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# **ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY NEWS**

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#### PUBLICATION COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Fall 2022 Issue of the ASA Environmental Sociology Section newsletter! As the incoming chair of the Section's Publications Committee, I have taken over the job of editing the newsletter from the very capable John Chung-En Liu. Under John's stewardship, the newsletter provided a single-stop clearinghouse for information concerning Section members - it was a place to celebrate colleagues' professional accomplishments, to prepare for Section events at the Annual Meeting, and to catch up on changes to the Section's leadership and administration. I plan to preserve these important features of the newsletter, but I would also like to add some additional items. I would like to use this space to share these plans with you.

As it has in the past, the newsletter will continue to provide a record of Section members' professional accomplishments. About one month before each issue's publication date, I will send out a Call for Materials through ASA Connect and the Section listserv (thank you to everyone who provided information for this issue!). In addition to information about **scholarly publications**, I will invite information about contributions to **public sociology**. Items in the latter category might include op-eds, media interviews, and citations in print journalism; they might also include events organized with community and social action groups or contributions to advocacy organizations and campaigns.

This category is intentionally broad, so if you are unsure of whether an activity "fits", please send it in nonetheless. The purpose is to represent the full range of section members' work to build



theory and empirical knowledge in environmental sociology and to leverage this research to advance public understanding and social change. As a former member of the Section's Practice and Outreach Award Committee, I've been privileged to learn about a portion of the essential public and community engaged work that section members are undertaking and I am excited to recognize these efforts in the newsletter!

Second, I am hoping to publish one or more feature essays written by section members in each issue of the newsletter. These essays will leverage section members' expertise to provide "deep dives" into current events and public issues of interest to environmental sociologists, as well as spotlighting innovations in research or teaching practices. Feature essays have appeared in the newsletter before – the most recent is Lourdes Vera's insightful reflection on the role of mentorship in transforming academic culture, which appeared in the Summer 2022 issue. These feature essays help to support the intellectual community of the section, enabling us to extend stimulating conversations beyond the effervescence of the Annual Meeting. Quarterly Calls for Materials will include information about submitting feature essays, but in the meantime, please know that you are welcome to contact me at <u>michael.haedicke@maine.edu</u> if you would like to suggest an idea for a feature essay that you

I am honored to be stepping into this position and I am looking forward to stewarding the newsletter for the section. Should you have any additional suggestions for newsletter items or any feedback about this issue or subsequent ones, don't hesitate to reach out. All best wishes for a productive fall!

might contribute to the newsletter.

Michael Haedicke Chair, Publications Committee Associate Professor of Sociology University of Maine



#### **CALLS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH INTO THE STRUCTURAL, POLITICAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL DYNAMICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE POLITICS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

#### The **Climate Social Science Network**,

headquartered at Brown University, announces its interest in fostering research and other activities to enhance our understanding of the cultural, institutional, and political dimensions of climate change politics in nations outside the United States and Canada, especially in the Global South and non-Western countries. This research is part of a two-year project with the aim of closing the gap between knowledge and action on climate change obstruction outside of the U.S. and Canada. The period of the work will be from December 1, 2022 to September 30, 2024.

This call for proposals is open to all members of the Climate Social Science Network. The application must be received by November 1, 2022. Apply online: https://forms.gle/Ai9EHEcQm8BUg4y18

Direct questions to: Timmons Roberts, Executive Director, CSSN <u>timmons@brown.edu</u>

#### CALL FOR PAPERS: NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

As interest and discussion grow around the potential of Nature-based Solutions for Climate and Water, *PLOS Climate* and *PLOS Water* are calling for submissions for a new Collection to build the evidence and critical perspectives needed to support, enhance and challenge decisionmaking for Nature-bases Solutions. We welcome submissions of research (including theoretical, observational, computational, qualitative, mixed-methods and participatory research) addressing all aspects of the development, implementation and assessment of nature-based solutions for climate change and managing and protecting our planet's freshwater resources, including but not limited to ecological, biophysical, technological, economic, sociological, political and ethical dimensions. We especially encourage submissions of studies involving inter-/trans-disciplinary approaches and those which share perspectives from underrepresented global regions and communities.

Submission deadline: December 13, 2022

For more information and to submit a paper please see: <u>https://collections.plos.org/call-for-</u> <u>papers/nature-based-solutions/</u>

Email any queries to: <u>climate@plos.org</u> OR <u>water@plos.org</u>

# CALL FOR PAPERS: U.S. CENSUS 2020: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE

In this special issue of *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, we aim to gather researchers from multiple social science disciplines to analyze data from the 2020 Census, American Community Survey, Current Population Survey or other (administrative or qualitative) sources and provide a deep understanding of the American population, its growth, structure, diversity, and inequality. Building on work from earlier censuses, surveys, and administrative data, published by the Russell Sage Foundation (Bean and Tienda 1987, Bianchi and Spain 1986, Farley 1995, Farley and Haaga 2005, Fischer and Hout 2006, Levy 1987, Lieberson and Waters 1988, Logan 2014, among others), this issue aims to document and analyze changes, continuity, and inequality in the United States, centering on the period between 2010 and 2020. It plans to cover topics on employment, earnings, wealth, and poverty; housing and residential mobility; families and living arrangements; and gender, sexuality, race/ethnicity, and immigration among all other topics, with a focus on whether these patterns follow the trends of past decades or change in other directions.

# <u>Please click here for a full description of the</u> <u>topics covered in this call for articles.</u>

Prospective contributors should submit a CV and an abstract (up to two pages in length, single or double spaced) of their study along with up to two pages of supporting material (e.g., tables, figures, pictures, references that don't fit on the proposal pages, etc.) no later than 5 PM EST on November 16, 2022 to: <u>rsf.fluxx.io</u>

# CALL FOR PAPERS: ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY MINI-CONFERENCE

We would like to invite you to submit an abstract to an environmental sociology mini-conference at the 2023 Eastern Sociological Society annual conference.

- The submission deadline has been extended to November-1. Only title and abstract are needed!
- Location: Baltimore, MD.
- Date of the mini-conference: TBD but likely Friday and/or Saturday, Feb. 24/25, 2023.
- Co-organizers: Dr. Amanda McMillan Lequieu (Drexel University, <u>aml524@drexel.edu</u>) & Dr. Xiaorui Huang (Drexel University, <u>xh323@drexel.edu</u>)

Here is a description of the mini-conference with four broad panel themes that we hope to focus on and potentially expand upon: 1) global climate change, 2) environmental justice, racism, and inequality, 3) power, politics, and regulatory regimes, and 4) science communication and public engagement

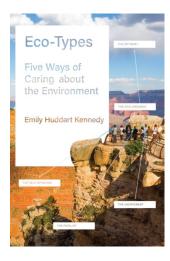
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#### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*Eco-Types: Five Ways of Caring About the Environment* Emily Huddart Kennedy Princeton University Press <u>https://press.princeton.edu/books/hardcover/9780691239569/eco-types</u>

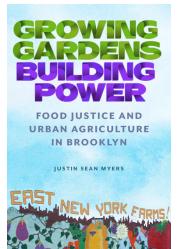


In *Eco-Types*, Emily Huddart Kennedy shows that there is more than one way to care about the environment, outlining a spectrum of eco-social relationships that range from engagement to indifference. Drawing on three years of interviews and research, Kennedy describes five archetypal relationships with the environment: the Eco-Engaged, often politically liberal, who have an acute level of concern about the environment, a moral commitment to protect it, and the conviction that an individual can make a difference; the Self-Effacing, who share the Eco-Engaged's concerns but not the belief in their own efficacy; the Optimists, often politically conservative, who are confident in their relationship with the environment, doubt the severity of environmental problems, and resent insinuations that they don't care; the Fatalists, who are pessimistic about

environmental decline and feel little responsibility to adopt environment-friendly habits; and the Indifferent, who have no affinity for any part of the environmental movement. Kennedy argues that when liberals feel they have a moral monopoly on environmental issues, polarization results. If we are serious about protecting the planet, we must acknowledge that we don't all need to care about the environment in the same way.

Emily Huddart Kennedy is associate professor of sociology at the University of British Columbia.

#### *Growing Gardens, Building Power: Food Justice and Urban Agriculture in Brooklyn* Justin Sean Myers



**Rutgers University Press** 

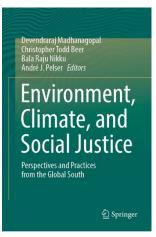
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Across the United States marginalized communities are organizing to address social, economic, and environmental inequities through building community food systems rooted in the principles of social justice. But how exactly are communities doing this work, why are residents tackling these issues through food, what are their successes, and what barriers are they encountering? This book dives into the heart of the food justice movement through an exploration of East New York Farms! (ENYF!), one of the oldest food justice organizations in Brooklyn, and one that emerged from a bottom-up, asset-oriented development model. It details the food inequities the community faces and what produced them, how and why residents mobilized to turn vacant land into community gardens, and the struggles the organization has encountered as they worked to feed residents through urban farms and farmers markets. This book also discusses how through the politics of food justice, ENYF! Has challenged the growth-oriented development politics of City Hall, opposed the neoliberalization of food politics, navigated through funding constraints of philanthropy and the welfare state, and opposed the entrance of a Walmart into their community. Through telling this story, *Growing Gardens, Building Power* offers insights into how the food justice movement is challenging the major structures and institutions that seek to curtain the transformative power of the food justice movement and its efforts to build a more just and sustainable world.

Justin Sean Myer is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at California State University, Fresno.

#### *Environment, Climate, and Social Justice: Perspectives and Practices from the Global South* Edited by Devendraraj Madhanagopal, Christopher Todd Beer, Bala Raju Nikku, and André J. Pelser Springer

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This volume uses an interdisciplinary approach to examine environmental, climate, and social justice. The contributors, overwhelmingly from the Global South, challenge the Eurocentrism that dominates knowledge production and discourses on environmental and climate injustices. The collection of works balances theoretical, empirical, and applied approaches to address environmental and climate justice challenges through the lens of social justice. Showing the complexity of the problem and the opportunities for solutions, makes it a powerful resource in teaching, research, and advocacy efforts. The book's seventeen chapters are organized into three sections: Climate and Social Justice: The Role for Social Work; Governance, Policy Advocacy and Legal Activisms in the

Global South; Critical and Social Movement Perspectives from the Global South.

Devendraraj Madhanagopal is an Assistant Professor in the School of Sustainability at XIM University in Odisha, India.

Christopher Todd Beer is in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Lake Forest College.

Bala Raju Nikku is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, Canada.

André J. Pelser is a Professor of Sociology and a Research Fellow at the University of the Free State in South Africa

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Kathryn McConnell (Postdoctoral Research Associate, Brown University Population Studies and Training Center) was interviewed for an article titled <u>"Protecting neighborhoods from</u> <u>future flames"</u> in *High Country News.* 

Jon Nelson (Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, Rhode Island School of Design) was interviewed for an article titled <u>"Nearly 10% drop flood insurance coverage in</u> <u>Rhode Island after rate hikes</u>" by WPRI Target 12 News.

Hannah Whitley (Doctoral Candidate in Rural Sociology, Pennsylvania State University) launched the <u>Ag in the Basin</u> photovoice digital gallery, a joint project of the Penn State College of Agricultural Science and the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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