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## SECTION CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Dear colleagues and friends,

I hope you all have found time to rest and relax with family, friends, and community this summer. Our Section newsletters this year have aimed at

highlighting the inspiring ways that Section members are using their research, teaching, and service to address challenging political, economic, social, and environmental conditions within and beyond the United States. That aim continues in this newsletter, and in my last Section newsletter Chair's message, I celebrate some of our achievements this year and look forward to our upcoming American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting in Chicago with optimism about what lies ahead for our Section.

First, in our lone featured essay of this newsletter, Luis Rubén González Márquez shares insights from a recently completed dissertation project that involved multisited field work and comparative-historical analysis of political conflicts over renewable energy (hydropower) mega projects in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador from 1972 to 2019. In the process, González Márquez contextualizes the pursuit of renewable energy production in a broader interlocking logics of colonialism and extractivism—the latter of which is typically understood in the literature as an ideology and practice of controlling, extracting, processing, and commodifying raw materials in our ecosystem so that they can be transformed into goods and services that are circulated for the purpose of capital accumulation and revenue generation for political-economic elites. I am looking forward to reading more of González Márquez’s forthcoming works that build on his initial answers to the following guiding question in the essay: “What are the implications of the struggles against extractivism of renewable energies for the search for a just transition away from fossil fuels?”

Following our featured essay, we learn about fantastic recent publications and accomplishments from our Section members that span the areas of critical and rigorous environmental-sociological scholarship, public sociology, and meaningful community engagement.

Next, we restate the news I shared with the Section membership in prior communications to the listserv about Section awards and election results. I look forward to the opportunity to celebrate the awardees and thank the award selection committee members for their service to the Section during our upcoming Section business meeting and joint reception with the Animals and Society Section in Chicago. In those contexts, I also would like to congratulate and welcome our newly elected Section officers and council members: Chair-Elect, Kerry Ard (Ohio State University); Membership Committee Chair, Lacee Satcher (Boston College); and Teaching, Training and

Practice Committee Chair, Lourdes Annette Vera (University at Buffalo, SUNY).

As I noted over the listserv recently, I encourage Section members to consider running for an upcoming vacant Section leadership position in next year’s Section election. Those vacant positions are listed in the table below:

| Table 1. Vacancies for Upcoming ASA Section on Environmental Sociology Elections |                |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Position Title                                                                   | Length of Term | Next Election Year |
| Chair-Elect                                                                      | 3 years        | 2026               |
| Treasurer                                                                        | 3 years        | 2026               |
| Secretary                                                                        | 3 years        | 2027               |
| At Large Council Member                                                          | 2 years        | 2026               |
| Nominations Committee Chair                                                      | 2 years        | 2026               |
| Membership Committee Chair                                                       | 2 years        | 2027               |
| Policy and Research Committee Chair                                              | 2 years        | 2026               |
| Publications Committee Chair                                                     | 2 years        | 2026               |
| Teaching, Training, and Practice Committee Chair                                 | 2 years        | 2027               |
| Student Representative                                                           | 2 years        | 2026               |
| Legacy Committee Chair                                                           | 2 years        | 2026               |
| Digital Communications Committee Co-Chairs                                       | 2 years        | 2026               |

In our 2025 Section election, the membership also approved our bylaw amendment proposal, which featured what I and many of our Section council members viewed as timely and necessary updates to our Section’s bylaws. One major change was the institutionalization of our mentoring program and an associated committee that will be chaired by the Section Chair. We are going into our second year of that rebooted mentoring program with 38 participants who have been paired in mentor-

mentee groups by an ad hoc committee of Ian Carrillo (Publications Committee Chair and Racial Inclusion, Equity, and Justice Committee Member), Archana Ramanujam (Student Representative), and I. I am contacting the 38 mentoring program participants and will be sharing more information and reflections on the mentoring program with the Section membership in future communications on the listserv, at the upcoming ASA Annual Meeting, and in our Section's annual report that will be available in the fall.

Lastly, this newsletter closes with a list of Section-sponsored and noteworthy environment-related sessions at the Chicago ASA Annual Meeting. Chair-Elect, Josh Sbicca, who will become the Section's Chair on September 1, 2025, has worked with other Section colleagues to organize a fantastic set of Section-sponsored events: an ASA Section and Community Open House on Sunday, August 10 (2-3:30pm); a racial capitalism paper session (4-5:30pm) and the joint reception with the Animals and Society Section (6:30-8:30pm) on Monday,

August 11; and three paper sessions (related to state violence, movements and countermovements, and novel approaches in environmental sociology), numerous roundtables, and our Section business meeting on Tuesday, August 12.

I wish you all well, and I look forward to the opportunity to celebrate our Section members and all the great work featured in our upcoming ASA Annual Meeting events in Chicago.

Sincerely,

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## FEATURE ESSAY

### Environmental Justice Struggles against Renewable Energy Extractivism

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What are the implications of the struggles against extractivism of renewable energies for the search for a just transition away from fossil fuels?

My reflections on this question stem from fieldwork insights gained from my recently completed dissertation, a study on the political outcomes of oppositional campaigns against renewable energy megaprojects. This is based on a multisite research endeavor and a comparative-historical study of hydropower conflicts in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador between 1972 and 2019.

#### **Extractivism**

Extractivism refers to a mode of appropriation of nature that is functional to our modern economy and society: the processing of raw materials so that they can be manufactured into goods and services (Svampa 2019). In other words, it refers to the specific forms in which ecosystems are commodified into primary materials, as a step before they can be converted into more elaborate products with greater aggregate value moving through the chain of production.

As a consequence, extractivism has constituted a longstanding feature of different societies throughout history. Although the extraction of raw materials expanded globally in interlocked chains of production since the expansion of the Modern World-System in the Sixteenth century, it accelerated its pace after the advent of industrial capitalism (Gudynas 2020). Moreover, extractivism holds deep connections to colonialism, since the territories providing these raw materials are sacrificing areas, where ecosystems and social life are disrupted by larger forces (the state, corporations, criminal groups) seeking to extract the materials and energy.

#### **Extractivist Production of Renewable Energy**

The classical examples of extractivism are mining, oil, and rubber production. As a form of appropriation of nature, it has expanded to other commodification activities in the conversion of nature into “economic resources”. Monocultures such as sugar, palm oil, sorghum, and soybeans could be classified as a form of agricultural extractivism (Leguizamón 2019). I argue that we can extend the concept to several current forms of production of renewable energy: hydroelectric dams (more accepted in the literature), eolic parks, and solar farms (Silva 2016). Extraction also involves the associated extraction of materials to make possible a broader use of electricity from these sources, including lithium, cobalt, nickel, rare earth minerals, and copper for batteries, and the expansion of the wire network (Jerez, Garcés, and Torres 2021).

The contemporary extractivist production of renewable energy is not intrinsic to the search for clean, sustainable sources. It is rather the product of the encounter between the capitalist structures that drive extractivism (highly financialized in our current times), and its extensive “colonization” of a new sector for speculation on subsidies and consumer demand. Under what Bringel and Svampa (2023) call the “decarbonization consensus,” it bases in the false premise of a full, complete substitution of fossil fuels for renewable sources, without major modifications of the social, economic or cultural features of the “oil civilization” –such as questions of growth, inequality and consumption. The problem is also that resources are finite. There are simply not enough reservoirs of lithium and nickel available on Earth for a plain substitution of fossil fuels, and the effort of a large-scale extraction of most of it would imply a major

ecological tragedy (Vikström, Davidsson and Höök 2013). Nor, in the case of electricity/electrification, could renewable sources provide enough for the peaks and valleys of the (growing) demand daily.

### **Community-Based Struggles**

Translocal coalitions of affected communities, national environmental movements, and international allies are opposing megaprojects of renewable energy extractivism. Since these projects usually localize in “sacrificing areas” with a colonial history of exclusion, those affected comprise disproportionately of historically marginalized groups: indigenous, afrodescendents, peasants, women, farm-workers, etc (Goldsmith and Hildyard 1986; Sellwood and Valdivia 2018). State, corporate forces, and even transnational criminal groups arrive in these territories and appropriate land and water without proper consultation, and with a conception of possession and property foreign to the customs of the affected groups (as private property or state property), they displace local inhabitants and destroy existing ecosystems.

Although the contending coalitions are broad, the core of the movement tends to be smaller, local communities fighting environmental injustice. As such, they share a great resemblance to other environmental justice struggles. First, there is a process of discovery of the harm, in which local knowledge of the territory aligns with allied scholars and academic institutions (O’Connell and Peters 2021). Basic (and unanswered) questions about the implications of megaprojects (managed usually in the shadows) for their lands, well-being, and forms of life lead communities to embark on a larger questioning of deeper structures and institutions.

Second, in this process, communities transform their organizational forms. They employ their previous experiences and structures of resistance and struggle for social justice in their local context (for instance, the historical exclusion of indigenous communities in Latin America), and adapt them to the new parameters of environmental struggle. By doing so, these communities find allies at the national and international level: NGO’s, national environmental movements, state agents, political parties, etc. A critical instance comes from their encounters with other organizations and communities facing the same problems across their countries and the world, which become their main allies (Bullard 2000).

Third, as their discovery path unfolds and their organizations adapt, the demands of communities fighting the ignored consequences of these projects expand through the prism of rights and social justice. They place at the core of their struggles the environmental injustices of the energy transition: legacies of colonialism, environmental racism, energy inequities, damages to water and river flows, and the structural and political violence of the implementation process of these megaprojects (Taylor 2014). The rights of proper consultation, informed consent, and living in an adequate and healthy environment are put at the center.

Fourth, the struggles against the environmental injustices of renewable energy extraction could bring about social and political change (Pellow 2018). The outcomes are rather diverse. Some communities can cancel or suspend a megaproject. Others achieve the goal of renegotiating the distribution of compensation and make the search for community approval more comprehensive. On other occasions, mobilized communities fail to halt or modify a megaproject, although their mobilization places renewable energy extraction injustices in the public eye, creating awareness for future struggles against other projects. It is yet to be seen if mobilized coalitions are able to bring about comprehensive policy changes on renewable energy developments of their states, as has happened in other types of extractivist conflicts (Spalding 2023).

### **Lessons for a Just Transition**

The struggles for environmental justice against renewable energy megaprojects across the globe leave several questions to further our inquiry on the just transition, as the social adaptations to tackle climate change are grounded in principles of justice, equity, and proper compensation (Ciplet and Harrison 2020).

The opposition to the socioenvironmental consequences of projects such as lithium extraction, carbon dioxide removal, and hydroenergy underscores the distributional consequences of the search for alternative energy sources: who will bear the benefits and damages of these endeavors. Besides, they also call attention to the limitations of the decarbonization approach, based on technological innovation and the commodification of the quest for energy alternatives. Finally, these movements also challenge scholars to engage and dialogue with these grassroots experiences, and consider the richness of their proposals for socioenvironmental alternatives, as a critical form of climate action from below (Almeida, González Márquez, and Fonsah 2024).

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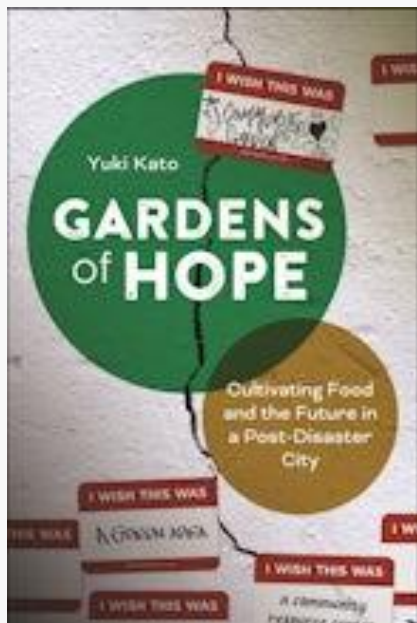
### Books

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#### [Gardens of Hope: Cultivating Food and the Future in a Post-Disaster City.](#)

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Gardens are often spaces of hope, expected to solve many problems in a city including food insecurity and climate resilience. In fact, there has been a historical trend of urban gardening gaining popularity during times of crisis. *Gardens of Hope* is the story of urban gardening in New Orleans in the decade after Hurricane Katrina. Yuki Kato highlights the impact urban gardens have on communities after disasters and the efforts of well-intended individuals envisioning alternative futures in the form of urban farming.

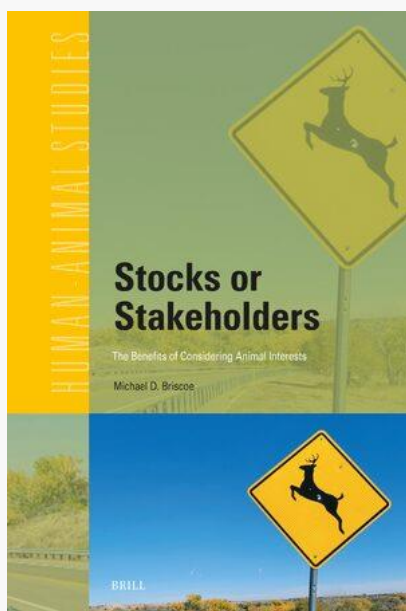
Drawing on repeated interviews with residents who began cultivation projects in New Orleans between 2005 and 2015, Kato explains how good intentions and grit were not enough to implement or sustain urban gardeners' visions for the post-disaster city's future. Coining the term "prefigurative urbanism," Kato illustrates how individuals tried to realize alternative ways of living and working in the city through pragmatism and innovation. *Gardens of Hope* asks key questions about what inspires and enables individuals to pursue prefigurative urbanism and about the

potential and limitations of this form of civic engagement to bring about short- and long-term changes in cities undergoing transformation, from gentrification, post-pandemic recovery, to climate change

#### [Stocks or Stakeholders: The Benefits of Considering Animal Interests](#)

Michael D Briscoe

Colorado State University, Pueblo



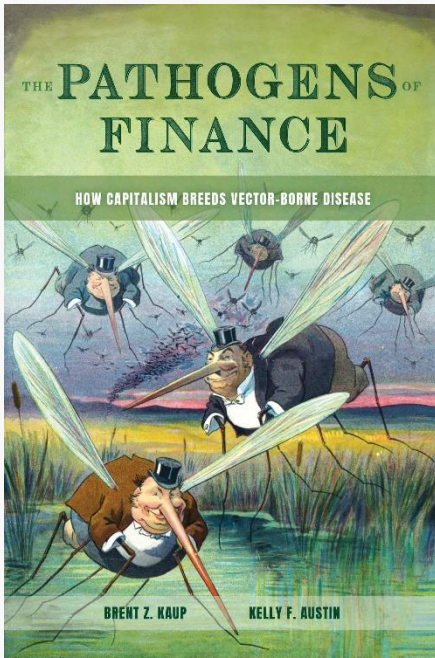
*Stocks or Stakeholders* applies stakeholder theory, One Welfare, and critical environmental justice frameworks to argue that full consideration of animal interests will provide benefits to humans, the environment, and of course animals themselves. It presents research on migration and movement, energy production, zoonotic disease, disaster, and more to illustrate how disregard for animal interests comes with high social and economic costs. Original analysis shows that states with a higher percentage of protected land have lower odds of animal-vehicle collision, highlighting the interconnection of human, animal, and environmental well-being. Primarily aimed at an undergraduate and graduate student audience, the book covers a broad range of topics including the debate within the literature between the animal welfare and total liberation camps, examining empirical evidence in favor of both.



## [The Pathogens of Finance: How Capitalism Breeds Vector-Borne Disease](#)

Kaup, Brent Z.  
College of William & Mary

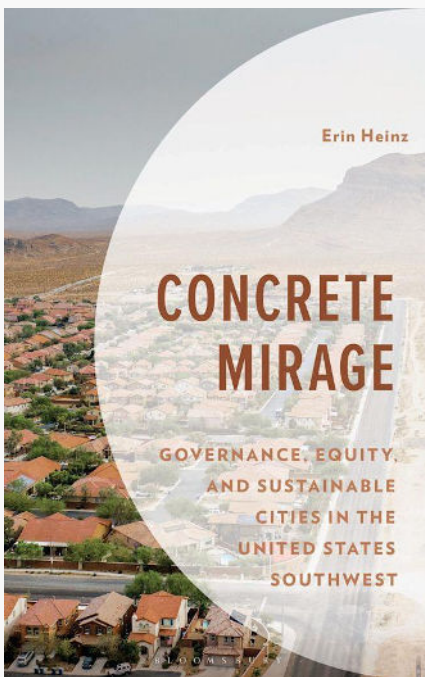
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Lehigh University



*The Pathogens of Finance* is an exploration of how the rising power and profits of Wall Street underpin the contemporary increases in and inadequate responses to vector-borne disease. Over the past fifty years, insects have transmitted infectious diseases to humans with greater frequency and in more unexpected places. To examine this phenomenon, Brent Z. Kaup and Kelly F. Austin take readers to the exurban homes of northern Virginia; the burgeoning agricultural outposts of Mato Grosso, Brazil; and the smallholder coffee farms of the Bududa District of eastern Uganda. Through these case studies, the authors illuminate how the broader financialization of society is intimately intertwined with both the creation of landscapes more conducive to vector-borne disease and the failure to prevent and cure such diseases throughout the world.

## [Concrete Mirage: Governance, Equity, and Sustainable Cities in the United States Southwest.](#)

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Daily headlines of wildfires, drought, and record-breaking heat waves have brought climate change into our cities. The urgent challenge is to build cities that can adapt and thrive in the tumult of climate change. This is especially critical for growing cities in the Southwestern United States where rising temperatures and water scarcity threaten sustainability. *Concrete Mirage* is a timely discussion for those who have ever wondered, “what does it mean to be a sustainable desert city?” Erin Heinz critically examines sustainability as a goal, certification, and a consoling narrative shaping the future of desert cities. Drawing on interviews with sustainability experts from Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada, *Concrete Mirage* reveals how economic primacy touted by third party governance and city decision-making falls short in fostering long-term viability. By confronting the mirage of sustainable development, it delivers a stark message: desert cities must adopt strategies of collective austerity if they hope to survive.



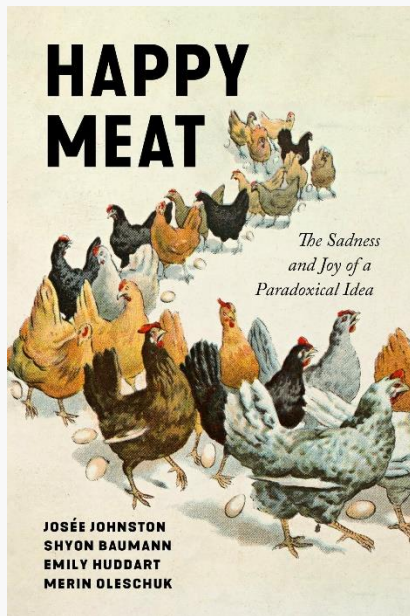
## [Happy Meat: The Sadness and Joy of a Paradoxical Idea.](#)

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Josée Johnston, University of Toronto

Merin Oleschuk, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



North Americans love eating meat. Despite the increased awareness of the meat industry's harms—violence against animals, health problems, and associations with environmental degradation—the rate of meat eating hasn't changed significantly in recent years. Instead, what has emerged is an uncomfortable paradox: a need to square one's values with the behaviors that contradict those values.

Using a large-scale, multidimensional, and original dataset, *Happy Meat* explores the thoughts and emotions that underpin our moral decision-making in this meat paradox. Conscientious meat-eaters turn to the notion of "happy meat" to make sense of their behaviors by consuming meat they see as more healthy, ethical, and sustainable. Happy meat might be labeled grass fed, free-range, antibiotic free, naturally raised, or humane. The people who produce and consume it, together, make up the complex landscape of conscientious meat-eating in modern Western societies.

The discourse of happy meat ultimately may not be a sufficient response to all the critiques of meat eating, rife as it is with contradictions. However, it offers a powerful case for understanding how moral boundaries and notions of the 'good eater' are constructed through negotiations of values, identity, and status.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Calls for Abstracts

Call for Abstracts: Themed Sessions at the 2026 Biennial Work and Family Researchers Network (WFRN) Conference Environmental sociologists have long highlighted how ecological crises shape labor conditions, livelihoods, and global inequalities. At the same time, scholars of work and family have emphasized the centrality of care work, interdependence, and household labor in sustaining social life. As climate change, environmental degradation, and ecological precarity intensify, the urgency of integrating environmental concerns into the study of work and family has never been greater. To bridge these fields, SES member Sam Castonguay is organizing two themed sessions for the 2026 Work and Family Researchers Network conference to be held in Montréal, Québec, Canada on June 17–20, 2026. Sam is soliciting abstracts that bridge environmental studies and work-family research for these sessions, fostering new insights into how environmental affairs shape, and are shaped by, work and family lives.

### Session Information

**Session 1: Family and the Environment** This session focuses on how families experience, respond to, and influence environmental change.

We welcome papers addressing questions such as (but not limited to):

- How do families adapt to climate-related disruptions (e.g., migration, housing instability, caregiving challenges)?
- In what ways do parenting practices, intergenerational relationships, or household decision-making reflect environmental concerns?
- How do environmental changes reshape care practices within families and communities?
- What roles do families play in advancing or resisting ecological justice movements?

- In what ways does environmental risk intersect with gendered, racialized, and classed patterns of labor and caregiving?
- What role do families play in environmental justice movements or in resisting extractive economies?
- How might we reimagine family, kinship, and care through an ecological lens?

### Session 2: Work and the Environment

This session explores how work — both paid and unpaid — intersects with environmental issues. We welcome papers addressing questions such as (but not limited to):

- How do climate policies and green transitions reshape labor markets, job quality, and worker well-being?
- What environmental risks do workers face in their occupations, and how are these risks distributed across social groups?
- How are workplaces and organizations responding to demands for sustainability and environmental justice, and what are the implications for workers?
- How does unpaid care work or subsistence labor contribute to or mitigate environmental degradation?
- How are workers and labor movements mobilizing to demand environmentally sustainable and socially just work conditions?
- In what ways do occupational identities, norms, and cultures influence attitudes toward environmental responsibility at work?

We particularly encourage submissions that address the intersection of all three domains, such as:

- How do work and family responsibilities jointly influence a household's environmental practices?
- In what ways do climate-related shocks disrupt work-family balance?
- How can policies simultaneously support families, protect workers, and promote environmental sustainability?



- How do intersecting inequalities (e.g., gender, race, class) shape experiences at the nexus of work, family, and ecological change?

**Submission Guidelines and Deadline** Please send abstracts of approximately 250–300 words to the session organizer (Sam Castonguay – scastonguay124@gmail.com). Please also indicate which of the two sessions (or both) your submission best aligns with. The deadline for abstract submissions is September 1st, 2025. For questions about these sessions, please contact the organizer at scastonguay124@gmail.com. Upon request, abstracts received by August 25th, 2025 will be placed on a fast-track review to facilitate successful submissions of Canadian visa applications.

## Awards

Mufti Nadimul Quamar Ahmed, a PhD candidate in Environmental Sociology at Utah State University, received the Utah State University Student Sustainability Award (category: community impact) and Achievement of the Year Award 2025.

## SECTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY NEWS

### Section Awards

#### Environmental Sociology Outstanding Publication Award

**Winner:** Pierce Greenberg and Robert Todd Perdue. 2025. "Prisons and Pollution: A Nationwide Analysis of Carceral Environmental Inequality." *Social Problems* 72(2):783–801.

#### Honorable Mentions:

Andrew K. Jorgenson, Brett Clark, Ryan P. Thombs, Jeffrey Kentor, Jennifer Givens, Xiaorui Huang, Hassan El Tinay, Daniel Auerbach, and Matthew C. Mahutga. 2023. "Guns Versus Climate: How Militarization Amplifies the Effect of Economic Growth on Carbon Emissions." *American Sociological Review* 88(3):418-453.

Rachel Wetts. 2023. "Money and Meaning in the Climate Change Debate: Organizational Power, Cultural Resonance, and the Shaping of American Media Discourse." *American Journal of Sociology* 129(2):384-438.

**Award Committee:** Kate Pride Brown, Elaine Draper, Danielle Falzon, Angeline Letourneau, Caleb Scoville (Chair).

#### Environmental Sociology Student Paper Award

##### Co-Winners:

Anupriya Pandey, "Toward a Critical Caste Ecology: How Does Agrochemical Harm Interact with Caste Relations in Rural India?"

Livio Silva-Muller, "Pathways of the Environmental State: Global Climate Politics in the Amazon Rainforest."

**Honorable Mention:** Joyce Ho, "The Limits of Indemnity: Compensating Loss After Climate Disaster."

**Award Committee:** Rezvaneh Erfani, Rachel McKane, Michael Murphy, Archana Ramanujam, Caleb Scoville (Chair).

#### Robert Boguslaw Award for Technology and Humanism

##### Co-Winners:

Valerie Berseth, "Open Science as a Distrust Technology: Rethinking Trust-Building in Genomic Data Sharing."

Ken Cai Kowalski, "Science-Fictional Expectations: Public Beliefs About AI and Change in the Moral Economy."

**Award Committee:** Jennifer Givens, Joshua Sbicca (Chair).

## Section Election Results

Congratulations to the following new section officers and council members who will begin their new terms of service on September 1, 2025!

### Chair-Elect (3-year term):

Kerry Ard, Ohio State University

### Membership Committee Chair (2-year term):

Lacee Satcher, Boston College

### Teaching, Training and Practice Committee Chair (2-year term):

Lourdes Annette Vera, University at Buffalo, SUNY

## PLANNING FOR THE 120<sup>TH</sup> ASA ANNUAL MEETING

### Environmental Sociology Panels at ASA 2025

#### August 8 ASA Sociology of Climate Change Pre-Conference

The organizing team invites everyone to register for the **Sociology of Climate Change preconference at ASA**. As climate change becomes an undeniable reality and the federal government slashes funding for work that would address it, it is all the more important that sociologists are engaging on this issue. Though the traditional home for climate change work in sociology has been in environmental sociology, we aim for this conference to bring together scholars from diverse sub-disciplinary areas to expand the scope of climate change sociology. Panels will include discussions of climate sociology scholarship from veteran scholars, presentations of research from early career researchers coming from both environmental sociology and from other sub-disciplinary homes, and dissertation flash talks from grad students.

We are excited to continue the momentum of attention to climate change that has been building in sociology in recent years, and to facilitate

collective conversations about where sociologists can contribute on this important issue!

The preconference will be held on **August 8th** from 8am-5pm in the conference hotel [East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Michigan 2]. **Please make sure you register** for the preconference when you submit your registration for ASA. Please contact Danielle Falzon ([danielle.falzon@rutgers.edu](mailto:danielle.falzon@rutgers.edu)) or Miranda Simes ([mirandasimes@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:mirandasimes@u.northwestern.edu)) with any questions.

### SES & Select SES-Related Sessions

**for more login into the online program at:**

<https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/asa/asa25/>

**Saturday, August 9:** 4-5:30pm: "Environment, Climate Change, and Mobility" Paper Session (Program #21064) at West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Acapulco.

**Sunday, August 10:** 2-3:30pm: ASA Section and Community Open House - Table 20: Section on Animals and Society/Section on Environmental Sociology (Program #30820) at East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Grand Ballroom A.

### Monday, August 11:

- 10-11:30am: "Disaster and Inequality" Paper Session (Program #40414) at East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Bronze Level/C Floor, Roosevelt 1.

- 10-11:30am: "Climate Change, Risk, and Markets" Paper Session (Program #40463) at West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Regency D.

- 4-5:30pm: "Racial Capitalism and the Environment" Section on Environmental Sociology Paper Session (Program #41006) at East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Michigan 2.

- 6:30-8:30pm: Joint Reception: Section on Environmental Sociology; Section on Animals and Society (Program #41362) at West Tower,

Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom  
Level/Gold, Regency C.

**Tuesday, August 12:**

- 8-9:30am: "State Violence and the Environment"  
Section on Environmental Sociology Paper Session  
(Program #50217) at East Tower, Hyatt Regency  
Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze,  
Roosevelt 3B.
- 10-11:30am: "Environmental Movements and  
Counter Movements" Section  
on Environmental Sociology Paper Session  
(Program #50417) at East Tower, Hyatt Regency  
Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze,  
Roosevelt 3B.
- 12-1pm: Section  
on Environmental Sociology Roundtables  
(Program #50620) at East Tower, Hyatt Regency  
Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Grand  
Ballroom A.
- 1-1:30pm: Section  
on Environmental Sociology Business Meeting  
(Program #50720) at East Tower, Hyatt Regency  
Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Grand  
Ballroom A.
- 2-3:30pm: "Novel Approaches  
to Environmental Sociology" Section  
on Environmental Sociology Paper Session  
(Program #50817) at East Tower, Hyatt Regency  
Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze,  
Roosevelt 3B.

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