociology and the study of law and society. Understanding the intricate processes that unfold at the science-law interface, particularly in determining compliance with environmental law, will prove increasingly vital for communities worldwide as we navigate our climate-changed future.

Marvin E. Olsen Student Paper Award

Winner: Adrienne Brown. 2022. "['Driving Down a Road and Not Knowing Where You're At': Navigating the Loss of Physical and Social Infrastructure After the Camp Fire](#)." *Rural Sociology* 87(1): 3-25.

This paper is grounded within a strong theoretical framework and methodological approach. The author intertwines experiences with the physical landscape and the emotional connection with land after the Camp Fire in Paradise to arrive at a novel theory about social constructions of disaster recovery. This research advances our understanding of communities and the meanings people

attach to them, arguing that places are more than physical spaces; they become imbued with meaning and identity, and these meanings can shift. While many accounts of devastated communities are somewhat reductionist, Brown's research shows the connection between loss and resilience. The paper draws on in-depth interviews with 24 residents of Paradise, California, in the summer of 2019, eight months after a wildfire destroyed their town. Overall, the paper makes an important contribution to environmental sociology, especially since climate-related disasters are becoming increasingly frequent and destructive, resulting in extensive natural losses and disruptions to identity, well-being, and community.

Honorable mention: Liudmila Listrovaya, for the unpublished paper "'Here' Versus 'There': Perceptions of Deforestation and Ecological Scapegoating Among Loggers in Northwestern Russia."

This paper examines a fresh topic, focusing on post-Soviet forestry policy based in on-site ethnographic research. The author leads with a well-framed chronology of major legislation in Russian forestry policy – a useful summary that provides the unfamiliar reader a primer for contextualizing the author's later analysis. Listrovaya's paper is direct and not cluttered with jargon, with detailed quotes supporting the author's theoretical conceptualizations. The paper holds the promise of fostering a broad understanding of the potential ramifications of scapegoating ecological narratives on environmental degradation. Through its skillful composition, the paper delves into the intricate dynamics wherein narratives not only shape the perception of environmental circumstances among influential stakeholders but also perpetuate the destruction of the environment.

Fred Buttel Distinguished Contribution Award

Winner: Tammy Lewis, CUNY-Brooklyn College

Dr. Lewis was recognized by her nominators for her innovative scholarship on green gentrification and environmental conservation in Ecuador, her remarkable contributions to undergraduate teaching as an instructor, her work as director of multiple initiatives at Brooklyn College, and her role as a co-editor of the text *Twenty Lessons in Environmental Sociology*. Most notably, nominators drew attention to her extraordinary leadership of the ASA Section on Environmental Sociology from 2016-2018, in which she went above and beyond to make structural changes to the section that have benefitted graduate students and junior scholars.

Robert Boguslaw Award for Technology and Humanism

Winners: Vitor M. Dias, Petro Paulo de Miranda Araújo Soares, Eduardo S. Brondizio, & Sandra Helena Ribeiro Cruz. 2021. "[Grassroots Mobilization in Brazil's Urban Amazon: Global Investments, Persistent Floods, and Local Resistance Across Political and Legal Arenas.](#)" *World Development* 146: 105572.

Dias and co-authors use a mix of archival and ethnographic methods to understand the limits and potentials of grassroots mobilization across political, social, and legal domains in response to a development project meant to address flooding and sanitation in Belém, Brazil. The paper offers new insights into how the law matters to grassroots mobilization and develops a "movement-oriented" perspective that aligns with the spirit of the award.

Practice and Outreach Award

Winner: Michael Mendez, University of California, Irvine

For his multi-faceted, multi-audience, and community-engaged commitment to outreach and practice activities that support environmental health and justice, Dr. Mendez exemplifies the goals of this award. His research is at the intersection of disasters and social vulnerability, with particular attention to LGBTQ+ and undocumented communities, and he works with many organizations and partners in his outreach activities, ranging from students to grassroots community groups to national philanthropic organizations. His scholarship has evident policy impacts, for example, his research on individuals residing in California without documentation has influenced the state's disaster planning. It is clear that practice and outreach work is central to Dr. Mendez's professional life. In the words of one of his nominators, Dr. Mendez "represents the best ideals on the commitment to finding social and environmental justice solutions."

Environmental Sociology Section Election Results

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Jennifer Givens, University of Oregon

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Alan Rudy, Central Michigan University

The Environmental Sociology Section is deeply grateful to everyone who agreed to stand on the ballot for our different positions. Congratulations to these new section officers!

Also on the ballot were two proposals: a bylaws amendment proposal and a dues change proposal. Both of these proposals were approved and changes are effective September 1, 2023.

CLIMATE CHANGE, A CALL TO MANY DISCIPLINES

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2021."

BITCHIE, LIESEL, "SOCIOLOGY SAVES THE PLANET: AN INTRODUCTION
TO SOCIOLOGICAL THINKING AND PRACTICE. BY THOMAS MACIAS,
ROUTLEDGE PRESS, LONDON, 2022."



"There are some who might claim we are fashioning a planet whose ecological, social, and cultural collapse cannot be understood by us, the makers of this ruination. Our Special Issue, we trust, lays this claim to rest." - Steve Kroll-Smith & Maggie Leon-Corwin

PLANNING FOR THE 118TH ASA MEETING

Environmental Sociology Section Sessions

Session 1. Creative interventions in environmental-sociology theory

Saturday August 19, 8-9:30AM Marriott Level 4, Franklin Hall 6

In this session, we aim to create an inclusive and inspiring space to discuss how new perspectives and new realities can be leveraged to offer creative interventions in environmental-sociology theory. Both conceptual and empirical presentations that offer constructive critique and advances in our theorizing of environment-society relations are welcome.

Session Organizer: Debra J. Davidson, debra.davidson@ualberta.ca, University of Alberta

Presider: Margaret Walkover, walkover@hawaii.edu, University of Hawaii-Manoa

Centering the Social in the Etiology of Disasters: The Hybridization of Risk in Hyper-modern Societies.

Joseph M. Simpson, Texas A&M University-San Antonio; Jan-Martijn Meij, Florida Gulf Coast University; Dakota Kane Tangent Raynes, Oklahoma State University

Fighting for Green: The Fiscal Sociology of Nature

Chris M. Rea, Ohio State University

Globalization, Environmental Violence, and Multiscalar Analysis: An Integrated Approach to Environmental Sociology

Grace Poudrier, Northeastern University

Expanding Global Environmental Sociology: Insights from Global South Locales

Nikhil Deb, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis

Towards an Intergenerational Environmental Justice Framework for Climate Change Scholarship and Practice

Latrica E. Best, Boston College; Lauren Heberle, University of Louisville; Haley Metcalf, University of Louisville

Session 2. Intersectionality and Justice

Saturday August 19, 10-11:30AM Marriott Level 4, Franklin Hall 6

Environmental and climate justice have long been a core field of study in environmental sociology. This research record has not always reflected a fulsome intersectional approach to justice, however, this has begun to change. This session will focus on integrating environmental justice scholarship with emerging research that forefronts Colonialism, Indigenous Knowledges, Queer Ecologies, Masculinities and Black Feminism, among other intersectional approaches.

Session Organizer: Debra J. Davidson, debra.davidson@ualberta.ca, University of Alberta

Presider: Debra J. Davidson, debra.davidson@ualberta.ca, University of Alberta

Accumulation by Dispossession: The Extractive Industry in Balochistan (Pakistan) and its Gold-plated Profits

Tarique Niazi, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Backfire: The Settler-Colonial Logic and Legacy of Smokey Bear

Kirsten Vinyeta, Utah State University; J. M. Bacon, Grinnell College

Changing discourses of the body in Korean women's environmental movements

Hanee Choi, Rutgers

Combining the Framework of Critical Environmental Justice with Theories of Ecological Grief

Jamie Hanna, Northeastern

How Indigenous and White Settler Activists Worked Across Difference to Resist the Line 3 Pipeline

Brigid Mark, University of Colorado Boulder

Session 3. New insights in the sociology of climate change

Saturday August 19, 12-1:30PM Marriott Level 4, Franklin Hall 6

Environmental sociologists have provided crucial new knowledge regarding the social dimensions of climate change for over 20 years. The dramatic escalation of impacts of climate change, however, have exacerbated old and introduced new political conflicts, justified new response strategies, and offered new realizations regarding the future of democracy and wellbeing in our society-environment relations, all of which will be the subjects of discussion in this session.

Session Organizer: Debra J. Davidson, debra.davidson@ualberta.ca, University of Alberta

Presider: Christina A. Ergas, chrisergas@gmail.com, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

A Case-Oriented Analysis of Climate Change Drivers: The Role of the Treadmills of Production and Destruction

Chad L. Smith, Texas State University; Gregory Hooks, McMaster University; Michael Lengefeld, Bemidji State University

Mapping the Cumulative Effects of Climate Anomalies on Children's Education in Ten African Countries

Xiuqi Yang, Kai Feng, University of Pennsylvania

Private Climate Finance: A Climate Solution and a New Social Problem

Steven R. Brechin, Rutgers University-New Brunswick; Brent Hoagland, Rutgers University

The political (in)significance of extreme weather

Thijs van Dooremalen, KU Leuven

Unions' perspectives on just transition away from coal in India

Naorem Nishikanta Mangang, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur; Pradip Swarnakar, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur; Sandeep Pai, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Session 4. Environmental Sociology Roundtables (Section Business Meeting to follow)

Saturday August 19, 2-3PM Marriott Level 5, Grand Ballroom Salon F

Table 1: Advances in environmental justice theories

Table Presider: Skye Niles, niles.skye@colorado.edu, University of Colorado

Carceral Landscape: Prisons and Play in Cañon City, Colorado

Skye Niles, University of Colorado

Where's the Justice?: Unconventional Oil and Gas Drilling and Food-Energy-Water Systems

Stephanie Ann Malin, Colorado State University; Adam Mayer, Postdoctoral Fellow, Michigan State University; Micaela Truslove, PhD student, Department of Sociology, Colorado State University

"It Became a Battlefield": Emotions, Polarization, and Disengagement from Environmental Deliberations

Max Chewinski, University of Alberta

How industry segregated cities: Using computational data extraction to reexamine the formation of early-20th century segregation

Jonathan Tollefson, Brown University

The Effects of Air-based Chemical Toxicants on Cognitive Function and Impairment Among Older Adults

Kerry Ard, Ohio State University

Table 2: Agriculture and Food Systems in a Warming World

Table President: Imran Riaz, maani2834@gmail.com, Murraya Agriculture L.L.C. Dubai

Nudging Farmers to Adopt Conservation Practices: Insights on Cropland Diversification

Lijing Gao, Boston College; Matt Nowatzke, Iowa State University; Michael Dorneich, Iowa State University; Emily Heaton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Andrew Vanloocke, Iowa State University

Socioeconomic and Cultural Dynamics impact on Rice Growers' Training Needs in the Punjab, Pakistan

Imran Riaz, Murraya Agriculture L.L.C. Dubai

Gender-responsive behavioral change in agriculture

Navjotpal Kaur, Polish Academy of Sciences

Table 3: Climate politics and policymaking

Table President: Jeffrey Broadbent, broad001@umn.edu, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Attempting to Integrate Equity into Climate Policy Rulemaking in the Oregon Climate Protection Program

Janet A. Lorenzen, Willamette University

Birds of a Feather Sign Together: Homophily in The International Environmental Agreement Network

Selena Margarita Livas, University of California, Irvine

Costa Rica's Green Elite and the Struggle to Mitigate Climate Change

Julia Flagg, Connecticut College

What Blocks Climate Solutions?: A Global Model and Comparative Findings

Jeffrey Broadbent, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; Mark C.J. Stoddart, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Table 4: Contending with Disaster

Table President: Thomas Familia, tfamilia@wsu.edu, Washington State University

California PSPS events and interest in solar, battery storage, and self-sufficiency: the mediating role of trust

Thomas Familia, Washington State University

Framing Disaster and Reconfiguring Environmental Management Fields: Coastal Restoration in Louisiana After Hurricane Katrina

Michael Haedicke, University of Maine

How Disaster and Emergency Management Professionals Create and Confront Ontological Disharmonies in Simulation Exercises

Steve G. Hoffman, University of Toronto

Participation in Paradise: Coloniality and Energy in Puerto Rico

Marla Del Pilar Perez-Lugo, University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley; Cecilio Ortiz Garcia, UTRGV

Table 5: Environmental attitudes and behaviours I

Table President: Nadya Michelle Vera, nvera@vols.utk.edu, University of Tennessee

Climate Concern, Beef Consumption, and Political Orientation

Nadya Michelle Vera, University of Tennessee; Stephanie A. Bohon, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Interacting Peer Effects on Residential Solar Panel Diffusion

Thomas Marlow, New York University-Abu Dhabi; Kinga Reka Makovi, New York University

Rethinking Elective Affinities: Buddhism, Taoism, Quakerism and the Environment

Thomas J. Burns, University of Oklahoma; Darci Schmidgall, University of Oklahoma; Emily R Bonner, University of Oklahoma

Social Trust, Biden Approval, and American Public's Climate Change Perception

Feng Hao, University of South Florida; Joshua Doyle, Purdue University

Table 6: Environmental Attitudes and Behaviours II

Table President: Lukas Szrot, lukas.szrot@bemidjistate.edu, Bemidji State University

Dominion Over Nature and Climate Change Beliefs: Religious Ontologies and Ambivalence in Drought-Prone Regions

Lukas Szrot, Bemidji State University; Brock Ternes, SUNY-Oswego

The Downside of the Gaps: Class Inequality, Political-Ideological Polarity, and Environmental Views in the United States

Lazarus Adua, University of Utah; Brett Clark, University of Utah

The Economy versus the Environment: Assessing Economic Sectors of Employment on Workers' Environmental Attitudes

Todd Lu, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

The ISSP Environmental behavior and attitudes survey. First results based on the 2023 data release.

Markus Hadler, University of Graz (Austria)

Table 7: Environmental Statecraft

Table President: Jeremiah Bohr, bohrij@uwosh.edu, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Problematizing public investments post-climate disaster: A comparative analysis of coastal policy responses following Superstorm Sandy

Kenneth Alan Gould, CUNY-Brooklyn College; Tammy L. Lewis, CUNY-Brooklyn College

The Political Economy of Hydroelectricity in the Pacific Northwest: A Historical Case Study

Amanda Lynn Sikirica, University of Oregon

The Structural Meaning of Climate Change in American Politics

Jeremiah Bohr, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Comparative Case Study of Water Contamination: Investigating Regulatory Regimes, Public Messaging, and Colonial Power

Emily Alissa Opal Haberlack, Colorado State University

Environmental Anesthesia: Renting Existence for a Species

Anthony Jarred Emerick, University of Texas at Arlington

Table 8: Gender and the Environment

Table President: Norah MacKendrick, norah.mackendrick@rutgers.edu, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Female homelessness in post natural disasters

Mary Sol Martinez

Mending the Broken Clock: Gender and Socioecological Changes in Post-Conflict North Sumatra, Indonesia

Perdana Putri Roswaldy, Northwestern University

The Effects of Gender Equality on the Development of Renewable Energy: Evidence from Global Surveys, 2000-2019

Yun-Chung Ting, Academia Sinica; Thung-Hong Lin, Academia Sinica; Shih-Yu Lee, Academia Sinica

Table 9: Land, Placemaking and Place Attachment

Table President: Nina Olney, olney@uchicago.edu, University of Chicago

Green Places, Green Aesthetics: (Re)producing Vulnerability and the Spatial Politics of Street Tree Planning in Chicago

Nina Olney, University of Chicago

Greenwork: The Devaluation of Labor in Nature as Care

Cal Lee Garrett, University of Illinois at Chicago

How Place Matters in Survivors' Home Coming After the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire Disaster

Haisu Huang, University of Oregon

Turf Wars: Corporate, Government, and Academic Entanglements in the Manufacture of Doubt over Artificial Turf Fields

Grace Poudrier, Northeastern University; Alissa Cordner, Whitman College; Phil Brown, Northeastern University; Alli Shinn, Whitman College; Jennifer Ohayon, Silent Spring Institute; Abigail Bline, Northeastern University; Alana Caluwe, Northeastern University

Table 10: Markets and Economies

Table President: M. Omar Faruque, mofaruque71@gmail.com, Queen's University

Environmental Sociology and Degrowth. Theoretical Convergence, Tensions, and New Directions for Environmental Political Economy.

Timothy Clark, Catawba College; John Hedlund, North Carolina State University

Informal entrepreneurship and the circular economy in Hungary: entrepreneurial practices of Roma municipal waste collectors

Laszlo Letenyei, Corvinus University of Budapest; Tim Gittins, Institute of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

Climate Crisis and the Politics of Low Carbon Energy Future in Emerging Economies

M. Omar Faruque, Queen's University

Price and Prediction in the Crude Oil Market

David L. Pinzur, London School of Economics

Table 11: New insights into environmental equality and justice

Table President: Landen Longest, legambil@ncsu.edu, North Carolina State University

Environmental Civil Society Organizations and Engagement in the Energy Decision-making Processes in Post-Fukushima Japan

Pinar Temocin

Zero Waste Movement in China: Civic Environmental Movement Through Sustainable Lifestyle and Alternative Consumption Networks

Danning Lu, Yale School of the Environment

Impact of Social Media on Grass-Roots Environmental Justice Movements

Christopher Mele, State University of New York-Buffalo; Giovanna Di Chiro, Swarthmore College; Sarah Chang, Swarthmore College; Anna Considine, Swarthmore College

The Energy Transition Movement and the Policy Process: Constraints and Opportunities for Engagement and Bridge-Building

Dawn Harfmann, University of Oregon

Table 12: Science, Knowledge and Technology Systems

Table President: Allison Ford, allison.ford@sonoma.edu, Sonoma State University

Divergent Forms of Knowledge Production and Law-Making in China

Xiangyi Ren, University of Chicago

Developing a social equity framework for fisheries management

Kelsi Lynn Furman, Northeastern University Skyler Sagarese, NOAA; Steven Scyphers, University of South Alabama

The Rise of the Sustainability Imperative in U.S. Higher Education, 2005-2020

Simona Gabriela Gavrila, Stanford University

Table 13: Theorizing Nature-Society Relations

Table President: Jesse Bryant, jesse.bryant@yale.edu, Yale University

ARS: Conservatism and the Environment

Jesse Bryant, Yale University

Life Finds A Way; Limits to the Social Control of Nature

Daniel Shtob, CUNY-Brooklyn College; Jordan Fox, SUNY-Buffalo

The 19th-century guano diggers and the corporeal rift

Mauricio Betancourt, Oberlin College

"We're Still on That Treadmill": Privilege, Reflexivity, and the Disruptive Potential of Permaculture

Timothy Haney, Aulora Morrow, Mount Royal University

Capital's Temporal Imperative and the Concept of Renewable Resources

Daniel Auerbach, University of Wyoming; Adam Driscoll, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Table 14: The Politics of Water

Table President: Liangfei Ye, lye22@wisc.edu

A decomposition analysis of health disparity reduction by environmental law enforcement in Michigan community drinking water systems

Liangfei Ye, University of Wisconsin

Environmental Justice Victory? Waste Colonialism and the Afterlife of Lead Water Pipes

Chie Togami, University of Pittsburgh; Caitlin Hays Schroering, University of North Carolina-Charlotte; Marcela González Rivas, University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

Municipal water justice: A cross-case comparison of affordability and equity policies in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts

Kayleigh Ward, Northeastern University; Jaishiri Srinivasan, University of New Mexico; Daniel R. Alvord, Bucknell University; Laura Senior, Northeastern University; Sharon L. Harlan, Northeastern University; Martha Davis, Northeastern University; Anika Deodhar, Northeastern University; Sabrina Krista, Northeastern University; Romi Manela, Northeastern University

The Second Contradiction of Capitalism: Climate Change and Hydrological Conflicts in Central and Western Asia

Tarique Niazi, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Table 15: The Production and Management of Environmental Risks

Table President: Alissa Cordner, cordneaa@whitman.edu, Whitman College

Beyond Chemical-to-Chemical Replacements: GenX and Regrettable Substitution as a Social-Political Feat

Anna Allgeyer, Whitman College; Alissa Cordner, Whitman College; Phil Brown, Northeastern University; Lindsay Tallon, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; Grace Poudrier, Northeastern University

Conceptions of Risk in Solar Geoengineering Modeling Research

Amanda Sie, Rutgers University

Gasping for Clean Air: The Realities for Parents of Children with Asthma in Cache Valley

Mehmet Soyer, Utah State University; Landon Lloyd, Utah State University; Sebahattin Ziyank, The University of Texas Permian Basin; Fatma Betul Dogan

Great Salt Lake Desiccation and Disproportionate Risk and Vulnerability to Environmental Change

Jennifer E. Givens, Utah State University

Table 16: The Role of Media and Framing in Environmental Meaning-Making

Table President: John Chung-En Liu, chungenliu@ntu.edu.tw, National Taiwan University

China's Green Grand Propaganda: Evidence from Twitter and State Newspapers

John Chung-En Liu, National Taiwan University

Distributing Emotional Sympathies: Media Framing of an Energy Transition in the Canadian Petroleum Industry

Kristen Bass, University of Toronto

Anti-Incineration Activism and Chemical Weapons Disposal: Framing Opposition to the U.S. Army's Chemical Demilitarization Program

Landen Longest, North Carolina State University; Thomas E. Shriver, North Carolina State University; Alison E. Adams, University of Florida; Laura Bray, University of Oklahoma; Brittany V. Shantz, North Carolina State University

Table 17: When Transition Strategies Reproduce Inequity

Table President: Luis Ruben Gonzalez Marquez, lgonzalez104@ucmerced.edu

Pathways to Political Violence in Renewable Energy Extractivism under Authoritarian Development in the Global South

Luis Ruben Gonzalez Marquez, UC Merced

Uneven opportunities and local narratives for net zero transitions amongst "left behind places" in the UK

Ned Crowley, New York University; Rebecca Elliott, London School of Economics; Leon Wansleben, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies

Liberalized NIMBYism: Problematizing Climate Adaptation Environmentalism(s) in a California City

Brian Francis O'Neill, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Regular Sessions of Special Interest

Getting Practical: Sociological and Political Insights to Tackle Big Environmental Policy Problems

Friday, August 18, 8:00-9:30 AM, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Level 4, 405

The papers in this session all tackle major environmental policy concerns (chiefly, but not exclusively, related to the climate crisis and the clean energy transition) by offering, each in its own way, key insights that point to potential policy solutions, rather than the usual doom and gloom. Using approaches ranging from comparative-historical sociology to network analysis, and focusing on topics ranging from renewable energy to electric utilities to regulation of toxins, these papers consider concepts like policy feedbacks, interest groups, and political economy to point to ways forward.

Session organizer: Joshua A. Basseches, Tulane University

Presider: Rachel G. McKane, Brandeis University

Climate Coalitions and Anti-Coalitions: Lobbying in the U.S. States

Galen P. Hall, Brown University; Trevor Culhane, Brown University; J. Timmons Roberts, Brown University

Comparative Green Advantage: Growth Regimes and Public Investment in Renewable Energy R&D

Daniel Driscoll, Brown University

Developing an Urban Political Economy of Energy Democracy: Community-Owned Utilities in the Southeastern United States

Taylor Harris Braswell, Northeastern University

How Policies Shape Solar Politics: Assessing Potential for Policy Feedback from Renewable Energy Programs

Fedor A. Dokshin, University of Toronto

Towards a Sociology of Environmental Improvements: Comparative Case Studies of Toxins, Regulation, and Industrial Change

Tim Bartley, Washington University-St. Louis; Malcolm Fairbrother, Umeå University

Discussant: Mircea Gherghina, University of Toronto

Climate Change: Acting in the Present, Imagining the Future

Friday, August 18, 10:00-11:30 AM, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 4

The papers in this session deal with issues related to interpreting and acting in the present to secure a livable future, across institutional contexts.

Session Organizer: Rebecca Elliott, London School of Economics

Presider: Matthew Soener, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Bringing the Future into the Present

Melike Arslan, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies; Bruce G. Carruthers, Northwestern University

Climate Change Preparedness in Mississippi Prisons: A case of Environmental Injustice

Austin Luzbetak, Colorado State University

Interpreting Complex, Disruptive Weather Events: A Conceptual Model of Decision-Making Under Organized Irresponsibility

Aaron Martin, Rutgers University; Rachel Shwom, Rutgers University; Sara Constantino, Northeastern University; Alicia Cooperman, George Washington University

Pushing to Decarbonize or Having it Both Ways: U.S. Labor Unions Envision the Energy Future

Diane M. Sicotte, Drexel University

Uneven Decarboniation: The Multidimensional Relationship Between Renewable Energy Deployment and Carbon Dioxide Emissions in High-Income Nations

Xaiorui Huang, Drexel University

Climate Change: Interpretive and Affective Dimensions

Friday, August 18, 2:00-3:30 PM, Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 4

The papers in this session address the perceptions and emotions bound up with climate change.

Session Organizer: Rebecca Elliott, London School of Economics

Presider: Brianna Castro, Harvard University

British Heat Waves (1982-2022): From Ice Cream to Armageddon?

Thijs van Dooremalen, KU Leuven; Philip Smith, Yale University

Insights and Impacts of Climate Change Among Older Black Adults in the Urban South

Lacee Anne Satcher, Boston College

The Long Shadow of Partisan Hostility: Affective Polarization and the World's Largest Climate Polluters

Don Grant, University of Colorado; Andrew K. Jorgenson, University of British Columbia; Wesley Longhofer, Emory University; Ion Bogdan Vasi, University of Iowa

Toxic Fear: Climate Change, Contamination, and Worries about Future Flooding

Phylicia Xin Yi Lee Brown, Rice University; Anthony Alex Priest, Rice University; Adrian Frias, Rice University; James R. Elliott, Rice University

"Whatever You Can Do, You Do It": An Examination of How Climate Activists Negotiate Fatalism

Darren Kwong

Disasters and Housing

Friday, August 18, 4:00-5:30 PM, Pennsylvania Convention Center, 100 Level, 106A

This session includes four high-quality empirical papers that examine the complex relationship between natural disasters (broadly conceived) and housing factors, such as mobility, economic hardship, mortgage markets, housing prices, and rentership. Particular attention is paid to social inequality and to issues related to climate change and increasing disaster impacts.

Session Organizer: Ethan Raker, University of British Columbia

Presider: Lisa Marie Rodriguez, University of Central Florida

Here, There, and Everywhere: Patterns of Residential Movement Following a Natural Disaster

Anthony Alex Priest, Rice University

Local Flood Disasters and Racial Inequality in the Mortgage Market

Megan Doherty Bea, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Kallista Bley, University of Wisconsin-Madison;
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Renter Hardships in Post-Disaster Contexts: A Comparative Study of U.S. Flooding

Taylor Renee Heath, University of Pennsylvania

Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Disaster Impacts on Housing Prices in the United States, 1990-2015

Amy R. Read, Princeton University

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From Mitigation to Adaptation in a Multi-scalar Environmental Sociology

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A New Species of Environmental Injustice: The Socio-Spatial Distribution of Natural-Technological Events in the United States

Phylicia Xin Yi Lee Brown, Rice University

Historical Redlining, Interstate Highways, and Contemporary Transportation Emissions in Five U.S. Cities

Rachel G. McKane, Brandeis University; Patrick Trent Greiner, Vanderbilt University

Erosion: A Global View of Climate Change as a Mechanism for Displacement

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Salt in the Wound: Embodied Everyday Adaptation to Salinity Intrusion in the Sundarbans

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Beyond the Mitigation-Adaptation Binary: The Eight Pillars of the Sociology of Climate Governance

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