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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SECTION CHAIR

Dear Environmental Sociology Section Members,

I hope you all are having the mix of rest, relaxation, productivity, and resistance that you need this summer. It is a summer of transition for me. I am wrapping up some writing and field work prior to beginning a temporary stint as Associate Provost for Faculty and Administration when I get back to the Brooklyn College campus in August.



This summer's newsletter is full of important announcements. We have our list of **new officers**, our annual **award winners**, details on our **mini-**

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**Chair's Message (Cont'd)**

**conference**, information about our **ASA sessions**, and details about our co-sponsored **reception** with the Section on Animals and Society. Thanks to the Nominations Committee (Kishi Animashaun Ducre, Brian Gareau-chair, and Kari Norgaard) for organizing elections, to our award committee chairs and their committee members (Chairs: Alissa Cordner, Andrew Jorgenson, Angela Mertig, Erica Morrell), to our Chair-Elect, Kari Norgaard, for organizing our sessions, to the Committee on Racial Equity (J.M. Bacon, Jennifer Carrera, Raoul Lievanos, Michael Mascarenhas-chair, Lauren Richter, and Elisabeth Wilder) for organizing the mini conference, and to Lori Mae Hunter, our Secretary, for organizing our off-site reception featuring vegan and vegetarian food.

I am looking forward to catching up with our members and learning from our research presentations at our mini-conference and at our ASA events in Philadelphia. Council member Jordan Besek has organized mentor-mentee pairs so that we can broaden and deepen the support of our professional networks. We live in interesting times. I'm grateful for all of the work that our colleagues in environmental sociology continue to do to connect us with each other and to make things better. As always, a big thanks to our newsletter editor, Lazarus Adua!

Wishing you all the best,

Tammy L. Lewis  
CUNY – Brooklyn College & The Graduate Center  
Chair, Environmental Sociology Section

**A WORD FROM THE CHAIR-ELECT & SECTION SESSIONS AT THE ASA CONFERENCE**

It has been quite an honor to be in the position of putting together the sessions for our upcoming time together in Philadelphia. It was a privilege to read so much of your work in advance of the conference. I am enthusiastic for our approaching time together! I offer you my appreciation that



you have entrusted me with the task of assembling our program, and my encouragement for the brilliant hard work that you all do each day and will need to do still to get yourselves to Philadelphia! All of our work matters more than ever. And we need one another more than ever as well. We need one another to do our best thinking intellectually. We need one another to nurture, support and challenge one another as human beings. Our intellectual and personal community at ASA sustains me and I look forward to it. At the same time, it matters more than ever that we grow our methodological and theoretical terrain. In the midst of rising white supremacy, the targeting of academic freedom, and what is shaping up to be the most intense wildfire seasons our nation has experienced, it matters more than ever that we are listening to and learning from all of our community. When I first joined our section and attended an ASA meeting in about 1999 or 2000 it was a difficult experience for me. Even for me as a white, mostly middle class young woman raised in a family with an academic father I did not feel like I belonged. I did not feel like I was the “right kind” of person to be there. My ideas didn’t feel like I had the “right kind” of ideas. I will be blunt, ASA and our section felt like some combination of the proverbial good old boy’s network and an elite insiders club (and to be honest in some ways at least ASA still does). As much as the academy and our discipline can be critical spaces for challenging structures of inequality and domination, they are also spaces that reproduce them. I remember vividly how listening to a talk by Dorceta Taylor was a saving grace that first year. I met David Pellow that year too and he seemed pretty cool. . .

While our section has changed substantially in the past twenty years, we still have so much more work to be done to make environmental sociology what I know it can be. In the time since I’ve joined our section we have grown in the scope of our critical analysis. I remember when John Bellamy Foster published the first piece by an environmental sociologist in the American Journal of Sociology. His work has expanded the theoretical terrain enormously. We’ve made great progress regarding gender representation too (though our integration of feminist theorizing into

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## Chair Elect's Word (Cont'd)

the core of environmental sociology still needs to be expanded). I am proud of the history of the work of Robert Bullard, Dorceta Taylor and more on environmental justice. I am hopeful that we are about to turn a corner in the sophistication and breadth of our thinking about race and the representation of scholars of color within our section. I am deeply grateful for the work that Michael Mascarenhas, Raoul Lievanos, J.M. Bacon, Jennifer Carrera, Lauren Richter, and Elisabeth Wilder are doing on the race and environmental sociology mini-conference that will take place on Friday August 10. Here is a link to the mini-conference:

<https://raceandenvironment.wordpress.com/>)

In short, in the past twenty years we have made important headway in our thinking about how the natural world matters for the social, but we still have more theoretical sophistication when it comes to macro phenomenon such as the contribution of environmental decline to the instability of capitalism or dynamics of globalization. Our session topics reflect my attempt to bring new thinking in areas I see as vital (Indigenous Peoples and Colonialism and theory on Emotions), while balancing some of our key strengths (e.g. the Public Environmental Sociology panel and the many excellent roundtables). As you may know, I have been working with and learning from an indigenous community – the Karuk Tribe - in Northern California for about 15 years. The work I've done with them on the social and health impacts of the Klamath River dams, on water quality standards and more recently on climate adaptation planning in relation to the cultural use of fire has changed my life in the best possible ways. It has also turned so much of what I thought I knew about the world onto its head. The near total absence of Indigenous peoples within ASA, the dearth of theorizing on settler-colonialism, and the way that most sociological theory unconsciously normalizes and advances the assumptions and aspirations of the settler-colonial state disturbs me greatly.

I invite you to work with me, with us, on this task of creating a bigger, more diverse and more vibrant environmental sociology. All of us have critical roles to

play here. Especially if you are white I want to remind you that it matters that you attend the sessions of environmental scholars of color, listen to what they have to say, cite their work, figure out how it relates to your own, make links from their work to the questions, ideas and concerns you have. We as a community are skilled and caring. We have great minds and hearts. I know this from personal experience because this community supported me through times of intellectual and personal turmoil. Together we can challenge and nurture one another to bring out the best environmental sociology. I look forward to being with you!

We'll start things off bright and early on Saturday August 11 in the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Salon G, Level 5, with our Council Meeting from 7am-8:15 am, our Roundtables from 8:30-9:30 followed by our section Business Meeting from 9:30-10:10.

Our three fabulous panels (**Emotional Politics of Environmental Threats; Indigenous Peoples, Colonialism and Environmental sociology; and Public Environmental Sociology**) will take us across the day from 10:30-6:10. After that we can all make our way over to **Maggiano's Little Italy** where we'll have our section reception together with the Animals and Society section members from 6:30-8:30.

I've spelled out more details on the panels and their locations below. Keep an eye out also for the Regular Environmental Sociology Session on "Governance and Climate Policy" organized by Bob Brulle, the Thematic Session on Environmental Justice organized by Dorceta Taylor, the Special Session by Zulema Valdez on "Sociology of the Anthropocene" and Jeff Broadbent's Special session, "Feeling Climate Change: The U.S. Experience in Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Perspective."

Kari Marie Norgaard  
Associate Professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies  
University of Oregon

*See Section Meetings, Panels, Sessions & locations below.*

**Section Meetings, Panels, & Sessions:**

**Council Meeting**

**Saturday, August 11**

**Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Salon G, Level 5, 7am-8:15 am**

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**The Environmental Sociology Refereed Roundtable Sessions**

**Saturday, August 11**

**Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Salon G, Level 5, 8:30-9:30am**

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**Section Business Meeting**

**Saturday, August 11**

**Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Salon G, Level 5, 9:30-10:10**

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**Emotional Politics of Environmental Threats**

**Saturday, August 11**

**Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Franklin Hall 12, Level 4, 10:30am-12:10pm**

Presider: Debra J. Davidson, University of Alberta

Avoiding Climate Change: Everyday Denial and the Production of Agnostic Adaptation

Liz Koslov, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Becoming Environmentalists: The Role of Childhood Experiences in Shaping Environmental Identities

Amanda M. Dewey, University of Maryland-College Park

Emotional Politics and Adaptation to Risk in a Cancer Cluster Town

Laura Hart, Missouri State University

Love of Land: Environmentalism, Nationalism, and the Struggle over the Establishment of New Communities in Israel

Shai M. Dromi, Harvard University; Liron Shani, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Who Speaks for the Place? Identity and Nostalgia in Conflicts over Resource Extractive and Conservation

Erik Kojola, University of Minnesota

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**Indigenous Peoples, Colonialism, and Environmental Sociology**

**Saturday, August 11**

**Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Franklin Hall 13, Level 4, 2:30-4:10pm**

Ready to Burn: State Territoriality, Fire Suppression, and the Making of Karuk Vulnerability

Kirsten Rae Vinyeta, University of Oregon

Dismantling the Ideological Foundations of Colonization: The Cultural Dynamics of Indigenous Claims-making

Julia Miller Cantzler, University of San Diego

Dangerous Pipelines, Dangerous People: Colonial Ecological Violence and Media Framing of Threat in DAPL Coverage

J.M. Bacon, Grinnell College

The Enactment of Natures Rights: The De-Colonial Possibilities of Colorado River v. Colorado

Yvonne P. Sherwood, University of California-Santa Cruz

Why Was Standing Rock and the NoDapl Campaign So Historic?

Erich W. Steinman, Pitzer College

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**Section on Environmental Sociology. Public Environmental Sociology**

**Saturday, August 11**

**Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Franklin Hall 12, Level 4, 4:30-6:10pm**

Presider Phil Brown, Northeastern

Applying Indigenous Models of Peer Listening to Understand Community Impacts of the Gold King Mine Spill

Rebecca J. Clausen, Fort Lewis College; Karletta Chief, University of Arizona; Theresa Montoya, New York University; Steven

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**Meetings, Panels, & Sessions (cont'd)**

Chishchilly, Fort Lewis College; Janene Yazzie, Tó' Bei Nihi Dzil; Jack Turner, Southwest Colorado Community College; Lisa Marie Jacobs, Independent Scholar; Ashley Merchant, Independent Scholar

Climate Information? Embedding Climate Futures within Social Temporalities of California Water Management

Zeke Baker, University of California-Davis; Julia Ekstrom, University of California-Davis; Louise Bedworth, State of California Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Environmental Chemicals and Public Sociology: Engaged Scholarship on Highly Fluorinated Compounds

Alissa Cordner, Whitman College; Phil Brown, Northeastern University; Lauren Richter, Northeastern University

Environmental Justice for Whom? A Spatiotemporal Study of Brownfield Redevelopment and Gentrification in the United States

Marisol Becerra, Ohio State University

Gender Dynamics in a Popular Epidemiology Approach to Legal Enforcement

Sherrie M. Steiner, Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne

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**Environmental Sociology Reception (co-sponsored with the Animals and Society Section)**

**Saturday, August 11**

**6:30-8:30 Maggiano's Little Italy | 1201 Filbert Street | Philadelphia, PA 19107**

Vegan and vegetarian options will be available

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**Thematic Session. Environmental Justice: A Sociological Imperative**

**Sunday, August 12**

**Pennsylvania Convention Center, 108B, Level 100, 12:30-2:10pm**

Session Organizer: Dorceta E. Taylor, University of Michigan

Presider: Dorceta E. Taylor, University of Michigan

Panelists:

Steven R. Brechin, Rutgers University; Dorceta E. Taylor, University of Michigan; David Pellow, University of California-Santa Barbara; & Kerry Ard, Ohio State University

The session will explore new arguments about the impact of environmental hazards on people of color, including the mobilization efforts that such people have made in response to their recognizing that such hazards impinge on their lives. The papers focus on the contributions that sociologists have recently been making to better understand the racial implications of social engagement with the physical environment.

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**Regular Sessions. Governance and Climate Policy**

**Monday, August 13**

**Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 406, Level 4, 2:30-4:10pm**

Session Organizer: Robert Brulle, Drexel University

Presider: Steven R. Brechin, Rutgers University

Privileged Accounts and Industry-driven Discourse in the Debate over Coal fired Power

Anya Mikael Galli Robertson, University of Maryland

Supporting Climate Policy: A Case Study of Environmental Group Tactics and Improving Political Feasibility in Oregon

Janet A. Lorenzen, Willamette University

The Art of Government: Climate Change, Resilience, and Racial Neoliberalism

Kirsten Rae Vinyeta, University of Oregon

The Politics of Climate Change: The Impact of Structural Shifts on Climate Change Policy

Loredana Loy, Cornell University

Discussant: Simone Pulver, University of California-Santa Barbara

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Meetings, Panels, & Sessions (cont'd)

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**Special Session. Sociology of the Anthropocene**

**Tuesday, August 14**

**Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Franklin Hall 8,  
Level 4, 8:30-10:10am**

Session Organizer: Zulema Valdez, University of  
California-Merced

Presider: Crystal Marie Fleming, State University of  
New York-Stony Brook

Seeking Allies in the Anthropocene: Climate  
Activism in New England Agriculture  
Brian J. Gareau, Boston College

The Gendered and Racialized Political Economy of  
Climate Change-induced Displacements and  
Migrations

Marta Maria Maldonado, Oregon State  
University

Gendering the Anthropocene: Women's Places,  
Men's Voices, and the Science of Global Climate  
Change

Joane Nagel, University of Kansas

What Anthropocene/Whose Anthropocene?  
Revitalizing Sociological Theory in the Service of  
Human Survival

Kari Marie Norgaard, University of Oregon

**Note:** This special session introduces and develops a new area of sociological research that interrogates climate change as a social problem. The session focuses on theoretical and empirical research investigating the relationships between human and social dynamics, institutions, and systems, and the causes and consequences of climate change in the Anthropocene epoch. The session focuses on micro, meso, and macro-level approaches to the study of climate change including attitudes, emotions and perceptions related to climate change, how intersectional dimensions of identity and collectivity condition unequal treatment/outcomes, local and state interventions in comparative perspective, and social movements and environmental justice efforts aimed at reducing, mitigating, or adapting to the effects of climate change.

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**Special Session. Feeling Climate Change: The U.S. Experience in Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Perspective**

**Tuesday, August 14**

**Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Franklin Hall 8,  
Level 4, 12:30-2:10pm**

Session Organizer:

Jeffrey Broadbent, University of Minnesota

Climate Change: Living Experiences of Fear, Guilt  
and Privilege

Kari Marie Norgaard, University of Oregon

Waking Students Up to the Anthropocene: Inviting  
Resilience As Opposed to Despair

Phoebe Christina Godfrey, University of  
Connecticut

Prepping for the End of the World as We Know It:  
Emotions, Culture and Environmental Risk

Allison Ford, University of Oregon

**Feeling CO2LONIALISM**

Carla May Dhillon, University of Michigan; J. M.  
Bacon, Grinnell College

The United States has the capacity to be a world leader in global solutions to climate change, namely the global reduction of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions. However, it has largely abdicated that potential. This panel explores some of the sociological aspects of that failure rooted in the popular feeling-structure or emotional culture of climate change as it differs by racial, ethnic and gender categories.

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**Another Session of Potential Interest –From  
Joshua Sbicca**

The Food and Agriculture paper session will feature some environmental sociologists and topics of interest to section members. Sat, August 11, 4:30 to 6:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 13.

## SECTION NEWS

### Elections Results

The section is pleased to announce the results of its recent elections. Thanks to the nominations committee and to everyone who was willing to run for office.

#### Chair-Elect (term begins in 2018):

Jill Harrison, University of Colorado-Boulder

#### Secretary (3-year term begins in 2018):

Hannah Holleman, Amherst College

#### Policy and Research Committee Chair (2-year term begins in 2018):

John Zinda, Cornell University

#### Nominations Chair (2-year term begins in 2018):

Tracy Perkins, Howard University

#### Publications Committee Chair (2-year term begins in 2018)

Joshua Sbicca, Colorado State University

#### Council Member-at-Large (2-year term begins in 2018)

Emily Huddart Kennedy, University of British Columbia

#### Council Member, Student (2-year term begins in 2018):

Apollonya Maria Porcelli, Brown University

#### Digital Communications Committee Co-Chair (2-year term begins in 2018):

Nathan Lindstedt, Washington State University  
Justin Sean Myers, California State University, Fresno

### Awards

The section is pleased to announce the following awards. Many thanks to the award chairs and committees!

#### Fred Buttel Distinguished Contribution Award

Awardee: Kenneth A. Gould, CUNY/Brooklyn College

Committee Chair: Andrew Jorgenson, Boston College

Committee members: Section Council (except for Tammy Lewis due to conflict of interest)

#### Marvin E. Olsen Student Paper Award

Awardee: Erik Kojola, University of Minnesota, for his paper: "Who Speaks for the Place? Identity and Nostalgia in Conflicts over Resource Extraction and Conservation."

Honorable Mention: Camila H. Alvarez and Kathryn G. Norton-Smith, University of Oregon, for their paper "Environmental Inequality in Latino Destinations: Estimated Cancer Risk from Air Toxics in Latino traditional and emerging destinations."

Committee Chair: Alissa Cordner, Whitman College

Committee members: Eric Bonds, Julia A. Flagg, Feng Hao, Anna C. McCreery

#### Allan Schnaiberg Outstanding Publication Award

Awardee: Alissa Cordner, Whitman College, for her book *Toxic Safety: Flame Retardants, Chemical Controversies, and Environmental Health*

Honorable Mention: Justin Farrell, Yale University, for his book *The Battle for Yellowstone: Morality and the Sacred Roots of Environmental Conflict*

Committee Chair: Angela Mertig, Middle Tennessee State University

Committee members: Emily Huddart Kennedy, Norah Mackendrick, Tarique Niazi, John Aloysius Zinda

#### Teaching and Mentorship Award

Awardee: Michael Bell, University of Wisconsin

Committee Chair: Erica Morrell, Middlebury College

Committee members: Albert Fu, Josh Sbicca, Anthony Silvaggio

## CALLS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Bridging the Gap. A Mini-Conference on Race and the Environment**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

A Mini-Conference hosted by the Environmental Sociology's Section, Committee on Racial Equity, and funded by the support of the National Science Foundation's Sociology Program. Located at

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## **Bridging the Gap (cont'd)**

Temple University, Room 320, 1515 Market Street,  
Philadelphia, PA 19102.

*Opening* (9:00-10:00)

### **Keynote**

David Pellow, University of California, Santa  
Barbara (confirmed): "Toward a Critical  
Environmental Justice. Black Lives Matter as an  
Environmental Justice Challenge"

## **Session I: Barriers to Equity and Diversity** (10:00- 11:00)

Panel:

Bob Bullard, Texas Southern University  
Michelle Jacob, University of Oregon  
Chyrl Corbin (Graduate Student, ESPM, UC  
Berkeley).

Facilitator: Michael Mascarenhas, University of  
California, Berkeley

## **Session II: From Outside the Academy** (11:15- 12:15)

Emily Eisenhauer, Ph.D. EPA Office of Research  
Development. "Bridging the Gap Between the  
Academy and....". An Agency's Response."

Jacqui Patterson, Senior Director, Environmental  
and Climate Justice Program, The National  
Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Presider: Jennifer Carrera, Michigan State  
University

Discussant: Elisabeth Wilder, Northeastern  
University

*Lunch* (12:15-1:15)

## **Session III: Inside Looking Out** (1:15-2:45)

Michael Warren Murphy. Brown University.  
"Whiteness in the Web of Life. Rethinking Race and  
Environment with a Postcolonial Environmental  
Sociology.

Anne Saville and Alison E. Adams. University of  
Florida. "Seeking Justice, Critical Environmental

Racism, Intersectionality, and Black Women  
Farmworker Activism."

Tracy Perkins. Howard University "Origin Stories. *At  
the Crossroads of Protest and Policy: Three  
Generations of California Environmental Justice  
Activism.*"

George Lipsitz (UC Santa Barbara) and Sarah Rios  
(sociology graduate student, UC Santa Barbara),  
"Reclaiming Objectivity: Phronesis as a Research  
Strategy for Social Justice."

Presider: Raoul Lievanos, University of Oregon

Discussant: Lauren Richter, Northeastern University

*Afternoon Break* (2:45-3:15)

## **Session IV: Outside Looking In** (3:15-4:45)

Danielle Purifoy and Louise Seamster. Duke  
University. "Creative Extraction: Black Towns in  
White Space."

Jade Sasser. UC Riverside. "Eugenic USA: Race  
and Environmentalism in the Making of 20th Century  
America."

Kiran Asher. University of Massachusetts,  
Amherst. "What Scholars of US Environmental  
Justice Struggles Can Learn from the Environmental  
Imagaries of Third World Social Movements."

Presider: Lauren Richter, Northeastern University

Discussant: Michael Mascarenhas, UC, Berkeley

*Reception* (4:45-5:30)

Here is the URL to the conference website  
<https://raceandenvironment.wordpress.com/>. To  
RSVP, follow this

link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczyifz9KtuglULnQ5Pkpwx\\_uDalYhzfa9HaknpLmiCFCbSAg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczyifz9KtuglULnQ5Pkpwx_uDalYhzfa9HaknpLmiCFCbSAg/viewform)

## **Journal Special Issue:**

**Special Issue on "Agricultural Production and  
Global Climate Change: Social, Cultural, and**

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## Journal Special Issue (cont'd)

**Agroecological Aspects of the Agriculture/Climate Interface" in the Journal [Sustainability](#)**

This Special Issue aims to attract scholars in the social and natural sciences to provide an interdisciplinary arrangement of research on issues related to agricultural production and climate change. Global climate change is creating and/or exacerbating adverse conditions for agricultural producers and their communities; at the same time, many agricultural practices contribute globally to anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. We are interested in reviewing case studies worldwide that investigate both these conditions as well as the ways in which agricultural communities (from the Global North to the Global South) are responding to these conditions, creating networks of resilience, finding alternative ways of growing, and engaging with scientific knowledge on global climatic change. Theoretical explorations are encouraged, but we ask that they contain a case study component. Works in rural sociology, agroecology, environmental sociology, environmental studies, anthropology, political ecology, human and political geography, and related fields are sought and encouraged.

Deadline for manuscript submissions: **1 June 2019**

*Guest Editors*

Dr. Brian Gareau

Dr. Tara Pisani Gareau

**Manuscript Submission Information**

Manuscripts should be submitted online at [www.mdpi.com](http://www.mdpi.com) by [registering](#) and [logging in to this website](#). Once you are registered, [click here to go to the submission form](#). Manuscripts can be submitted until the deadline. All papers will be peer-reviewed. Accepted papers will be published continuously in the journal (as soon as accepted) and will be listed together on the special issue website. Research articles, review articles as well as short communications are invited. For planned papers, a title and short abstract (about 100 words) can be sent to the Editorial Office for announcement on this website.

**2018 Eric Wolf Prize Announcement**

The Political Ecology Society (PESO) announces the 2018 Eric Wolf Prize for the best article-length paper. We seek papers based in substantive field research that make an innovative contribution to political ecology. Clear links to specific political ecology ideas and literature are important. To be eligible for the competition, scholars must be no more than two years past the Ph.D. A cash prize of \$500 accompanies the award, which will be presented together with delivering the paper at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology (the committee is open to discussing arrangements for presenting the award at an alternative meeting as suited to the winning candidate). The paper will be published in the Journal of Political Ecology; the prize reviewers may suggest revisions before the item is published. The preferred format for papers is electronic. (But, please contact us, if you need to send in some other format.) Please use the style guidelines provided on the Journal of Political Ecology webpage: <http://jpe.library.arizona.edu>.

Electronic copies should be sent to Dr. Thomas K. Park ([tpark@email.arizona.edu](mailto:tpark@email.arizona.edu)). The deadline for submission is Aug. 15, 2018, midnight Arizona time (Pacific Time in August).

**PUBLICATIONS****Books****Food Justice Now! Deepening the Roots of Social Struggle.**

Joshua Sbicca 2018

(University of Minnesota Press, 2018)

<https://www.upress.umn.edu/book-division/books/food-justice-now>

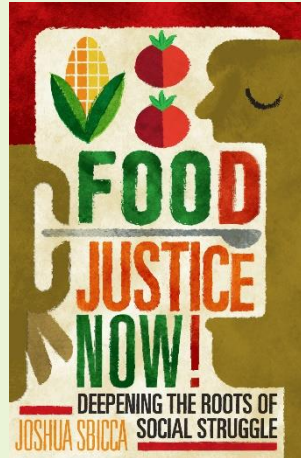
*Food Justice Now!* charts a path from food activism to social justice activism that integrates the two. In an engrossing, historically grounded, and ethnographically rich narrative, Joshua Sbicca argues

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that food justice is more than a myopic focus on food allowing scholars and activists alike to investigate the causes behind inequities and evaluate and implement political strategies to overcome them.

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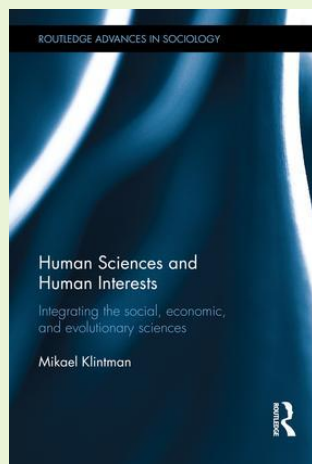


## Human Sciences and Human Interests: Integrating the Social, Economic, and Evolutionary.

Mikael Klintman  
(Routledge, 2018)

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Within the disciplines of social, economic, and evolutionary science, a proud ignorance can often be found of the other areas' approaches. This text provides a novel intellectual basis for breaking this trend. Certainly, *Human Sciences and Human Interests* aspires to open a broad debate about what scholars in the different human sciences assume, imply or explicitly claim with regard to human interests.



Mikael Klintman draws the reader to the core of human sciences - how they conceive human interests, as well as how interests embedded within each discipline relate to its claims and recommendations. Moreover, by comparing theories as well as concrete examples of research on health and environment through the lenses of social, economic and evolutionary sciences, Klintman outlines an integrative

framework for how human interests could be better analyzed across all human sciences.

This fast-paced and modern contribution to the field is a necessary tool for developing any human scientist's ability to address multidimensional problems within a rapidly changing society. Avoiding dogmatic reasoning, this interdisciplinary text offers new insights and will be especially relevant to scholars and advanced students within the aforementioned disciplines, as well as those within the fields of social work, social policy, political science and other neighboring disciplines.

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## Ecologically Unequal Exchange: Environmental Injustice in Comparative and Historical Perspective.

R. Scott Frey, Paul K. Gellert and Harry F. Dahms  
(Editors)  
(Palgrave MacMillan, 2018)

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At a time of societal urgency surrounding ecological crises from depleted fisheries to mineral extraction and potential pathways towards environmental and ecological justice, this book re-examines ecologically unequal exchange (EUE) from a historical and comparative perspective. The theory of ecologically unequal exchange posits that core or northern consumption



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and capital accumulation is based on peripheral or southern environmental degradation and extraction. In other words, structures of social and environmental inequality between the Global North and Global South are founded in the extraction of materials from, as well as displacement of waste to, the South. This volume represents a set of tightly interlinked papers with the aim to assess ecologically unequal exchange and to move it forward. Chapters are organized into three main sections: theoretical foundations and critical reflections on ecologically unequal exchange; empirical research on mining, deforestation, fisheries, and the like; and strategies for responding to the adverse consequences associated with unequal ecological exchange. Scholars as well as advanced undergraduate and graduate students will benefit from the spirited re-evaluation and extension of ecologically unequal exchange theory, research, and praxis.

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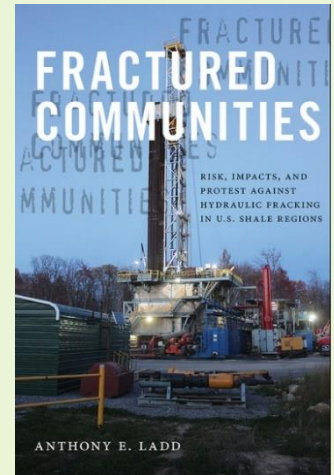
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**Fractured Communities: Risk, Impacts, and Protest Against Hydraulic Fracking in U.S. Shale Regions.**

Anthony E. Ladd (Editor)  
(Rutgers University Press, 2018)

<https://www.rutgersuniversitypress.org/fractured-communities/9780813587660>

While environmental disputes and conflicts over fossil fuel extraction have grown in recent years, few issues have been as contentious in the twenty-first century as those surrounding the impacts of unconventional natural gas and oil development using hydraulic drilling and fracturing techniques—more commonly known as “fracking”—on local communities. In *Fractured Communities*, Anthony E. Ladd and other leading environmental sociologists present a set of crucial case studies analyzing the differential risk perceptions, socio-environmental impacts, and mobilization of citizen protest (or quiescence) surrounding unconventional energy development and hydraulic fracking in a number of key U.S. shale regions. *Fractured Communities* reveals how this contested terrain is expanding, pushing the issue of fracking into the mainstream of the American political arena.



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**Organizing the 1%: How Corporate Power Works.**

William K Carroll and J. P. Sapinski  
(Fernwood Publishing, 2018)

Canada is ruled by an organized minority of the 1%, a class of corporate owners, managers and bankers who amass wealth by controlling the large corporations at the core of the economy. But corporate power also reaches into civil society and politics in many ways that greatly constrain democracy.

In organizing the 1%, William K. Carroll and J.P. Sapinski provide a unique, evidence-based

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## Organizing the 1% (cont'd)

perspective on corporate power in Canada and illustrate the various ways it directs and shapes economic, political and cultural life. A highly accessible introduction to Marxist political economy, Carroll and Sapinski delve into the capitalist economic system at the root of corporate wealth and power and analyze the ways the capitalist class dominates over contemporary Canadian society. The authors illustrate how corporate power perpetuates inequality and injustice. They follow the development of corporate power through Canadian history, from its roots in settler-colonialism and the dispossession of Indigenous peoples from their land, to the concentration of capital into giant corporations in the late nineteenth century. More recently, capitalist globalization and the consolidation of a market-driven neoliberal regime have dramatically enhanced corporate power while exacerbating social and economic inequalities. The result is our current oligarchic order, where power is concentrated in a few corporations that are controlled by the super-wealthy and organized into a cohesive corporate elite.

Finally, Carroll and Sapinski offer possibilities for placing corporate power where it actually belongs: in the dustbin of history.

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## MEMBER NEWS

**Jennifer S. Carrera** was awarded an NIH K01 award for 2018-2021. This is a National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Transition to Independent Environmental Health Research (TIEHR) Career Award. This is a \$470,300 three-year award for the research project *Engaging Community in the Development of Low Cost Technologies for Environmental Monitoring to Promote Environmental Health Literacy in a Low-Trust Setting*. The grant will be used to work with residents in Flint, Michigan to develop novel, low-cost resources for environmental monitoring with the aims of enhancing self and community-efficacy towards protecting public health. Please join in extending well-deserved congratulations to Dr. Carrera!

## TRANSITIONS

### Job Change and Promotion

**Brian Gareau** became Associate Dean for the Core, Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences, Boston College.

Please join in extending well-deserved congratulations to Dr. Gareau

### Transition to Eternity

**William “Bill” Flinn** (1938 – 2018), longtime professor at the Ohio State University, passed away on June 9, 2018 at Columbus, OH. Bill Flinn published and taught quite extensively in subjects related to environmental and agricultural sociology. One thing many of us may not know about Bill is that he helped mentor our late section stalwart, Fred Buttel.

Let's join the Ohio State University community in mourning Professor William Flinn.