

Call for Manuscripts

The Impact of Natural Disasters on Systemic Political and Social Inequities in the US

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The impact of natural disasters in the US on increasing political disenfranchisement and social inequality is both understudied and misunderstood. Part of the problems is the absence of a theoretical paradigm, which facilitates the development and application of ideas, theories and methods that do not fit within the confines of status attainment scholarship. Categorical inequality—a paradigm developed in 1998 by Charles Tilly—articulates the manner in which social inequality is established by unequal categories, and then replicated and reified through existing and new organizational and societal processes. Moreover, categorical inequality necessitates explicit discussions and examinations of the nature of power and how it perpetuates the existing social order. Hence, conventional political and social inequality research often ignores comparative and historical contexts as the basis for inequities. The promise of this volume is to solicit manuscripts which will examine the impact of natural disasters in the US on issues of political and social inequality.

We invite manuscripts addressing the following topics:

What social or political impacts do natural disasters have on the people who live there?

How can political and social theory explain natural disaster outcomes?

What sorts of methods should we use to discover the impact of natural disasters on communities?

Other Impacts of Natural Disasters: School-to-prison pipeline, increased crime, decreased neighborhood resilience, voting and political participation changes, political disenfranchisement, etc.

Population studies: Who stays and who goes?

At the crossroads of race, class, and gender: how do these matter when exploring natural disaster outcomes?

What are the roles of organizations, corporations, and government in managing natural disaster processes?

Chapter Parameters:

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (R&L) uses the Chicago Manual of Style, 15th ed., and Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., as style and spelling guides.

Completed chapters should be 15-20 pages, double-spaced, 12-point font.

Please send brief biographical information, your proposed title, and a 500-word abstract of proposed content to gew23@pitt.edu by September 30, 2018. Please acknowledge in the email your willingness to adhere to the timeline below:

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