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Education

Ph.D. (May 2020)

Graduate School of Geography
Clark University: Worcester, MA
Dissertation title: *Telling the Story of Climate Change: Geographies of Climate Consciousness*;
Advisor: James McCarthy

M.Sc., Environment and Development (December 2014)

Department of Geography and Environment
The London School of Economics and Political Science: London, UK
Thesis title: *Reconceptualizing Post-2015 Environmental Policy: Culture, Environment, and New Orleans*; Advisor: Jennifer Baka

B.A. in Political Science and Religion (Summa Cum Laude, May 2012)

Department of Political Science, International Development, and International Affairs & Department of Philosophy and Religion
Minors: Human Rights, Women's Studies
The University of Southern Mississippi: Hattiesburg, MS
Honors Thesis Title: *Stories over Miles: Religious and Political Coping Mechanisms Among Tibetan Former Political Prisoners*; Advisor: Daniel Capper

Professional Experience

University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, Colorado, U.S.

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography & Environmental Studies, August 2020–Present

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA, U.S.

Adjunct Teaching Professor, Department of Social Science & Policy Studies, October 2017–May 2020

Clark University, Worcester, MA, U.S.

Teaching Assistant/Assistant Instructor, Graduate School of Geography, August 2015–May 2020

Research Interests

My research focuses on the stories we tell (and don't tell) about climate change and energy, especially as they relate to power, justice, and policy.

Keywords: political ecology, critical folklore studies, storytelling, environmental humanities, climate politics, energy politics, climate communication, climate / environmental justice, climate science, environmental philosophy, queer studies, critical theory

Publications

Academic Articles

Harris, D. M. and J. Mullenite 2024. Ruins and Ruination in Political Ecology – An Introduction to the Special Issue. *Capitalism Nature Socialism*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10455752.2024.2309628>.

Baker, R. and D. M. Harris. 2024. Socioecological Topologies of Student Debt in the United States. *Human Geography*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1942778623121444>.

Harris, D. M. 2023. Millions Owe Trillions: Pathways for Geographic Research on the Student Debt Crisis in the U.S. *ACME: An International Journal of Critical Geographies*. <https://acme-journal.org/index.php/acme/article/view/2276>.

Harris, D.M. 2023. Understanding and Knowing Climate Change: Teaching Climate Science, Justice, and Storytelling. *The Geography Teacher*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19338341.2023.2262488>.

Harris D. M. & McCarthy, J. 2023. A Just Transition to What, for Whom, and by What Means? Transition Technology, Carbon Markets, and an Appalachian Coal Mine. *Energy Research and Social Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2023.103307>.

Harris, D.M. and D. Santos. 2023. A Case for Speculative and Experimental Political Ecologies. Submitted to the *Journal of Political Ecology*. <https://doi.org/10.2458/jpe.5589>.

Harris, D. M. 2023. Storytelling, Crisis, and Meaning-Making: Stories as a Terrain of Cultural and Political Struggle. *cultural geographies*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1474474022114755>.

Harris, D.M. 2022. Climate Storytelling. *EBSCO Pathways to Research – Sustainability*. <https://www.pathways2research.com/pts/Climate%20Storytelling>.

Harris, D.M. 2022. Energy Justice. *EBSCO Pathways to Research – Sustainability*. <https://www.pathways2research.com/pts/Energy%20Justice>.

Harris, D.M. 2022. The Trouble with Modeling the Human into the Future Climate. *GeoHumanities*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2373566X.2022.2043764>.

Moulton, A., S. Velednitsky, **D. M. Harris**, C. B. Cook., and B. Wheeler. 2021. Unsettling Political Ecology: Toward More Honest Dialogues on the Legacies of Trauma in Political Ecology. *Journal of Political Ecology*. 28: 1, 677-695. <https://doi.org/10.2458/jpe.3051>.

- Harris, D. M. 2021. Realizing Where I Should Be: Notes on Reflexivity and Positionality in Fieldwork. *The Geographical Bulletin*. <https://www.gammathetaupsilon.org/the-geographical-bulletin/2020s/volume62-2/A/article6.pdf>.
- Harris, D. M. 2021. Storying Climate Change: Notes on Experimental Political Ecology. *Geoforum*. 126, 331-339. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2021.08.011>.
- Pettibone, L. and **D. M. Harris**. 2021. Kollaboratives Utopisieren für ein klimaneutrales 2030. *Ökologisches Wirtschaften*. <https://doi.org/10.14512/OEW360324>.
- Harris, D. M.** & McCarthy, J. 2020. Revisiting Power and Powerlessness: Speculating West Virginia's Energy Future and the Externalities of the Socioecological Fix. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2514848620935751>.
- Harris, D. M. 2020. Expanding Climate Futures: Using Science Fiction's Worldbuilding to Imagine a Climate-Changed Southwestern U.S. Otherwise. *Literary Geographies*. 6:1, 59-76.
- Harris, D. M. 2019. Telling stories about climate change. *The Professional Geographer*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00330124.2019.1686996>.
- Harris, D. M. 2017. Telling the Story of Climate Change: Geologic Imagination, Praxis, and Policy. *Energy Research and Social Science*. 31, 179-183.
- Harris, D. M. 2017. Mountain-Bodies, Experiential Wisdom: The Kallawayá Cosmovisión and Climate Change Adaptation. *Third World Thematics*. 2: 2-3, 376-390.
- Harris, D. M., 2015. A Primer on Gramsci, Culture, and Climate Change. *Green Social Thought*. 68, pp. 8-10.
- Harris, D. M. 2013. Death by Injustice: Uganda's Anti-Homosexuality Laws, Christian Fundamentalism, and the Politics of Global Power. *The Catalyst*. 3: 1, pp. 1-19.

Article Manuscripts in Preparation

- Rusca, M., **D. M. Harris**, and D. Santos. In Review. Experimental and Speculative Political Ecologies for an age of crisis, hope, and action. *Progress in Environmental Geography*.
- Rusca, M., **D. M. Harris**, et al. In Review. Plural climate storylines to foster just futures. *Nature Climate Change*.
- Harris, D. M.** and K. Ahrens. In Review Scholar-Activism in the Archive: Accountability, Responsibility, Justice and Healing. *Environment and Planning F: Philosophy, Theory, Models, Methods and Practice*.
- Baker, R., **D. M. Harris**, D. Goerisch, G. Proulx, G. Murton, B. Hopkins, A. Karaagac, and J. McKendrick. Geographies of the Student Debt Crisis. In preparation for *Antipode*.

Harris, D. M. and M. Mikulewicz. Queering climate communication: communicating climate justice for all. In preparation for *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.

Harris, D. M. Climate Consciousness: Empire, Energy, and Progress. In preparation for *Antipode*

Harris, D. M. The Role of the Storyteller: Geographies of Story and Meaning-Making. In preparation for the *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*.

Book Manuscripts in Preparation

Harris, D. M., A. Vansintjan, E. Blomqvist, and S. Tunic. Forthcoming. *Not Afraid of the Ruins: Anthology*. *Uneven Earth Press*.

Harris, D. M. and A. A. Moulton (co-eds). Under Contract. *The Futurities of Climate Erasures*. Lexington Books.

Harris, D.M. *Climate Consciousness: How the United States Came to Know Climate Change*. In preparation for the University of Minnesota Press.

Special Issues Edited (with peer review)

2024. Harris, D. M. and J. Mullenite. Edited Special Section (6 papers): Political Ecologies of Ruins. *Capitalism Nature Socialism*.

2023. Harris, D.M. and D. Santos. Edited Special Section (4 papers): Experimental and Speculative Political Ecologies. *Journal of Political Ecology*.

Book Chapters

Harris, D. M. 2019. Left Behind. In: C. Sandilands, ed., *Rising Tides*. Halfmoon Bay, British Columbia, CA: Caitlin Press.

Harris, D. M. 2016. The political ecology of Pachamama: race, class, gender, climate change, and Kallaway traditions. In: P. Godfrey and D. Torres, eds., *Systemic Crises of Global Climate Change: Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender*. New York, NY: Routledge. pp. 186-198.

Book Reviews

Harris, D. M. Forthcoming. Underflows: Queer Trans Ecologies and River Justice. By Cleo Wöfle Hazard. Feminist Technosciences Series. (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2022.) *New Mexico Historical Review*.

Harris, D. M. 2023. *Breaking Boundaries: Innovative Practices in Environmental Communication and Public Participation*. By Kathleen P. Hunt, Gregg B. Walker, and Stephen P. Depoe. (Environmental Governance: Local-Regional-Global Interactions Series. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2019) H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online. .

Harris, D. M. 2020. Anthropocene Poetics: Deep Time, Sacrifice Zones, and Extinction (Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press. *cultural geographies*.

Harris, D. 2017. *The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press). *Cultural Geographies*. DOI: 10.1177/1474474016688913.

Other Writing

Harris, D. M. (2022) Intervention – Geographies of Student Debt: A Call for Research and Action. *Antipode Online*. <https://antipodeonline.org/2022/07/25/geographies-of-student-debt/>.

Harris, D. M. 2021. Counterpoint: Should farm workers be eligible for overtime pay? *The Gazette*. https://gazette.com/opinion/point-counterpoint-should-agricultural-workers-be-eligible-for-overtime-pay/article_6821b2c4-4d6e-11ec-9546-db0c19782c69.html.

Harris, D.M. 2019. a case for small climate stories. ENTITLE Blog. <https://entitleblogdotorg3.wordpress.com/2019/04/11/a-case-for-small-climate-stories/>.

Harris, D.M. 2018. Borne on a Damaged Planet: Two books that do the hard work of thinking through the Anthropocene. *Not Afraid of the Ruins*. <http://unevenearth.org/2018/01/borne-on-a-damaged-planet/>.

Harris, D.M. 2017. Inside/Outside, Radically Beside. *Electric Dirt: A Celebration of Queer Voices and Identities from Appalachia and the South, Vol. 1*.

Harris, D.M. 2016. Keeping the Story Straight. *La. Lit: Green Issue*. 7.

Harris, D. M. 2013. The Escape Routes: Gramsci's Alternative Moral Hegemonies. *Distilled Magazine*. 3.

Harris, D. M. 2012. Environmental Dissonance: Global Warming and Bolivia's Kallawayas Healers. *Upsidedownworld.org*.

Harris, D. M. 2012. Mining Conflicts and the Politics of Post-Nationalization Bolivia. *Upsidedownworld.org*.

Harris, D. M. 2012. The End of Macha. *KillingtheBuddha.com*.

Other Media

Storytelling Animals Podcast. Season 1, Episode 16: Not Afraid of the Ruins: Dylan Harris on Hope for a Different World (May 5th, 2022). <https://shows.acast.com/storytelling-animals/episodes/not-afraid-of-the-ruins-dylan-harris-uneven-earth-hope>.

Future Diaries Podcast. The Kind Folks on Titan. September 5th, 2021. Fr. Dylan M. Harris. <https://futurediaries.show/2021/the-kind-folks-on-titan/>.

ACUD Macht Nue / Collective Practices – STORIES FROM THE FUTURE: Crisis as Catalyst for Carbon Neutrality, Public Workshop #4. 2020. ft. L. Pettibone, **D.M. Harris**, D. Silverstrin, and O. Weidemann. Public Workshop #4. <http://collectivepractices.acudmachtneu.de/2021/01/17/stories-from-the-future-public-workshop-4/>. *Recording archived online*.

ACUD Macht Nue / Collective Practices – STORIES FROM THE FUTURE: Crisis as Catalyst for Carbon Neutrality, Public Workshop #3. 2020. ft. L. Pettibone, **D.M. Harris**, D. Silverstrin, and O. Weidemann. Public Workshop #3. <http://collectivepractices.acudmachtneu.de/2020/10/22/stories-from-the-future-public-workshop-3/>. *Recording archived online.*

ACUD Macht Nue / Collective Practices – STORIES FROM THE FUTURE: Crisis as Catalyst for Carbon Neutrality, Public Workshop #2. 2020. ft. L. Ford, M. Muzenda, L. Pettibone, **D.M. Harris**, D. Silverstrin, and O. Weidemann. Public Workshop #2. <http://collectivepractices.acudmachtneu.de/2020/07/27/stories-from-the-future-2/>. *Recording archived online.*

ACUD Macht Neu / Collective Practices – STORIES FROM THE FUTURE: Crisis as Catalyst for Carbon Neutrality, Public Workshop #1. 2020. ft. L. Pettibone, **D.M. Harris**, D. Silverstrin, and O. Weidemann. Public Workshop #1. <http://collectivepractices.acudmachtneu.de/2020/05/28/stories-from-the-future/>. *Recording archived online.*

Harris, D.M. 2020. Interview for the “Just Transition: Post-Coal Transition Movement In Appalachia Oral History Project.” *Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at University of Kentucky Libraries*. <https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt71gkrfw0t9s>.

Harris, D. M. 2019. Podcast – It Still Lives: Season 1, Ep. 7 – Storytelling and Climate Change. *Foxfire*. <https://www.foxfire.org/it-still-lives-season-1-episode-7/>.

Harris, D. M. 2019. 2019. Podcast – Archiving Alaska, Ep. 14a – Interview with Dylan Harris. *University of Alaska Anchorage Archives and Special Collections*. <https://archives.consortiumlibrary.org/2019/05/16/archiving-ak-episode-14a-interview-with-dylan-harris/>.

Conference Presentations

“Building a ‘People’s Climate Archive’: Folk Archives of Climate Knowledge.” Paper presented in paper session titled, “Power and Politics in the Production of Climate Knowledge,” at 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO, March 23-27.

Co-organizer (with Alex A. Moulton) of paper session, “The Futurities of Climate Erasures: Climate Change, Storytelling, and Memorialization,” at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO, March 23-27.

Co-organizer (with Rae Baker) of panel session, “Geographies of the Student Debt Crisis,” at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO, March 23-27.

“Transition to What and for Who? Transition Tech and the Coal Mine.” Paper presentation in organized paper session titled, “Radical Imagining and EcoFutures in Contemporary Appalachia,” at the 2022 Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Virtual, March 24th-26th.

Co-organizer (with Dan Santos) of panel session, “Anticipating and Preempting the Trouble: Experimenting and Speculating with Political Ecology” at the 2022 Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Virtual, March 24th-26th.

Invited Panelist for ‘Author Meets Readers’ session for Laura Ogden’s (2021) *Loss & Wonder At the World’s End*. at the 2022 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY, Feb. 25th – March 1st.

Panelist for the organized panel session titled, “Energy Justice: Pedagogy and Practice,” at the 2022 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY, Feb. 25th – March 1st.

“Scholar-Activism in the Archive: Accountability, Responsibility, Justice and Healing.” Paper presentation in organized paper session titled, “The Archive, Research, and Archival Space,” at the 2022 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY, Feb. 25th – March 1st.

Co-organizer (with Alana Rader) of the paper session, “Experiments in the Apparent Anthropocene: Novel Approaches to Socioecological Research” at the 2021 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Virtual, April 7th – 11th, 2021.

“Storying Climate Knowledge: Notes on Experimental Political Ecology” at the POLLEN (Political Ecology Network) Biennial 2020 Conference; Online; September 22nd-25th.

Co-organizer (with Joshua Mullenite) of the paper session, “Political Ecologies of Ruins” at the 2020 Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference; University of Kentucky; Lexington, KY, February 27th-29th.

Co-organizer (with Gabe Schwartzman) of the panel session, “Studying Transit: Experimental Research and Just Transitions” at the 2020 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, April 6th-10th.

Co-organizer (with Dan Santos) of the paper session, “Experimental and Speculative Political Ecology” at the 2019 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., April 3rd-7th.

“The Trouble with Modeling Humans into the Future Climate.” Paper presentation in the organized paper session titled “Algorithms and Climate Change: Knowing, Acting, Governing” at the 2019 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., April 3rd-7th.

Panelist in organized panel titled “Storytelling and Critical Geography” at the 2019 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., April 3rd-7th.

“Deranged, Dithering, and Precarious: ‘Post-truth’ and Climate Change.” Paper presented in organized paper session titled “Speculative forays in Terran ruins: posthuman & fictional possibilities” at the 2018 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 9th – 15th.

“Speculative Praxis, Telling the Story of Climate Change.” Panelist presentation in organized panel titled “Speculative forays in Terran ruins: posthuman & fictional possibilities” at the 2018 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 9th – 15th.

“Revisiting Power and Powerlessness: Speculating West Virginia’s Energy Future and the Externalities of the Socioecological Fix.” Paper presentation at the Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative’s conference, “Authoritarian Populism and the Rural World” at the International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands, March 17th-18th, 2018.

“Coal Miners in Brooklyn? A Critique of Climate Art-ctivism & a Proposal for Climate Storytelling.” Invited presentation in organized session titled “Crossing Fields & Sparking Interest with Art:Sci” at the 2018 Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, February 22nd-24th, 2018.

“A Post-Human Critique of the Sixth Great Extinction.” Topic presented in organized session on “(re)Conceptualizing Justice in the Anthropocene” at the 2017 Nature/Society Workshop at Clark University, Worcester, MA, September 15th-16th, 2017.

“Keeping the Story Straight: Meeting Nepal’s ‘First’ Climate Refugees.” Paper presented at the 2017 Clark University Multidisciplinary Conference, Worcester, MA, April 19th, 2017.

“Mountain Bodies, Experiential Wisdom.” Paper presented in organized session on “Indigenous People and Climate Change” at the 2017 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, April 5th – 9th, 2017.

“In a Queer Time of Glaciers.” Paper presented at the CIRQUE Queer Studies Conference, La’quila, Italy, March 31st – April 2nd, 2017.

“Deranged, Dithering, and Precarious: ‘Post-Truth’ and Climate Change”, Workshop/panel at the 2017 Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference at the University of Kentucky; Lexington, KY, Feb. 24th – 25th, 2017

“Repoliticizing the Anthropocene: Counter-hegemonic Narratives of Climate Change.” Paper presented in organized session on “Adaptation Hegemonies: Knowledge, Governance, and Development Confronting Global Climate Change” at the 2016 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

“Patchwork Futurity: Queer, Animate Ecology.” Paper presented in organized session on “Who will queer political ecology? or Cute goners, (in)human thinkers, and queer wastoids” at the 2016 International Conference of the European Network of Political Ecology (ENTITLE); Stockholm, Sweden, March 20th – 23rd, 2016.

“Environments at the Cusp of Wonder: New Environments in a New World.” Workshop/panel at the 2016 Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference at the University of Kentucky; Lexington, KY, Feb. 25th – 27th, 2016 (with Janae Davis).

“A Political Ecology for Pachamama: Global Climate Change and Kallawaya Tradition.” Paper presented in organized session on “World Turning: Race, Class, Gender, and Global Climate Change” at the 2013 Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference at the University of Kentucky; Lexington, KY, Feb. 28th – March 2nd, 2013.

“Stories over Miles: Religious and Political Coping Mechanisms among Tibetan Former Political Prisoners.” Paper presented at the University of Southern Mississippi Research Conference in Hattiesburg, MS; May 5th, 2012.

“The State of Tibetan Former Political Prisoners.” Workshop/discussion held at the Northwestern University Conference on Human Rights in Evanston, IL; January 2011.

Workshops

Co-organizer – “(Re)Imagining Communities of Resistance” Symposium. UCCS Social Sciences Symposium Series (S4). April 21st, 2023.

Co-organizer – “UCCS, You’re Breaking Our Hearts: Teach-in about the UCCS budget crisis and what we can do about it.” UCW-CO / CWA-7799. February 14th, 2023.

Invited Facilitator – “Climate Justice & Storytelling.” Knowledge2Action Sustainable Development Goals Academy, sponsored by Swissnex / Swiss-South Asia Climate Action Network. January 15th-19th 2022.

2021, Participant – AAG Geography Faculty Development Alliance (GFDA) Early Career Workshop. June 1-5. <http://aag.org/GFDA>.

2021, Invited Facilitator – “Telling, Sharing, and Listening: Stories about Climate, Change, and Hope.” *(Taking) Care in the Climate Crisis*. CHASE (Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-East England) Doctoral Training Program. April 22-23. <https://www.chase.ac.uk/events-1/taking-care-in-the-climate-crisis>.

2021, Invited Attendee – Southwest Adaptation Forum (SWAF). Climate Science Alliance & Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center. April 6-8. WWW.SWAF2021.ORG

2021, Facilitator – STORIES FROM THE FUTURE: Crisis as Catalyst for Carbon Neutrality. ACUD Macht Neu / Collective Practices (Berlin, DE – ZOOM), Public Workshop #4. 1.1.21. <http://collectivepractices.acudmachtneu.de/2021/01/17/stories-from-the-future-public-workshop-4/>.

2020, Facilitator – STORIES FROM THE FUTURE: Crisis as Catalyst for Carbon Neutrality. ACUD Macht Neu / Collective Practices (Berlin, DE – ZOOM), Public Workshop #3. 11.4.2020. <http://collectivepractices.acudmachtneu.de/2020/10/22/stories-from-the-future-public-workshop-3/>.

2020, Facilitator – STORIES FROM THE FUTURE: Crisis as Catalyst for Carbon Neutrality. ACUD Macht Neu / Collective Practices (Berlin, DE – ZOOM), Public Workshop #2. 9.6.2020. <http://collectivepractices.acudmachtneu.de/2020/07/27/stories-from-the-future-2/>.

2020, Facilitator – STORIES FROM THE FUTURE: Crisis as Catalyst for Carbon Neutrality. ACUD Macht Neu / Collective Practices (Berlin, DE – ZOOM), Public Workshop #1. 6.7.2020. <http://collectivepractices.acudmachtneu.de/2020/05/28/stories-from-the-future/>.

2019, Invited Participant – Critical Physical Geography Workshop, pre-conference at the 2019 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., April 3rd-7th.

2019, Invited Participant – COMPASS / Switzer Fellowship Policy Training – Washington, D.C. March 8th-11th.

2018, Invited Participant – Switzer Fellowship Retreat – Diversity in the Environmental Field, Ashton, MA, Sept. 8th-10th.

2018, Co-organizer – “Making Queer Community in times of Crisis and Resistance” pre-conference to the 2018 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 9th – 15th.

2018, Invited Participant – Storying Climate Change Workshop, Galiano Island, British Columbia, Canada, March 8th-11th. (<https://storyingclimatechange.com/>).

2017, Co-organizer – Nature/Society Workshop at Clark University, Sept. 15th-16th.

2017, Co-organizer – Decolonizing Communicative Praxis with 'Works that Remake Life' at Clark University, April 9-10th.

2017, Invited Participant – Graduate Student Workshop on Socio-Environmental Synthesis, The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) in Annapolis, Maryland (March 7 – 10, 2017)

Hearsay Speaker Series at Honcho Campout

Curator / Facilitator – The *Hearsay* speaker series takes place at the Honcho Campout, which is an annual LGBTQIA+ music/arts summer festival that draws more than 2,000 people to rural Pennsylvania. The aim of the speaker series is to provide meaningful dialogues, on topics as diverse as increasing queer people’s presence in climate science and the ecological implications of racial capitalism, in a community-oriented setting. I complement the talks with two ‘queer ecology walks’ each year, which provide participants an opportunity to reflect upon and discuss the talks. All the talks are recorded and made available online for free.

Hearsay 2023

Neema Avashia, “Another Appalachia: Centering Queerness in Rural Spaces”

Cindy Barukh Milstein, “Rebellious Mourning”

Eric De La Cruz, Michele Saunders, and Jacob Sperber, “Reliving Paradise Garage”

McKenzie Wark, “Raving”

Hearsay 2022

Harrison Apple, “Uncommitted Queer Histories”

Mika Tosca, “Queer Eco-Futures”

Travis L. Williams, “Queer Musings on Racial Capitalism, Global Disaster, and Critical Pedagogy at the End of the World”

Invited Talks

Invited Speaker – Upcoming – “The Uneven Geographies of the Student Debt Crisis” Department of Economics and Geosciences Lecture Series. U.S. Air Force Academy. Colorado Springs, CO. Jan. 30th, 2024.

Guest Lecture – “Experimental Political Ecology and Climate Communication” In Dr. Michael Mikulewicz’s Critical Climate Studies graduate seminar, SUNY ESF. October 12th, 2023.

Invited Panelist – “Environmental Justice & Equity” at the 2023 Forest Carbon Management in Central Appalachia Conference. West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV. September 25th-27th.

Invited Panelist – “Carbon Management: Friend or Foe of Sustainability?” Colorado Springs COOL Science Festival. Colorado Springs, CO. Oct. 2nd, 2023.

Invited Plenary Panelist – “Building a Higher Ed Labor Movement: National and Statewide Coordination for Power” at 2023 Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. May 18th-20th.

Invited Panelist – “The Clark Graduate School of Geography’s Leadership in and Contributions to Human-Environment, Development, and Urban-Economic Geography” at the Clark University’s Centennial Celebration. Worcester, MA. April 13th-April 15th, 2023.

Invited Speaker – “Storying Environmental Justice: Collaborative Visions for Just Futures” at Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability’s and the Graduate School of Business’s co-organized Environmental Justice and Sustainability Conference. Stanford, CA. April 7th-8th, 2023.

Invited Discussant – “The Political Economy of Political Ecology.” 2023 Dimensions of Political Ecology and Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group of the AAG Pre-Conference to the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Denver, CO, March 22nd.

Colloquium Speaker – “Modeling the Inhuman: Prospects for Climate Justice.” Center for the Arts and Humanities Colloquium Series. Colby College. March 14th-17th, 2023.

Guest Lecture – “Climate Justice and the Inhuman.” In Dr. Doreen Stabinsky’s class, Climate Justice. College of the Atlantic. February 2nd, 2023.

Guest Lecture – “The Politics of the Just Transition.” In Dr. Alex Moulton’s class, Introduction to the Study of Environmental Issues. University of Tennessee, Knoxville. November 22nd, 2022.

Guest Lecture – “The Trouble with Modeling the Human in the Future Climate.” In Dr. Meg Boyle’s class, Climate and Environmental Justice. Colby College. November 21st, 2022.

Panelist – “From Climate Consciousness to Student Debt.” Sustainability Research Forum. University of Colorado Colorado Springs. October 25th, 2022.

Colloquium Speaker – “Climate Consciousness: Empire, Energy, Progress.” Heller Center Salon Series. University of Colorado Colorado Springs. April 7th 2022.

Guest Lecture – “Archival Methods: Ethics & Justice in the Archive.” In Dr. Colleen Myles’s graduate class/seminar, Qualitative Methods. Texas State University. March 2nd, 2022.

Guest Lecture – “Communicating Climate Justice through Climate Stories.” in Dr. Michael Mikulewicz’s graduate class/seminar, Climate Justice. Glasgow Caledonian University. February 28th, 2022.

Colloquium Speaker – “Climate Consciousness: Empire, Energy, Progress.” Western Michigan University. Department of Geography, Environment, and Tourism 2021-2022 Colloquium Series. Feb. 18th, 2022.

Presenter – “Communicating Climate Change.” University of Colorado Colorado Springs’s 5th Annual Sustainability Summit. November 11th, 2021.

Colloquium Speaker – “Experimenting with Political Ecology, Telling Stories about Climate.” Portland State University, Geography Department. Fall 2021 Geography Speaker Series, November 4th, 2021.

Fireside ‘Chat’ / Guest Lecture – “Storytelling & Environmental Change.” ENT Center for the Arts and Galleries of Contemporary Arts. UCCS. October 27th, 2021.

Colloquium Speaker – “Experimenting with Political Ecology, Telling Stories about Climate.” University of Nevada, Reno Department of Geography Fall 2021 Colloquium Series. September 29th, 2021.

Panelist – “Colorado Elected Officials and Climate Advocates Say It's Time to Address Extreme Weather and Invest in Clean Energy,” with Colorado Springs Councilmember President, Richard Skorman, Colorado Transportation Commissioner – Region 2, Lisa Hickey, and Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments representative, Stephanie Alvarado. Hosted by Climate Action Campaign. August 26th, 2021.

Guest Lecture – “Climate Justice in Appalachia.” In Dr. Nicolas Zegre’s class, FHYD 493/693: Applied Environmental Justice. West Virginia University. April 13th, 2021.

Colloquium Speaker – “Telling Stories about Climate Change.” Mississippi State University Department of Geosciences Spring 2021 Seminar Series. March 19th, 2021.

Guest Lecture – “Climate Justice & Storytelling.” In Dr. Lisa Kelley’s class, Geog 4335/5335: Contemporary Environmental Issues. University of Colorado Denver. March 17th, 2021.

Panelist – “Stories From the Future: storytelling and speculative thinking as tools for collective visions of carbon-neutral futures.” Alongside Lisa Pettibone, Lyn Ford, and Daniela Silverstrin; Collective Narrations for Collective Practice’s ‘To Be Continued’ Program (ACUD Macht Neu). Berlin, DE. January 21, 2021.

Panelist – “An Exploration of Queer Theory and Environmentalism.” Alongside Catriona A H Sandilands, Timothy Morton, and Landon Schnabel; for the London School of Economics Green Week. London, UK. November 2020.

Colloquium Speaker – “Telling Stories about Climate Change.” College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine. February 2020.

Colloquium Speaker – “Climate Change and Folkways: Other ways of knowing change.” College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine. February 2020.

Guest Lecture – “Storytelling and Environmental Justice.” In GE70CW Seminar: *Environmental Inequalities: Interdisciplinary Efforts for Change*, University of California Los Angeles. April 9th, 2019.

Guest Lecture – “Storytelling, Science, and Policy.” COMPASS / Switzer Fellowship Training Workshop. Washington, D.C. March 10th, 2019.

Guest Lecture – “Experiences with Activism Abroad.” Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). April 24th, 2017.

Panelist – “Divest Fossil Fuels at Clark University.” Clark University’s Divest Teach-Out on February 10, 2017. (with Anthony Bebbington and Amber Murrey).

Other Projects

Spring 2017 – Present – *Uneven Earth Press & Not Afraid of the Ruins*: Since 2017, I have been a contributing editor for the *Not Afraid of the Ruins*, a blog (and forthcoming anthology book) that explores intersection of science & technology, environmental & climate justice, and possibilities for a post-capitalist future through critical essays and speculative fiction. The project is a collective endeavor with editors based in five countries.

June 2020 – January 2021 – *STORIES FROM THE FUTURE: Crisis as Catalyst for Carbon Neutrality*: I am working alongside Lisa Pettibone to co-facilitate a workshop series that brings together participants – researchers, artists, activists – from around the world to discuss the potential for stories and artifacts from ‘the future’ to effect change in the present regarding climate change and carbon neutrality. The workshop centers BIPOC voices and ideas and is part of ACUD Macht Neu’s (Berlin, DE) *Collective Practices* project, which aims to create and build knowledge collaboratively through intentional solidarity work and praxis.

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020* – I am designing and co-leading a pilot program between the Edmund Burke School in Washington D.C. and Experience Learning in Circleville, WV. I am working with teachers to build the 11th grade curriculum at Edmund Burke around understanding issues of extraction, natural resources, labor, and justice in Appalachia, which will culminate in a week-long program to Experience Learning that I will facilitate and lead. The aim is to cultivate sustained relationships between students in DC with students in WV and to draw meaningful connections between upstream communities in WV with downstream communities in DC.

*To be continued because of COVID-19.

Spring 2018 – May 2020 – In coordination with a Massachusetts Humanities Council Grant and Swanson Road Intermediate School in Auburn, MA, I worked with teachers to design and implement an environmental education curriculum, which included the rehabilitation of an abandoned arboretum on the school’s campus to be used as an outdoor classroom.

Other Work Experiences

May 2012 – Present - Freelance Writer/Researcher, Independent

As a freelance writer and researcher, I have written and conducted research for several publications including: *Uneven Earth*, *Green Social Thought*, *Dry Magazine*, *The Catalyst*, *Distilled Magazine*, *Upsidedownworld.org*, and *Killingthebuddha.org* and have had work featured by *World War 4 Report* and *Survival International*. I am also a contributing editor of the sci-fi website (and forthcoming anthology) *Not Afraid of the Ruins* that explores intersections of science, technology, environmental

justice, and speculative and science fiction. I am also a contributing writer for the zine, *Electric Dirt: A Celebration of Queer Voices and Identities from Appalachia and the South*.

June-Sept. 2013; March-Aug. 2015 – Resident Instructor, The Mountain Institute

As a resident instructor, I was responsible for teaching outdoor education courses on topics ranging from local ecology to natural resource management. The courses usually ran between 4 – 10 days in the field, where I was responsible for the group’s health and safety as well as their education experience. Additionally, I helped manage the Spruce Knob Mountain Center facility, worked with their solar campaign, wrote articles for the Center’s newsletter, and lived in a yurt.

Aug. 2012 – Feb. 2013 – Researcher/Coordinator, The Bolivian Mountain Institute

During my time with the BMI, I conducted research, helped organize data, wrote grant and project proposals, and worked as a freelance reporter for English and Spanish speaking media outlets. Most of the research focused on measuring the retreat of Bolivia’s rapidly melting glaciers. My research examined the intersections of race, class, and climate change among Bolivia’s indigenous Kallawayá healers. As a freelance reporter, I covered the initial rumblings of the increasingly difficult mining protests that are linked to the country’s nationalization of its mining resources. I also covered climate change and its impact on Bolivian society more broadly.

June–Aug. 2011, PUPUK (Association for the Advance of Small Businesses)

I was one of ten U.S. students selected nationally for the Freeman Indonesia Nonprofit Internship Program. I was responsible for learning how NGOs worked in the developing world as opposed to the role they play in the U.S. My duties included streamlining PUPUK’s website, helping conduct field interviews, and grant writing. Additionally, my internship partner and I helped draft a new social entrepreneurship program, which was later approved by their board and put into effect. I was also able to help set up some strategic partnerships between PUPUK and organizations in the U.S.

June-Aug. 2010 – Volunteer, Gu Chu Sum Tibetan Former Political Prisoner Assoc.

During Summer 2010, I traveled to Northern India to volunteer and conduct research among Tibetan former political prisoners. My research on religious and political coping mechanisms was awarded the Best Overall Paper in the College of Arts and Letters and the Honors College at USM. In addition to my research, I volunteered for a local library, an environmental awareness program, and taught English at Gu Chu Sum.

Fellowships and Grants

University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Green Action Fund Research Seed Grant, 2022 - \$5,000
Project Title – “Studying the ‘Transit’ of Colorado’s Just Transition”

University of Colorado Colorado Springs Office of Research, Committee on Research and Creative Works (CRCW) Seed Grant, 2021 - \$7,500
Project Title – “Seeing the Changing Climate in Changing Cultures in Georgia & Colorado”

National Science Foundation, Geography and Spatial Sciences Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award (Award# 1853036), 2019 - \$17,997
Dissertation improvement fellowship

Switzer Environmental Fellowship, 2018 - \$15,000
Environmental leadership fellowship, dissertation development award

Edna Bailey Sussman Fund, 2018 - \$6,300

Funded work with Foxfire, dissertation development award

Pruser Dissertation Enhancement Award, Summer 2017 - \$1,000

Dissertation development fellowship

Denis E. Cosgrove Research Grant (Cultural Geography Specialty Group of the AAG), Summer 2016 – \$1,000

“Re-imagining Global Climate Change: Stories from High-Mountain Communities in Nepal and Bolivia;” funded summer fieldwork in Upper Mustang, Nepal. 2016.

Albert, Norma and Howard Geller ’77 Endowed Research Award (George Perkins Marsh Institute) – \$2,250

“Repoliticizing Global Climate Change: Stories from High-Mountain Communities in Nepal and Bolivia,” Funded summer fieldwork in Upper Mustang, Nepal. 2016.

Wallace Atwood Fellowship (Clark University Graduate School of Geography) – \$3,500

Dissertation development fellowship. 2015.

Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship – \$5,000

Funding to pursue graduate education at the London School of Economics, 2013.

Freeman Indonesia Nonprofit Internship Fellowship (International Institute of Education)

Program meant to encourage training in international nonprofit development work; study Bahasa Indonesian; create ongoing, lasting projects

Honors and Awards

- 2019 Clark University, Travel Award (\$300)
- 2017 Clark University, Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (\$700)
- 2017 Best Graduate Student Paper at the 2017 Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference (\$150)
- 2016 Awarded Distinction, Student Paper Competition for the Sexuality and Space Specialty Group of the AAG.
- 2013 Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award (\$5,000)
- 2013 Fulbright Indonesia Finalist
- 2012 Best Paper in Honors College, USM Conference (\$500)
- 2012 Best Paper in College of Arts and Letters, USM Conference (\$500)
- 2012 Mario Savio Young Activist Award Nominee
- 2009, 2010, 2011 Honors College International Study Grant (USM)(\$1000)
- 2008 Academic Excellence Award (USM)
- 2008 Mississippi Eminent Scholar Award

Courses Taught

University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Geography & Environmental Studies (2020-)

Introduction to Environmental Studies & Sustainability
Introduction to World Regional Geography
Nature & Society
Global Climate & Environmental Change
Energy, Power, & Justice

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Social Science & Policy Studies (2017-2020)

Senior Capstone Seminar in Environmental Studies: Collaborative Survival in the Anthropocene
Introduction to Environmental Studies

Clark University, Graduate School of Geography (2015-2020)

Teaching Assistant
Climate Systems & Global Environmental Change
The Arctic in the Anthropocene
Urban Ecology
Global / Local Environmental Justice
The Political Economy of Development

Graduate and Undergraduate Student Advising

Advisor – Kayla Williams – MA, Applied Geography, focusing on energy justice in Southern Colorado –
Expected Graduation: May 2024.

Advisor – Samantha Bailey – MA, Applied Geography, focusing on the environmental justice impacts of ozone
non-attainment in Colorado Springs – Expected Graduation: May 2024.

Advisor – Trey Cate – MA, Applied Geography, focusing on intersections of folklore and climate justice in
Southern Colorado – Expected Graduation: TBD.

Advisor – Laura Mimm – GES 4970: Honors in Geography, queering mycological geographies – Graduated:
December 2024.

Committee Member – Garrett Boord – MA, Applied Geography, migration and natural amenities in Colorado –
Expected Graduation: May 2024.

Committee Member – Shelby Tibuni – MA, Applied Geography, socioecological impacts of eco-tourism in
Southern Colorado – Expected Graduation: May 2024.

Training and Continued Education

Introduction to Deep Listening (The Center for Deep Listening at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)

(UCCS) QPR Suicide Prevention Training for Faculty/Staff

(UCCS) Teaching Online Program Badge #1 – Online Course Design

(UCCS) Teaching Online Program Badge #2 – Design with Accessibility in Mind

(UCCS) Teaching Online Program Badge #3 – Online Facilitation

Certifications and Languages

- Certified in **Community-Based Sustainable Development** from Colorado State University
- Certified in **Bahasa Indonesian** from Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia
- Certified **Wilderness First Responder Medicine/CPR**
- Intermediate in **Spanish**, Beginner in **German**, Beginner in **Bahasa Indonesian**

Selected Service

Below you will find a list of selected activities where I have been fortunate to campaign, organize, and volunteer in various capacities and in an array of locations to raise environmental awareness. I would be happy to discuss any of these experiences in more depth.

Service to Profession

Roles

08/2022 – Present – United Campus Workers, National Faculty Advocacy Network Coordinator

Committees

04/2016 – Present – Queer & Trans Geographies Specialty Group, Business Group (AAG)

Peer Review Service

Peer-Review Journals

Annals of the American Association of Geographers
Climatic Change
cultural geographies (x4)
EBSCO Pathways to Research: Sustainability (x2)
Energy Research and Social Science (x3)
Environmental Communication
Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space
Environmental Humanities (x2)
Extractive Industries & Society (x2)
Geoforum (x6)
Journal of Political Ecology (x4)
Journal of Renewable Energy
Journal of Rural Studies
Material Cultures
The Geographical Bulletin
The Professional Geographer (x3)
Literary Geographies
Third World Quarterly (x2)
ACME (x2)

NSF Reviewer

- April 2023
- January 2024

Academic Presses / Book Proposal Reviews

Routledge (x3)

External Reviewer of Geography Departments/Programs

Frostburg State University's Environmental Analysis and Planning (EVAP) Program

Other Service

AP Human Geography Reader, 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022

University Service

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

08/2022 – Present – Social Sciences Symposium Series (S4) Committee

05/2022 – Present – Green Action Fund (GAF) Faculty Advisor

01/2022 – Present – Committee on Research and Creative Works (CRCW) (Grant Reviewer)

08/2021 – Present – FAC Assembly

- Social Science representation for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

08/2021 – Present – UCCS PRIDE

11/2020 – Present – FRC Advisory Committee

08/2020 – Present – Campus Sustainability Committee

- Education Sub-committee

10/2020 – Present – GES Department Curriculum Committee

08/2020 – Present – GES Graduate Faculty Committee

10/2020 – Present – United Campus Workers-Colorado (UCW)

- UCCS Organizing Committee
 - o Tenure-Track Faculty Representative
- Tenure Track & Tenured Faculty Caucus
- LGBTQIA+ Caucus
- Fair Budget / Living Wage Caucus

01/2021 – Present – Association of American University Professors (AAUP)

- Treasurer

Clark University

08/2017 – 05/2020 – Diversity & Inclusion Task Force, Graduate School of Geography

08/2017 – 12/2017 – Hiring Committee, Graduate School of Geography

08/2015 – 05/2017 – Social Committee, Clark University Graduate Society (CUGS)

Other/Community Service

11/2022 – Present – Uneven Earth Press – **Board Member**

07/2022 – Present – Chinook Center – **Board Member**

05/2021 – Present – People’s Grocery Volunteer at the Chinook Center (Colorado Springs, CO)

04/2021 – Present – City Council Climate Action Working Group (Manitou Springs, CO)

01/2021 – Present – United Way’s Environmental Council (Quality of Life Report)

09/2020 – Present – Colorado Springs Black & Pink Chapter / Abolition Reading Group

08/2016 – 05/2020 – Clark Divest

01/2018 – 05/2018 – Swanson Road Elementary School, Environmental Education Outreach

10/2013 – 11/2014 – LSE Divest Team Member

02/2013 – 06/2013 – Louisiana Bucket Brigade Volunteer

01/2011 – 05/2012 – Center for Human Rights and Civil Liberties (USM) – Co-Founder

08/2009 – 05/2012 – Amnesty International (USM) – Co-President

08/2010 – 05/2011 – Student Farm Worker Alliance (USM) – President

08/2009 – 05/2012 – Honors College Ambassador (USM)

Professional Memberships

Association of American Geographers

Cultural & Political Ecology Specialty Group

Queer and Trans Geographies Specialty Group

Cultural Geography Specialty Group

Energy & Environment Specialty Group

Critical Geographies of Education Specialty Group

Socialist and Critical Geographies Specialty Group

Critical Physical Geography Specialty Group

Critical Social Science Network (CSSN)

American Folklore Society

Labor and Working-Class History Association

American Association of University Professors

National Storytelling Network

Environmental Storytelling Discussion Group

West Virginia Storyteller’s Guild

Colorado Renewable Energy Society

United Campus Workers Colorado – UCW-CWA 7799