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LOCATIONS & RESOURCES

Registration and Information Desk

2nd Floor of the ‘90’
Check in, grab your nametag, and say hello. A friendly volunteer will be available all day on Friday and Saturday to answer questions and welcome you to DOPE 2016.

Parking

Sports Center Garage
Discounted parking passes for this garage can be purchased for $10 at the registration desk, and can be used when leaving the structure.

Rose Street Garage
Free parking, for Saturday only

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William T. Young Library
Conference participants can request a key for this private room at the library circulation desk, just inside the building entrance.

Internet Access

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After connecting to the network open your web browser and you will be able to log-on as a guest.

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Ricoh Document Service Center
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Kinko’s
E. Main St., Suite 130
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The 90
Ample seating on the ground floor

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Field Trips

Spirit of Kentucky Bourbon Tour
12:00pm – 5:00pm

Lexington Walking Tour
3:00pm – 4:15pm

Local Agriculture Tour
10:00am – 2:30pm
Sponsored by the University of Kentucky Appalachian Center.
Sponsored by The Food Connection @ UK

Mountaintop Removal Witness Tour
8:00am – 5:00pm
Sponsored by the University of Kentucky Appalachian Center

Informal Conference Welcome and FoodChain Tour
7:00pm – 10:00pm

FoodChain is a nonprofit that operates Kentucky’s first indoor commercial Aquaponics Farm. It will soon expand to include a Teaching and Processing Kitchen and a Neighborhood Grocery. They aim to give people the means to access and contribute to healthy, local, and diverse food systems. Sponsored by The Food Connection @ UK

West Sixth Brewing and FoodChain (Suite 105)
501 West Sixth St.
Lexington KY 40508

Guided Tour
7:15pm – 7:30pm

Open House
7:30pm – 8:30pm
Political Ecology 101
What Is Political Ecology?

The Political Ecology Working Group invites all University of Kentucky Undergraduates and Graduate Students to participate in Political Ecology 101, a series of two introductory seminars to be held on Friday February 26, 2015 in the 90’s private dining room on the UK Campus. This event consists of two casual seminars, each introducing the field of political ecology from a different disciplinary perspective. Both are open to all University of Kentucky Undergraduate and Graduate Students; participants are not required to register for the DOPE conference.

What Is Political Ecology? Perspectives from Development
Betsy Beymer-Farris, PhD
10:00am – 11:00am
Private Dining Room, The ’90’

What Is Political Ecology? Perspectives from Food and Agriculture
Ali Meyer-Rossi, PhD
12:00pm – 1:00pm
Private Dining Room, The ’90’
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

Breakfast
7:30am – 11:00am

Block 1
9:00am – 10:40am

1. Exploring ‘Dynamic Sustainabilities’ in the Anthropocene
   Room 211, The ‘90’

   Organizers
   Mathew Bukhi Mabele [Geography, University of Zurich]
   Jacob Weger [Anthropology, University of Georgia]

   Chair
   Eric Huntley [Geography, University of Kentucky]

   Discussant
   Amber Huff [Anthropology, Institute of Development Studies and the ESRC STEPS Centre, University of Sussex]

   The Contribution of the Concept of Landesque Capital to a Political Ecology of the Anthropocene
   Nils Thomas Håkansson [Anthropology, University of Kentucky]

   The Omelette Paradox: On Using Fear and Urgency As Strategies to Stop Environmental Challenges
   Ehsan Nabavi [Politics and International Relations, Australian National University]

   ‘This land has energy’: Power and sustainability in Yukon First Nations’
   environmental governance
   Julia Duchesne [Renewable energy and Environment, Yukon Conservation Society]

   Anthropocene and Wicked Systems
   Claes Andersson [Energy and Environment, Chalmers University of Technology]
   Petter Törnberg [Energy and Environment, Chalmers University of Technology]

2. The Politics of Land Tenure and Governance
   Room 215, The ‘90’

   Organizers
   University of Kentucky Political Ecology Working Group
Chair
Karen Stevens (Anthropology, University of Kentucky)

Landscapes of Debt: Microfinance, Morality, and Land Tenure in Cambodia
Jennifer Estes (Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison)
W. Nathan Green (Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Who wants to buy a piece of paradise?: The Integrated Resorts Scheme and Accumulation by Regulation in Mauritius
Poonam Jusrut (Geography, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

3. Ideologies of Technology
Room 217, The '90

Organizer
Lila Wakeman (Philosophy, University of Kentucky)
Bob Sandmeyer (Philosophy, University of Kentucky)
Clay Graham (Philosophy, University of Kentucky)

Marcuse’s Hegelian Rejection of the Ideology of “Fact”
Lila Wakeman (Philosophy, University of Kentucky)

Wendell Berry’s Critique of the Ideology of Technology in Modern Agriculture
Bob Sandmeyer (Philosophy, University of Kentucky)

Technology and the Mesh
Clay Graham (Philosophy, University of Kentucky)

Room 219, The ‘90

Organizer
Patrick Hurley (Environmental Studies, Ursinus College)

Chair
Patrick Hurley (Environmental Studies, Ursinus College)

Michael Classens (Geography, University of Western Ontario)

Imagining Commodification of Future Knowledge Systems: “Free-markets” and “Bioeconomies”
Tess Doezema (Social Dimensions of Science and Technology, Arizona State University)
Saying “no” to the Oxygen Capital? Resistance to amenity development in the Ida Mountains of western Turkey
Patrick Hurley [Environmental Studies, Ursinus College]
Yılmaz Arı [Balikesir University]

5. In Value’s Shadows: Degradation as Accumulation Frontier
Room 231, The ’90’

Organizers
Sarah Knuth [Urban Planning, University of Michigan]
Jenny Goldstein [Science & Technology Studies, Cornell University]

Chair
Sarah Knuth [Urban Planning, University of Michigan]

Discussant
Sarah Knuth [Urban Planning, University of Michigan]

Re-valuation through devolution: burned peatland and scalar politics in Indonesia
Jenny Goldstein [Science & Technology Studies, Cornell University]

In search of a silver bullet: Renewable energy generation and infrastructure financing districts at the Salton Sea
Alida Cantor [Geography, Clark University]

Trash as Cash: Informal waste collection in the Global South, a case from South Africa
Anesu Makina [Geography, Florida State University]

Opportunity/Crisis: Climate Change, Development, and the Politics of Uncertainty in Bangladesh
Kasia Paprocki [Development Sociology, Cornell University]

6. Hybrid Cultural Landscapes: Race and Power in Community-Based Food Systems
Part of the Political Ecologies of Food, Agriculture and Justice Track
Room 202, The ’90’

Organizers
Lilian Brislen [University of Kentucky]

New Imaginations for Food Justice Movements: A Case Study of a Community Organized Cooperative Buying Club
Heather Hyden [Community and Leadership Development, University of Kentucky]

Hybrid Landscapes of Power and Knowledge in a Refugee Urban Farming Program
Melissa Jean [Ecosystem Science and Management, Independent Researcher]
Exploring the Cultural Landscape of Social Justice and Food Security at the World Expo
Sara Alana Stein (Food Security, University of Tennessee-Knoxville)

Seeing Like a Peasant: The Social Production of Meaningful Places and Economic Relationships Among Immigrants and Native-Citizen Agricultural Producers in Louisville, KY
Tyler Short (Cultural Anthropology, University of Louisville)

7. Political Ecologies of University Space-Times
Room B-108C, W.T. Young Library Basement

Organizers
Jack Braunstein (Geography, University of Vermont)
Caroline DeCunzo (Geography, University of Vermont)
Sammie Ibrahim (Geography, University of Vermont)
Eli Meyerhoff (Education, Duke University)
Elsa Noterman (Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Chair
Ingrid L. Nelson (Geography, University of Vermont)

Revolutionary Scholarship by Any Speed Necessary: Slow or Fast but for the End of This World
Eli Meyerhoff (Education, Duke University)
Elsa Noterman (Geography, University of Wisconsin – Madison)

Building certain futures: the politics of transforming a university campus landscape in Vermont
Jack Braunstein (Geography, University of Vermont)

#UVMTrees: The politics of making a ‘Tree Campus’ in Vermont
Caroline DeCunzo (Geography, University of Vermont)

Becoming Data: Narrating Sustainable Campus Landscapes in an Era of Many ‘Green’ Rating Practices
Ingrid L. Nelson (Geography, University of Vermont)

The internationalization of campus greening: A case study of Kazakhstan’s Nazarbayev University and Qatar’s Education City
Sammie Ibrahim (Geography, University of Vermont)
WELCOME ADDRESS
11:00am – 12:00pm

Changing the Field: Constructing Authority Outside and Inside the Academy
Rebecca Lave [Geography, Indiana University]
William T. Young Library Auditorium

The current upheaval in science policy, funding, and authority is having profound consequences outside and inside the academy. In this talk, I analyze the causes of this upheaval, its impacts on knowledge production, and the political consequences of those impacts. I argue that as scholars and activists we have a central role to play in shaping the outcome of these shifts, and giving an emancipatory tilt to the evolving science regime outside and inside the university.

Lunch on your Own
12:00pm – 1:30pm

Block 2
1:30pm – 3:10pm

1. Bringing STS to the Table I
Part of the Political Ecologies of Food, Agriculture and Justice Track
Room 211, The ‘90’

Organizers
Gretchen Sneegas [Geography, University of Georgia]
June Brawner [Anthropology, University of Georgia]
Hannah Burnett [Anthropology, University of Chicago]

Chair
June Brawner [Anthropology, University of Georgia]

Producing/consuming food and knowledge: Fertile ground at the intersection of STS and food studies
Gretchen Sneegas [Geography, University of Georgia]

‘Modernizing’ Agriculture in Fiji: Knowledge, power & visibility in climate-smart agriculture
Delilah Griswold [Forestry & Environmental Studies, Yale University]

When More is Not Enough: Science Making and Science Taking in Agrarian India
Natasha Susan Koshy [Social Science, Syracuse University]

From vacuum-sealed veggies to worms in apples: How Farm to School is disrupting existing knowledge structures that govern schools
Jennifer Thompson [Crop and Soil Sciences/Anthropology, University of Georgia]
2. **Comedy of the Commons I**  
*Room 215, The '90*

**Organizers**  
Tad Mutersbaugh (Geography, University of Kentucky)  
Karen Rignall (University of Kentucky)

Jaguar Lunch  
Tad Mutersbaugh (Geography, University of Kentucky)

Spectres of localism in struggles to reclaim Commons and the State: public revenues, reclamation, and regenerative economies in Appalachia  
Betsy Taylor (Anthropology, Virginia Tech)

Garrett Grady-Lovelace (Geography, American University)

Reincarnating Commons: Laughter as Spatial Practice in the Kingdom of Coal  
Mary Hufford (Folklore, Virginia Tech)

3. **The Killing Fields: Political Ecologies of Police Violence**  
*Room 217, The '90*

**Organizers**  
Tyler Wall (Justice Studies, Eastern Kentucky University)

**Chair**  
Tyler Wall (Justice Studies, Eastern Kentucky University)

Police Violence as Environmental Racism  
David Correia (American Studies, University of New Mexico)

Bio-Spatial Profiling In New York City: Policing Mobilities Through Fear  
Emily Kaufman (Geography, University of Kentucky)

Sensing the Police: Toward an Affective Strategy for Naming Police Violence  
Dugan Meyer (Geography, University of Kentucky)

Eating the Poor: Police Dogs and the Weaponization of Nature  
Tyler Wall (Justice Studies, Eastern Kentucky University)

4. **Political Ecologies of Development in Transitional Landscapes: Reconsidering Central Actors and Processes II**  
*Room 219, The '90*

**Organizers**  
Patrick Hurley (Environmental Studies, Ursinus College)
5. **Conservation and Conflict in Ecosystem Management**  
*Room 231, The ’90*

**Organizers**  
*University of Kentucky Political Ecology Working Group*

**Chair**  
*Dayton Starnes [Anthropology, University of Kentucky]*

- “Ecological Fix”: Solving Environmental Crisis and Financial Crisis Simultaneously?  
  Yuxi Zhao [Geography, The Ohio State University]

- Poachers-As-Terrorists in East African Landscapes: Who Buys into the Dominant Narrative?  
  Alexandra Clayton [Conservation Ecology, University of Michigan]

- Past and Present of Human-Animal Conflicts in the Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, West Bengal, India  
  Priyanka Ghosh [Geography, University of Kentucky]

- Of Whales and Dugongs: examining Madagascar’s colonial marine conservation as development practice  
  Mez Baker-Médard [Environmental Studies, Middlebury College]

- The hydrosocial Everglades: From wetland drainage to restoration  
  Landon Yoder [Geography, Indiana University]

6. **Scholar-Activist Panel: Consuming & Critiquing Gentrification**  
*Room 202, The ’90*

**Organizers**  
*University of Kentucky Political Ecology Working Group*

**Chair**  
*Kaitlin Zapel [Anthropology, University of Kentucky]*
Panelists
Matthew W. Wilson [Geography, University of Kentucky]
Tanya Torp [Step by Step and Be Bold, Lexington, KY]
Laura Greenfield [Lexington Housing Studies and Geography, University of Kentucky]

Facilitator
Kristin Monroe [Anthropology, University of Kentucky]

7. Workshop: For Minor Spaces of Political Ecology, Geography, and Beyond
   Room 203, The ’90

Organizers
Elsa Noterman [Geography, University of Wisconsin]
Eli Meyerhoff [Political Science, Duke University]

Chair
Elsa Noterman [Geography, University of Wisconsin]
Eli Meyerhoff [Political Science, Duke University]

For the past six years, radical subconferences have emerged in the cracks of the annual Association of American Geographers (AAG) conference. Dissident geographers and others have sought to create minor spaces for subversive experimentation within/against/beyond the major conference. They have hosted workshops featuring local activists, discussion of scholar-activist praxis, organizing around precarious labor in the university, building mutual aid networks, working for change within the AAG such as for supporting childcare, and more. Partly in response to these interventions, the AAG itself has taken on more radical aspects over the years. This raises questions about what role(s) the subconference - and minor experimentation more generally - should play going forward. DOPE, as a grad student organized space with radical aims, has similarly opened up new lines of thinking/practicing in political ecology, geography, and beyond.

How should we think of the tensions that minor projects face in relation to shifting disciplinary agendas? How can projects like the subconference, DOPE, and critical geography conferences better highlight and push the limits of the geography discipline and of academia as a whole? How can such minor projects create spaces for building relationships of subversion and resistance while avoiding marginalization and co-optation? How can the lenses of political-ecological theories help us grapple with these questions, such as by using minor spaces to think through the environmental [carbon footprint], social [professionalization, alienation] and political [exclusions and marginalizations] impacts of conferences themselves? Considering the proliferation of subconferences at other disciplinary conferences [such as the Modern Language Association, or MLA, and the Western Political Science Association], how can we build relationships across disciplines and for a minor academic movement?

This workshop will create a space for facilitating discussions around these questions and for building relationships.
Workshop Participants
Jess Linz (Geography, University of Kentucky)
Eli Meyerhoff (Political Science, Duke University)
Carrie Mott (Geography, University of Kentucky)
Elsa Noterman (Geography, University of Wisconsin)
Carrie Welsh (Geography, University of Wisconsin)
Christine Woodward (Geography, University of Kentucky)
Block 3
3:30pm – 5:10pm

1. Bringing STS to the Table II
   Part of the Political Ecologies of Food, Agriculture and Justice Track
   Room 211, The ’90’

   Organizers
   Gretchen Sneegas (Geography, University of Georgia)
   June Brawner [Anthropology, University of Georgia]
   Hannah Burnett [Anthropology, University of Chicago]

   Chair
   Gretchen Sneegas [Geography, University of Georgia]

   Reverse-engineering the ‘taste of place’: Terroir at the interface of science, tradition, and power
   June Brawner [Anthropology, University of Georgia]

   Indexing Locality, Tasting Toxicity: Triploid oysters in Louisiana
   Hannah Burnett [Anthropology, University of Chicago]

   From the cut n’ wrap to the fabrication floor: Heritage butcher discourse in a shifting meat industry
   Ashley Stinnett [Anthropology, University of Western Kentucky]

   Managing Perishability and Contamination: Conflicts and Convergences in Bangalore’s Shifting Food System
   Camille Frazier [Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles]

2. Comedy of the Commons II: Practitioner-Activist Panel
   Room 215, The ’90’

   Organizers
   Tad Mutersbaugh [Geography, University of Kentucky]
   Karen Rignall [University of Kentucky]

   Panel will be comprised of representatives from...
   La Minga Cooperative
   Burley Tobacco Cooperative
   New Roots
   Alliance for Appalachia
3. **Governing the Commons in Agriculture**  
*Part of the Political Ecologies of Food, Agriculture and Justice Track*  
*Room 217, The ’90*

**Organizers**  
Federica Bono (Geography, KU Leuven)  
Maarten Loopmans (Geography, KU Leuven)

**Chair**  
Maarten Loopmans (Geography, KU Leuven)

- Radical Reallocation in the Sri Lankan Dry Zone  
  *Emily Burchfield* (Environmental Engineering, Vanderbilt University)

- Urban Agriculture and Land Tenure in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso  
  *Federica Bono* (Geography, KU Leuven)  
  *Maarten Loopmans* (Geography, KU Leuven)

- Variegated solidarities in Cuban agricultural cooperative systems  
  *Federica Bono* (Geography, KU Leuven)

- Rural [De]Construction: Where is the Community?  
  *Elena Kaye-Schiss* (Rural Land Use, Zhejiang University)

4. **The Political Ecology of Urbanization: UPE Beyond the City? I**  
*Room 219, The ’90*

**Organizers**  
Graham Pickren (Sustainability Studies, Roosevelt University)  
Jay Bowen (Geography, University of Kentucky)

**Chair**  
Graham Pickren (Sustainability Studies, Roosevelt University)

**Discussant**  
Nik Heynen (Geography, University of Georgia)

- Bounding and Grounding Territory: Combining materialist and constructivist ontologies for a political ecology of urbanization  
  *Ingrid Behrsin* (Geography, UC Davis)

- Situated urban political ecology and the injustice of watershed-based stormwater management  
  *Mike Finewood* (Environmental Studies and Science, Pace University)

- Urbanization, Sustainable Cities and the Electrical Grid  
  *Jason Morris* (Global Affairs, George Mason University)
5. **Situating the Herd: Historical Ontologies of Livestock and Cultural Meaning**  
*Room 231, The ‘90’*

**Organizers**  
Aimee Leon (Community Sustainability, Michigan State University)

**Chair**  
Aimee Leon (Community Sustainability, Michigan State University)

Buzkashi and Sheep Shearing: Projecting place and politics through animal bodies in sport.  
*Aimee Leon (Community Sustainability, Michigan State University)*

Controlling Wildness: Horses, Biopolitics, and Embodiment  
Kelly O’Brien (Sociology, Michigan State University)

Access, Vulnerability, and Landscape-level Vegetation Change in Laikipia, Kenya  
Ryan Unks (Interdisciplinary Ecology, University of Georgia)

Separating the cow from the herd: The 1993 rbST approval in neoliberal America  
Nicole Welk-Joerger (History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania)

*Room 202, The ‘90’*

**Organizer**  
Jessica Pouchet (Anthropology, Northwestern University)

**Chair**  
Jessica Pouchet (Anthropology, Northwestern University)

**Discussant**  
Jim Igoe (Anthropology, University of Virginia)

Chronic Liminality or Neoliberal Trajectories? Land, Forests and Marine Resources at Dwesa-Cwebe, South Africa, 1970-2015  
Derick A. Fay (Anthropology, University of California, Riverside)

Chronic Liminality: framing longitudinal political-ecological uncertainty  
Lisa Cliggett (Anthropology, University of Kentucky)

Ambiguity, Uncertainty, and Power in Participatory Forest Management: A Case from Tanzania  
Jessica Pouchet (Anthropology, Northwestern University)
Contested Spaces for Orang Utans, Oil Palm and Indigenous Communities: Can conflicting landscape values in Malaysian Borneo
June Rubis [Geography & Environment, University of Oxford]

7. **Panel: Environments at the Cusp of Wonder: New Environments in a New World**
   Room 203, The ’90’

**Organizers**
Janae Davis [Geography, Clark University]
Dylan Harris [Geography, Clark University]

**Chair**
Janae Davis [Geography, Clark University]

**Discussant**
Dylan Harris [Geography, Clark University]

Resilience, Political Ecology, and the Possibility for Life Otherwise
Joshua Mullenite [Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University]

The Vision Fast Ceremony: an experiment in enchantment
Charles Carlin [Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison]

La economía armónica: accounting for Mother Nature, non-humans, and the more-than-human in economies
Nicholas Padilla [Geography, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee]
PLENARY PANEL

Light Snacks
5:00pm – 5:30pm

5:30pm – 7:00pm
Gatton College Auditorium

Panelists
Sapana Doshi (Geography and Development, University of Arizona)
Nik Heynen (Geography, University of Georgia)
Nathan McClintock (Urban Studies and Planning, Portland State University)

Moderator
Carolyn Finney (Geography, University of Kentucky)

Tupac’s poem, “The Rose That Grew From Concrete,” points to the unexpected, how those at a “disadvantage” within a larger set up systems thrive and survive, in spite of and despite of, well, everything. It points to resilience, creativity, struggle, tensions between people, and tensions between people and the place they live in (land, soil, nature). Divergence points to the difference between people (be it ethnic, racial, economic, etc.), their relationship to the “norm”, and what those social and cultural differences imply and demand, in terms of practice and praxis by those living in the city. Expressions of practice and praxis – urban ag, community gardens, food security, spiritual solace, recreation, social gatherings, community building – also reveal how people make it work, often with limited space, mobility, and options. At another scale, there is policy and perception – how the experiences of those living in the urban/city get framed, articulated, prescribed and [mis] understood. And there’s a bigger question: Whose city? And where are the boundaries drawn? In the same way that we ask, “what is nature?” what is “urban” in the 21st century? How is that changing? How do we better understand a changing urban and changing nature? Are we flexible in our thinking, prescriptions and engagements? Whose lives matter?

Opening Reception
7:00pm-11:00pm
University of Kentucky Boone Center
500 Rose Street
Lexington, KY 40508

Appetizers will be provided along with live bluegrass music and a cash bar.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

Breakfast
7:30am – 11:00am

Block 1
8:30am – 10:10am

1. Political Ecologies of Technology I
   Room 211, The ‘90’

   **Organizers**
   Anthony Levenda (Urban Studies, Portland State University)
   Dillon Mahmoudi (Urban Studies, Portland State University)
   Eric Nost (Geography, University of Wisconsin - Madison)
   Heather Rosenfeld (Geography, University of Wisconsin - Madison)
   Ashton Wesner (Env. Science, Policy and Management, University of California, Berkeley)

   **Chair**
   Dillon Mahmoudi (Urban Studies, Portland State University)

   **Discussant**
   Dillon Mahmoudi (Urban Studies, Portland State University)

   - Compute With Nature: Ian McHarg and the Computerization of Ecological Planning
     Eric M. Huntley (Geography, University of Kentucky)

   - The limits and value of big data: towards a political ecology approach
     Eric Nost (Geography, University of Wisconsin - Madison)

   - Enframing Bodies: Historicizing Political Ecological Critiques of Technology
     Kendra Sanders (Philosophy, University of Kentucky)

   - Predictive technologies for climate resilient urban infrastructure
     Sophie Webber (Geography, University of California, Los Angeles)

2. Soil as Infrastructure I
   Room 215, The ‘90’

   **Organizers**
   Elise Lewison (Geography, University of Toronto)
   Joshua Mullenite (Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University)
Chair
Joshua Mullenite (Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University)

Cultivating Insecurity: Forest conservation, agrarian change, and in situ displacement in upland northern Thailand
Daniel B. Ahlquist (Development Sociology, Duke University)

The Soil health as integrative concept: Farmer adaptation to climate change and on-farm resiliency
Gabrielle Roesch-McNally (Sustainable Agriculture and Sociology, Iowa State University)

Cultural identity, environmental ethics, and farmer decision-making about soil conservation
Marnie Riddle (Environmental Studies, University of California - Santa Cruz)

Forests and Soils as the Truffle Infrastructure
Eric Van Vleet (Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University)

Dirt flows between city and countryside: Institutions, actors and nature
Gerda R. Wekerle (Environmental Studies, York University)
Dena Farsad
Michael Classens

Room 217, The ’90’

Organizers
Ewan Robinson (Development Sociology, Cornell University)
Hilary Faxon (Development Sociology, Cornell University)
Daniel Bornstein (Sociology, University of Wisconsin)

Chair
Ewan Robinson (Development Sociology, Cornell University)

Discussant
Garrett Graddy-Lovelace (School of International Service, American University)

Planning algorithms as epistemological violence: Redlining in the twenty-first century American city
Sara Safransky (Human and Organizational Development, Vanderbilt University)

Certifying Unused Land: Biofuel Sustainability or Land Grabbing?
Daniel Bornstein (Sociology, University of Wisconsin)

Landscapes of Debt: Microfinance, Morality, and Land Tenure in Cambodia
Nathan Green (Geography, University of Wisconsin)
Reading between the lines: The everyday politics of contract farming in Ghana and Senegal
Ewan Robinson (Development Sociology, Cornell University)

4. The Political Ecology of Urbanization: UPE Beyond the City? II
Room 219, The ’90’

Organizers
Graham Pickren [Sustainability Studies, Roosevelt University]
Jay Bowen [Geography, University of Kentucky]

Chair
Graham Pickren [Sustainability Studies, Roosevelt University]

Discussant
Nik Heynen [Geography, University of Georgia]

Urban outcasts: environmental cleanup and forced migration in north China
Sam Kay [Geography, Ohio State University]

Spatially selective liberalization, greenbelt deregulation, and the neoliberalization of nature in the Seoul Capital Area
Jay Bowen [Geography, University of Kentucky]

Ethnographies of Infrastructure: Adaptive Reuse, Railroads, and Fiber-Optics
Graham Pickren [Sustainability Studies, Roosevelt University]

The Third-Wave Urbanization of Nature
Anthony Levenda [Urban Studies, Portland State University]

5. Lightning Talks: How Cultures of Agriculture are Articulated and Contested Across Landscapes
Part of the Political Ecologies of Food, Agriculture and Justice Track
Room 231, The ’90’

Organizers
Emily Reisman [Environmental Studies, University of California Santa Cruz]
Monika Egerer [Environmental Studies, University of California Santa Cruz]
Rachel Voss [Environmental Studies, University of California Santa Cruz]
Rachel Shellabarger [Environmental Studies, University of California Santa Cruz]

Many alternative food movements invoke the intriguing and somewhat troubling rhetoric of “bringing the culture back to agriculture.” This session seeks to explore the political dimensions of narratives surrounding the cultures, cultural qualities, and even the perceived presence or absence of culture across agriculture’s many forms. Culture claims are embedded in the politics of agricultural landscapes as viewed from both rural
and urban perspectives. Narratives of a homogeneous, discrete, and static rural culture persist in shaping agricultural movements and development policies despite the global growth of unique peri-urban landscapes and expansion of in- and out-migration (Allen 2003; Woods 2006). In rural landscapes, “back to the farm” movements have capitalized on the traditional, homegrown culture of “localism” as a resistance and alternative to conventional agricultural systems and a preservation of rural culture in America (Kloppenburg et al. 2000; Allen et al. 2003). In urban landscapes, the revitalization of urban agriculture and community gardens has stressed the multi-cultural benefits that an urban garden can provide, with garden agro-biodiversity a form of cultural engagement and representation of its constituents (Corlett et al. 2003; Baker 2004). Thus various forms of culture are enacted and practiced across an urban to rural gradient in these agri-cultural landscapes. In this session, we ask: How are the cultures of agriculture being represented, resisted, or renewed by producers and consumers? What are the roles of cultural assertions in agriculture at times of rapid socio-ecological change? What kind of discursive work is done by these culture claims? Where are cultural representations of agriculture creating frictions and to what effect? What is the interplay between cultural and ecological narratives in agriculture? This session emphasizes culture as an essential focus for interdisciplinary dialogue in political ecology. Our goal is to spark discussion and interaction on the theoretical and/or empirical aspects of cultural representation in agriculture across diverse geographies.

Participants
Rachel Shellabarger (Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz)
Ashley Colby (Washington State University)
Monika Egerer (Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz)
Nils McCune (El Colegio de la Frontera Sur)
Emily Reisman (Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz)
Marnie Riddle (Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz)
Rachel Voss (Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz)

6. Pan-Latino: People, Urban Space, and Glocal Community Engagements
Room 202, The ’90’

Organizers
Lilian Milanes (Anthropology, University of Kentucky)
Dr. Steven Alvarez (Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Studies, University of Kentucky)
Sheryl Felicia Means (Education Sciences, University of Kentucky)
Marisol Becerra (Environmental Social Sciences, Ohio State University)

Chair
Lilian Milanes (Anthropology, University of Kentucky)

The Shared Commitment of Languaging: Literacy Ecologies and Community Resiliency
Dr. Steven Alvarez (Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Studies, University of Kentucky)
Environmental Justice for Whom: Brownfield Redevelopment and Gentrification in the United States from 1990-2013
Marisol Becerra [Environmental Social Sciences, Ohio State University]

Operationalizing Blackness
Sheryl Felicia Means [Education Sciences, University of Kentucky]

Community Based Programming and Narratives of Resistance: Strategies for Managing Type Two Diabetes in a Latino Community
Lilian Milanes [Anthropology, University of Kentucky]

7. Workshop: Biopolitics and Environmental Justice I
Room 203, The ’90’

Organizers
Alida Cantor [Geography, Clark University]
Catherine Jampel [Geography, Clark University]

Chair
Alida Cantor [Geography, Clark University]

In this workshop, scholars at multiple stages will share work in progress that brings conversations about biopolitics and environmental justice together and under the umbrella of political ecology. We seek to share feedback to bring our work to the next level and to create a forum for discussion, collaboration, and building relationships. Each presenter’s work will be briefly presented by another member, and then we will discuss the work and provide feedback and ideas. Finally, we’ll have a group discussion, and/or open-room networking [go grab that one person you wanted to talk more with and meet your future co-author!]. Please email the organizers if you would like to receive any advance materials for participation, since we will have some articles we have circulated to ensure a common background and framework.

Panelists
Brian Williams [Geography, University of Georgia]
Sarah Knuth [Geography, University of Michigan]
Melina Packer [ESPM, University of California, Berkeley]
Catherine Jampel [Geography, Clark University]
Anna Davidson [Geography, University of Oxford]
1. **Political Ecologies of Technology II**  
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**Chair**  
Anthony Levenda (Urban Studies, Portland State University)

**Discussant**  
Jenny Goldstein (Geography/STS, Cornell University)

   Alex Peimer (Geography, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

   Count your blessings: ecosystem services and the tyranny of quantification  
Katinka Wijsman (Politics, The New school)

   “Agnostic” infrastructure? The political ecology of urban district energy systems  
Laura Tozer (Geography, University of Toronto)

   Assisted Migration: Stabilizing Genetic-Ecological Spaces within Changing Environments  
Jairus Rossi (Geography/Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky)

2. **Soil as Infrastructure II**  
   *Room 215, The ’90’*

**Organizers**  
Elise Lewison (Geography, University of Toronto)  
Joshua Mullenite (Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University)

**Chair**  
Joshua Mullenite (Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University)

**Discussant**  
Ashley Carse (Human and Organizational Development, Vanderbilt University)

   The Farm and the Soil: Digging the Infrastructure of Everyday Life in Medieval Iceland  
Kat Catlin (Anthropology, Northwestern University)
Detroit Dirt City: Resource Environments of Demolition  
*Michael Koscielniak (Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan)*

Infrastructures of Fear: The Weaponized Landscapes of Improvised Explosive Devices  
*Erin Parish (Cultural Anthropology, Duke University)*

Sibling Soil  
*Pat Farrell (Geography, University of Minnesota, Duluth)*

3. **Political Ecologies of Land and Market-Making II**  
*Room 217, The ’90’*

**Organizers**  
Ewan Robinson (Development Sociology, Cornell University)  
Hilary Faxon (Development Sociology, Cornell University)  
Daniel Bornstein (Sociology, University of Wisconsin)

**Chair**  
Hilary Faxon (Development Sociology, Cornell University)

**Discussant**  
Garrett Graddy-Lovelace (School of International Service, American University)

- The Failures of Form 7: Farmland Registration in Myanmar’s Kachin State  
  *Hilary Faxon (Development Sociology, Cornell University)*

- Marketization of agricultural land use rights and agrarian transformation in contemporary China  
  *Wenjing Jiang (Geography, Clark University)*

- Expanding the Metropolis: Popular Land Occupations and the Expropriation of Protected Agricultural Land in Mexico City’s Periph  
  *Sarah Farr (Sociology, University of Wisconsin)*

- The End of Cheap Water and the Emancipatory Place-making State in California  
  *Alejo Kraus-Polk (Geography, University of California, Davis)*

4. **Diverse Agro-Food Economies: New Subjectivities in a Post-Capitalist Food System**  
*Part of the Political Ecologies of Food, Agriculture and Justice Track  
Room 219, The ’90’*

**Organizer**  
Lilian Brislen (University of Kentucky)

**Chair**  
Lilian Brislen (University of Kentucky)
Assembling New Subjectivities of Resistance: The Diverse Economy of Food Hubs
Lilian Brislen [Sociology, University of Kentucky]

Constructing and Contesting ‘Good’ Entrepreneurs and Farmers in Refugee Resettlement in the US
Laura Lawler [Geography, University of Wisconsin – Madison]

Alternatives within a capitalist context: Shifting the food regime in Doña Ana County, New Mexico
Cathy Day [Geography, University of Wisconsin – Madison]

5. Waste, Residuals, and Ruins: A Political Ecology of Excess I
Room 231, The ‘90’

Organizer
Nicholas C. Kawa [Anthropology, The Ohio State University]
Shreyas Sreenath [Anthropology, Emory University]

Chair
Shreyas Sreenath [Anthropology, Emory University]

A Political Ecology of Waste and Recycling in Kunming, China
Adam Liebman [Anthropology, University of California, Davis]

An anthropology of wasted things and wasted people
Angela Cunliffe [Anthropology, James Cook University]

The Purdue Electronic Life Histories Project: A Preliminary Ethnographic Investigation of Indiana’s E-Waste Landscape
Gideon Singer [Anthropology, Purdue University]

Dusty Remains: Building Removal and Toxic Matter in Detroit
Nick Caverly [Anthropology, University of Michigan]

Garden City, IT City, Garbage City: Urban Waste, Untouchability, and Materiality of Power in Bangalore, India
Shreyas Sreenath [Anthropology, Emory University]

6. Environmental Statecraft: Situating the State in Environmental Governance II (Water, Climate, Population)
Room 202, The ‘90’

Organizers
Colin Higgins [Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin – Madison]
Eric Nost [University of Wisconsin – Madison]
Chair
Eric Nost (Geography, UW–Madison)
Colin Higgins (Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin – Madison)

“Put in boxes”: conservation and crisis in New England’s groundfishery
Apollonya Porcelli (Sociology, Brown University)

More Trouble with Wilderness: Exploring Alienation and Non-visitation Among Local African American Fishers at Congaree National
Janae Davis (Geography, Clark University)

Flows of power: water, crisis and transition in the republic of Georgia
Ryan Wyeth (Geography, Indiana University)

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John Pitas (Geography and Environmental Systems, University of Maryland Baltimore County)
Delia Hollowell (Social Anthropology, University College London)
Jennifer L. Lawrence (The Global Forum on Urban & Regional Resilience, Virginia Tech)
Angus Curran Lyall (Geography, University of North Carolina)
Dawn Biehler (Geography, University of Maryland, Baltimore County)
Katinka Wijsman (Politics, The New School)
Lunch on your Own
12:10pm – 1:30pm

Block 3
1:30pm – 3:10pm

1. Race and Greenspace in the Urban Context
   Room 211, The ’90’

   Organizer
   Chhaya Kolavalli (Anthropology, University of Kentucky)

   Chair
   Chhaya Kolavalli (Anthropology, University of Kentucky)

   Rendering Gentrification and Erasing Race in the West Oakland Specific Plan
   Chryl Corbin (Environmental Science, Policy and Management, University of California, Berkeley)

   Marginalized communities’ reliance on urban agriculture threatened by a ‘sustainable’ Medellín
   Collenen Hammelman (Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University)

   “You don’t have to explain ‘good’ food to them”: Constructions of Racialized Agrarian Pasts and Futures in the Food Justice Movement
   Chhaya Kolavalli (Anthropology, University of Kentucky)

   Environmental injustice and political ecology of health: the case of south Dallas
   Sima Namin (Urban Planning and Public Policy, University of Texas at Arlington)

2. The Political Ecology of Outer Space
   Room 215, The ’90’

   Organizers
   Micha Rahder (Anthropology, Louisiana State University)
   Joseph Powell (Anthropology & Geography, Louisiana State University)

   Chair
   Joseph Powell (Geography & Anthropology, Louisiana State University)

   A Space for Democracy
   Michael Bouchey (Science and Technology Studies, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)
3. **Land Use, Nature, and Governance I**  
   *Room 217, The ‘90’*

   **Organizer**  
   Richard H. Schein (Geography, University of Kentucky)

   **Chair**  
   Richard H. Schein (Geography, University of Kentucky)

   **Discussants**  
   Laura Taylor (Environmental Studies, York University)  
   Patrick Hurley (Environmental Studies, Ursinus College)

   - The Forest Beautiful: The Urban Wilderness Idealism of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County  
     Eric Mogren (History, Northern Illinois University)

   - Planning, Environmental Management, and Landscape Change in Exurbia: A Comparative Political Ecology  
     Laura Taylor (Environmental Studies, York University)  
     Patrick Hurley (Environmental Studies, Ursinus College)

   - Social Energy from Waste: construction of coalitions and contested concepts in two waste facility siting conflicts  
     Mel Walther (Environmental Studies, York University)

   - Nature and the Smart Growth Machine  
     Rich Schein (Geography, University of Kentucky)

4. **Power and Control: Knowledge in a More-Than-Human Agro-Food System**  
   *Part of the Political Ecologies of Food, Agriculture and Justice Track*  
   *Room 219, The ‘90’*

   **Organizer**  
   Lilian Brislen (University of Kentucky)

   **Chair**  
   Lilian Brislen (University of Kentucky)

   **Well Stories: Alternative understandings on water purity and stewardship**  
   Kay Westhues (Folk Studies, Western Kentucky University)
Climate science, farmers’ knowledge and agricultural adaptation  
Rachel R. Odhner (Anthropology, Cornell University)

Place-based Challenges to the Legitimacy of Pipeline Protests  
Elisabeth Chaves (Political Science, Vassar College)

Monsanto and Caribbean Agricultural Politics  
Mark Chatarpal (University of Toronto)

5. Waste, Residuals, and Ruins: A Political Ecology of Excess II  
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Wasted Neighborhoods: Narratives and Political Ecologies of Persistent Trash in West Baltimore  
Dawn Biehler (Geography, University of Maryland, Baltimore County)  
Yinka Bode-George (Environmental Science and Public Health, University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Entanglements of Social and Environmental Effluence in Ashtabula County, Ohio  
Richard Bargielski (Anthropology, The Ohio State University)

Better living through bioremediation? The decomposition of waste, and the creative management of urban woody debris  
Mariya Shcheglovitova (Microbial Ecology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

“On our minds and in our noses”: Hog manure and the everyday politics of a changing Iowa landscape  
Christopher Neubert (Anthropology, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)

A Resource Turned to Waste: Human Excrement and the Ecological Crisis  
Nicholas C. Kawa (Anthropology, The Ohio State University)

6. Environmental Statecraft: Situating the State in Environmental Governance II  
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Eric Nost (Geography, UW–Madison)
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Making and Unmaking the Infrastructure State: Socionatural Relations of Control, Resistance, and Adaptation in the Mekong Delta
Timothy Gorman (Sociology, Cornell University)

Governing Transitions in Energy Demand
Catherine Butler (Geography, University of Exeter)

Spotted owl vs. barred owl: A Narrative Policy Framework analysis of the biopolitics of conservation
Ashlie Denton (Public Affairs, Portland State University)

Making Way for the State in Mindanao: The role of forest tenure & state-sponsored migration in the Filipinization of the south
Evangeline McGlynn (Graduate School of Design, Harvard University)

The State as Medusa. Environmental land use planning in Colombia
Manuela Ruiz Reyes (Geography, Syracuse)

7. Panel: Political Ecologies of Climate Justice
Room 203, The ’90’

Organizers
Remy Franklin (School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona)
Stina Janssen (School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona)

Chairs
Remy Franklin (School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona)
Stina Janssen (School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona)

Discussant
Tracey Osborne (School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona)

Political Ecologies of Climate Justice
Remy Franklin (School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona)
Stina Janssen (School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona)

Thick Climate Justice
Nicholas Beuret (Fisher Fellow on Climate, Gender, and the Anthropocene, Hobart & William Smith Colleges)

Costa Rica’s Carbon Neutral Policy: Panacea or ‘False Solution’?
Emily Hite (Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder)
Climate Justice and New Zealand’s “Fair Share”
Mark H. Cooper [Department of Environmental Science and Policy, College of William & Mary]

Putting “Sustainability” in Context: Carbon Offsets in California, Chiapas and Acre
Tracy Perkins [Sociology, Howard University]
Block 4
3:30pm – 5:10pm

1. **Considering Consumption**
   Room 211, The '90'

   **Organizer**
   University of Kentucky political Ecology Working Group

   **Chair**
   Matthew Rosenblum (Geography, University of Kentucky)

   Tastes of the Sea: Where do fish values come from?
   Lilian Brown (Anthropology, Indiana University)

   Halal and kosher as ethical food pathways
   Oliver Leaman (Philosophy, University of Kentucky)

   Past on a Plate: Restaurant ethnography and the construction of heirloom food
   Cady Gonzalez (Anthropology, University of Florida)

2. **Facets of Waste**
   Room 215

   **Organizer**
   University of Kentucky Political Ecology Working Group

   **Chair**
   Chhaya Kolavalli (Anthropology, University of Kentucky)

   Micro(bial)-management: Germs, cleanliness and institutionalization of housekeeping labors
   Mike Dimpfl (Geography, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)

   High Tech Industrialization, Hazardous Waste, and the Anti-Toxics Movement in Silicon Valley County, Ohio
   Travis Williams (Sociology, Independent Researcher)

   Cultural Concepts of Waste and Concealment of Inequalities: Making Tibetan Solid Waste and Han’s Sacred Other in Southwest China
   Bo Wang (Anthropology, University of Wisconsin – Madison)

   Carbon accounting: critical analysis of nitrous oxide governance
   Ritwick Ghosh (Natural Resources, Cornell University)

   Ocean Noise in a Key of C
   Max Ritts (Geography, University of British Columbia)
3. **Land Use, Nature, and Governance II**
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**Discussant**
*Nik Heynen (Geography, University of Georgia)*

- **Place-based Challenges to the Legitimacy of Pipeline Protests**
  *Elisabeth Chaves (Political Science, Vassar College)*

- **Grace Lee Boggs: Envisioning And Creating The Conditions Of Our Own Revolution**
  *Rachael Baker (Geography, York University)*

- **On the political economy of crisis-driven metabolic transformations in cities**
  *Vera Smirnova (Urban Planning, Virginia Tech)*

- **Belonging to Action: Fracking in the UK**
  *Frances Drake (Geography, University of Leeds)*

4. **The Racial Politics of Agriculture**
*Part of the Political Ecologies of Food, Agriculture and Justice Track*
*Room 219, The ‘90’*

**Organizer**
*Emma Mullaney (International Relations, Bucknell University)*
*Levi Van Sant (Geography, University of Georgia)*

**Chair**
*Brian Williams (Geography, University of Georgia)*

**Discussant**
*Carolyn Finney (Geography, University of Kentucky)*

- **Plantation Geographies: Agricultural and Racial Governance in the South Carolina Lowcountry**
  *Levi Van Sant (Geography, University of Georgia)*

- **Farms Not Prisons: Building an intersectional movement for food justice and prison abolition in New York’s Hudson Valley**
  *Sara Black (Independent Researcher)*
The Racist Roots of Neo-Agrarian Rhetorics  
Hannah Harrison (Rhetoric, University of Texas - Austin)

Mutant, Creole, Hybrid, Queer: Agro-Eugenics and the Racial Violence of Capitalist Ecologies  
Emma Mullaney (International Relations, Bucknell University)

5. Sovereignty, Justice, and Change in Food Systems  
Room 231, The ’90

Organizer  
University of Political Ecology Working Group

Chair  
Lauren Renée Moore (Anthropology, University of Kentucky)

Where Will We Turn? Food Sovereignty and Land Reform for Chestnut Growing Communities in Formerly Soviet Azerbaijan  
Jeffrey Wall (Natural Resources, Cornell University)

The New Shepherd: A Paradigm Shift in an Age-Old Tradition  
Claire Poelking (Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Michigan)

Farmer’s Markets as Food Justice?: Examining the Traps in Food Policy  
Abigail Russell (Sociology, University of Tennessee)

A Troubled Union: Legislation, Smallholders, and Food Sovereignty  
Virginia Pleasant (American Studies/Anthropology, Purdue University)

6. Modeling Pastoralism in Northern Tanzania: How a Board Game Simulator Contributes to a Political Ecology of 21st Century Maasailand  
Room 202, The ’90

Organizer  
Jennifer Coffman (Integrated Science and Technology, James Madison University)

Chair  
Jennifer Coffman (Integrated Science and Technology, James Madison University)

ERAMAT ("mind your cattle" in the Maa language) is a culturally anchored eco-game™ that explores dynamics of and individuals' responses to boom-bust cycles among pastoralist communities in East Africa. The phenomena depicted in the game are rooted in increasing population densities and demands in the region, cultural values and evolving pastoralist practices of rural Maasai, and the ebb and flow of the semi-arid environment in which they live. Each player represents a pastoralist household, and the player must manage the cattle herd and other resources in the face of dynamics created
by the interactions of an arid climate, family needs, and other social constraints. ERAMAT functions as a learning tool that uses rules, symbols and language attuned to Maasai culture to allow pastoralist players to explore a variety of strategies for survival in the presence of those dynamics, while engaging in conversations about past experiences and outcomes. ERAMAT also provides a rich environment for U.S. university and high school students to learn about the roles of science, technology, and social context in addressing challenges faced by other cultures. Using a political ecology framework, this presentation will provide the context for the evolution of the game, as well as analyze results from the newest game design’s use in northern Tanzania in June and July 2015. Game play with American and East African players have led to conversations about land ownership, wealth management, and the challenges to – and continuity of – gender roles.

Presenters
Jennifer Coffman (Integrated Science and Technology, James Madison University)
Martin Mayiani (Integrated Science and Technology, James Madison University)
Rachel Palkovitz (Anthropology, James Madison University)
Hunter Hart (Integrated Science and Technology, James Madison University)

7. Panel: Political Ecology in Hostile Spaces: Networks of Tactical Solidarity for the Neoliberal Anthropocene
Room 203, The ‘90

Organizer
Jordan Laney (Cultural Studies, Virginia Tech)
Gabriel Piser (Environmental Studies, The Ohio State University)

Chair
Jordan Laney (Cultural Studies, Virginia Tech)

Political ecologists share a commitment to work that benefits the harmed, the dispossessed, and those lacking in institutional power. Unfortunately, as universities increasingly seek investment by the private sector and come under attack as bastions of liberal indoctrination by conservative commentators, the spaces in which we practice grow increasingly hostile. To both interdisciplinary scholars and critical scholars within formal disciplines we ask: How do we thrive in hostile environments?

We hope to look closely at the intersections of scholarship and practice, to address both the theoretical implications of trans/a/multi/inter-disciplinary work as well as the concrete practice of political ecology. Building off of this year’s theme examining the practice of a “public political ecology”, panelists will address how to ensure that practices of mutual aid thrive beyond the safer spaces of conceptually aligned conferences and working groups. We aim to develop a better understanding methods of tactical solidarity in the uncertain and precarious Anthropocene.

Panelists
Jordan Laney (Cultural Studies, Virginia Tech)
Gabriel Piser (Environmental Studies, The Ohio State University)
Tim W. Luke (University Distinguished Professor of Political Science Program Chair, Government and International Affairs, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech)
Adrian Parr (Professor of Environmental Politics, Political Philosophy, and Cultural Criticism Chair of Taft Faculty and Director Taft Research Center UNESCO Co-Chair of Water Access and Sustainability Associate Professor of Sociology Associate Professor of Architecture and Interior Design Department of Political Science & School of Architecture & Interior Design University of Cincinnati)
Andrew J. Scerri (Political Science, Virginia Tech)
Christian Matheis (Ethics and Political Philosophy, Virginia Tech)
KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Light Snacks
5:00pm – 5:30pm

Public Political Ecology: A Philosophy of Praxis in the Age of the Anthropocene
Gatton College Auditorium
5:30pm – 7:00pm

Dr. Tracey Osborne (School of Geography and Development, Director of the Public Political Ecology Lab, University of Arizona)
Gatton College Auditorium

Political ecology is a highly flexible approach for addressing diverse, shifting and interconnected environmental problems that emphasizes political economy and power relations as causal factors. Therefore, with often explicit ethical and normative commitments, the field is well suited for tackling environmental issues constitutive of the Anthropocene, a newly defined geologic era in which humans represent a significant and unsustainable planetary force. While the critical perspective leveled by political ecology is important for understanding the contours, drivers and more equitable solutions to current environmental crises, analyses that remain in the halls of academia will be inadequate to the task at hand. What is required is a public political ecology on a massive scale, one that operates in the realm of praxis and consciousness-raising so that a political ecology perspective becomes part of the public debate on environmental change, shaping discourse and practice. Influenced by the work of Antonio Gramsci, public political ecology as a framework for theoretically-informed engaged scholarship is and must be the next frontier of political ecology. Key components of public political ecology include: 1) Critical pedagogy and engaged scholarship, 2) popular political education in the domain of civil society, and 3) alliance building among and between academics and diverse publics. In addition, innovations from public geographies such as participatory action research and mapping, service learning, and social media offer important methodologies and tools for public political ecology.

After Party
8:00pm – late

Soundbar
208 South Limestone Street
Cash bar; food available at nearby restaurants.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

Field Trips
All Day

Mammoth Cave Tour
8:30am – 4:00pm