# SSSP DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Spring/Summer 2018 Newsletter

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## **Note from the Chair**



Laura McKinney, Tulane University 2016-2018 E&T Division Chair

Dear E&T division members,

Greetings from New Orleans! I hope your summers are off to a great start. I have many exciting announcements including our graduate student paper award winners, information on our dynamic sessions at the annual meeting, and news on recent publications.

First, please join me in congratulating our 2018

Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award winners, Joe Curnow and Anjali Helferty (University of Toronto). Their paper, "Contradictions of Solidarity: Whiteness, Settler Coloniality, and the Mainstream Environmental Movement," is an exploration of the racialized history of the environmental movement in the US; please see page 5 for a synopsis of this fantastic paper. Special thanks to the award committee members, <u>Victor Perez, Erin Robinson, and Marko Salvaggio</u> for reviewing and refereeing submissions. Notably, this is Victor's **third** consecutive year on the committee and Erin's **fifth**! We are fortunate to have such dedicated members. Please join me in expressing appreciation for their efforts.

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Now, on to the meetings. This year's theme—<u>Abolitionist</u> <u>Approaches to Social Problems</u>—is a powerful message for confronting inequality and injustice. Our division-sponsored thematic sessions are: "Abolishing Environmental Injustice," "Soil Not Oil," and "Disasters and Climate Change: Local, National, and International Perspectives." We also have an excellent set of cosponsored panels, such as "Abolishing Environmental Racism," "Environmental Injustice in the World-System," "Green Gentrification," and "Environmental Activism." In addition there are critical dialogue sessions focused on "Crime, Delinquency, and Terrorism in Cyberspace," while another centers on "Teaching Environmental Social Problem." Please see page 12 the full list of division panels, sessions, and critical dialogues for 2018. You will not want to miss a single one!

Please attend our **Division Business Meeting on Friday** from 4:30-6:10pm in Liberty Ballroom A. These are a great way to get involved in the division. Bring your ideas for panels and sessions you'd like to organize and/or participate in 2019! Graduate students are especially encouraged to attend—we'd love to hear from you!

On Saturday, please note the Presidential Address (5:30-6:30pm) and the awards ceremony will be held at the Horizons Rooftop Ballroom (6:45pm-7:45pm). Immediately following (7:45-8:45pm) is our division reception in the Independence Ballroom. This is an excellent opportunity to connect and imbibe with fellow SSSP members—it is always a great time! I hope you will join us for the festivities.

Please enjoy the contents of the newsletter. As always, I am deeply indebted to our magnificent newsletter editor, Lisa East, who makes this newsletter possible. *Thank you!!* 

I hope you share my enthusiasm for the 2018 annual meeting. I look forward seeing you in Philly!

In solidarity,

Laura

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## Note from the Incoming Chair - Nels Paulson



**Nels Paulson**University of Wisconsin-Stout
2018-2020 E&T Division Chair

What a cool section. I am a honored to be elected chair of the Environment and Technology section of SSSP... and I am a little bit intimidated. It's not just that we have so many intelligent and hard-working members of this section, which we do. More importantly, I'm impressed by the dedication this membership makes to addressing our social and ecological problems with the genuine seriousness needed for effective academic praxis. E&T members really do want their scholarship to matter. They genuinely care to improve people's lives and the

natural environments in which we are embedded. I hope I can offer the kind of service to empower and embolden that dedication and impact. And I hope we can bring others into our fold, as well. I certainly am stepping into a great position with the examples that Laura McKinney and Daina Harvey provided as recent E&T chairs. They, along with many of you, truly inspire me.

I learned of SSSP as a sociology graduate student at Arizona State University while hanging out with Justice Studies faculty and students. Of course ASA is important for a sociologist, but they told me about the SSSP secret. If you want to get involved in something that can make a significant difference in your career - especially early in your career as a graduate student or junior faculty - then it is SSSP. It really is true. The SSSP sessions I have attended and presented at, the informal conversations over drinks with E&T members, the correspondence with them over email- I can honestly say I am a better academic and person become of these things. I want more people to embrace this treasure trove of SSSP in general, and E&T in particular.

As an Associate Professor of Sociology at University of Wisconsin-Stout, the main focus in my career has been studying (and mobilizing) civil society. I've published on NGOs, religion,

disaster relief, trophy hunting, the media, indigenous peoples, farming, and water quality. The one thing that all of these substantive topics absolutely need, in my mind, is dedicated, informed advocacy. My current work in Wisconsin is primarily centered around directing an interdisciplinary research project called the LAKES REU (Linking Applied Knowledge in Environmental Sustainability Research Experience for Undergraduates). It is funded by NSF and focuses on phosphorus pollution and blue-green algae blooms (www.uwstout.edu/lakes). The most important thing we try to do is build local communities' capacities to address the pollution while simultaneously studying those capacities. This iterative, collaborative, applied approach is something that is well-documented in social science literature, but it came as a surprise to my natural science colleagues and to the local community at large. I think SSSP members do exactly these kinds of things in various ways- making sure their research is not just sitting in a journal or on a book shelf. I hope SSSP can continue providing the type of environment (no pun intended) to further grow the efficacy and breadth of our collective scholarships' impact.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or comments. We have some exciting E&T topics on the docket for SSSP this August. I look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia!

### Nels can be contacted at <u>paulsonne@uwstout.edu</u>



# Congratulations to the 2018 Brent K. Marshall Award Winners, **Joe Curnow and Anjali Helferty!**

#### Contradictions of Solidarity: Whiteness, Settler Coloniality, and the Mainstream Environmental Movement

Joe Curnow and Anjali Helferty

In early 2017, thousands of water protectors, Indigenous and settler, celebrated a hard-won victory. They had temporarily stopped pipeline construction on Oceti Sakowin, near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation. Months before, Indigenous youth had put their bodies on the line to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). Over time, the encampments grew to include as many as 12,000 people, including Indigenous people from nearly 300 nations, environmental justice activists, mainstream environmentalists, military veterans, and others committed to



**Anjali Helferty**University of Toronto

stopping DAPL from being built. The news of their victory was a rare moment for celebration, not just for the easement which temporarily prevented pipeline construction through Indigenous land, but



**Joe Curnow**University of Toronto

also for the relationships that were built across different communities. Indigenous sovereignty, environmental justice, and mainstream environmental activists came together to protect water, land, and future generations by opposing pipeline developments across North America.

The anti-pipeline alliances and other land-based fights have forced mainstream environmentalists to confront the racialized and colonial implications of environmental work. For some, though certainly not all, it has decentered white, settler

approaches to environmentalism. Yet even as these campaigns have grown and often thrived, the relationships are difficult to navigate as different ideas about the environment and its relationship to settler colonialism and racialization surface. Different ways of knowing and being, different relationships to land and community, different exposure to risk, and long histories of mistrust have created a difficult environment for reconciliation work. Indeed, in many of the narratives emerging from Standing Rock, Indigenous people have noted the challenges of working with

settlers, and particularly white settlers unfamiliar with the histories of settler colonialism and racialization, unprepared to recognize and check their own Eurowestern ways of knowing and

being, or often inadvertently performing white saviourism.

In this article, we trace the racialized history of the environmental movement in the US and Canada that has defined the mainstream movement as a default white space. We then interrogate the turn to solidarity as a way to escape/intervene in racialized and colonial underpinnings of mainstream environmentalism, demonstrating that the practice of solidarity itself depends on these same racial and colonial systems. We conclude

Joe and Anjali will be presenting their paper in Session 128 "Environmental Activism" on Sunday, August 12 at 12:30pm in room Independence D

that the contradictions of racialized and colonial solidarity should not preclude settler attempts to engage in solidarity work, but become inscribed into environmentalist practices as an ethic of

Special thanks to **Victor Perez, Erin Robinson,** and **Marko Salvaggio** for serving as award committee members for the Brent K. Marshall Student Paper Competition for our Division

Want to get more involved in the SSSP Environment & Technology Division?

Come to the

Division Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting on Friday from 4:30-6:10pm in Liberty Ballroom A!

This is a great way get involved in Division committees, propose sessions for next year's annual meeting, and work on contributions to the division newsletter. See you all there!

## **Recent Member Publications**

## Books

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

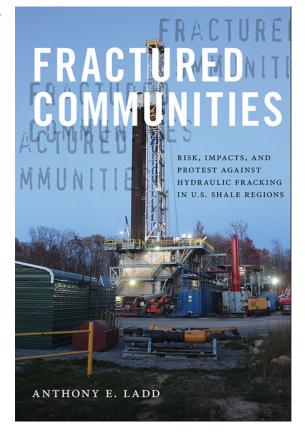
Edited by: Anthony E. Ladd

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#### About this Book:

While environmental disputes and conflicts over fossil fuel extraction have grown in recent years, few issues have been as contentious in the twenty-first century as those surrounding the



impacts of unconventional natural gas and oil development using hydraulic drilling and fracturing techniques—more commonly known as "fracking"—on local communities. In Fractured Communities, Anthony E. Ladd and other leading environmental sociologists present a set of crucial case studies analyzing the differential risk perceptions, socioenvironmental impacts, and mobilization of citizen protest (or quiescence) surrounding unconventional energy development and hydraulic fracking in a number of key U.S. shale regions. Fractured Communities reveals how this contested terrain is expanding, pushing the issue of fracking into the mainstream of the American political arena.

## **Recent Member Publications**

## Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Gunderson, Ryan. 2017. "Commodification of Nature." Pp. 846-865 in *International Encyclopedia of Geography: People, the Earth, Environment, and Technology, Vol. II*, edited by Douglas Richardson, Noel Castree, Michael F. Goodchild, Audrey Kobayashi, Weidong Liu, and Richard A. Marston. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.

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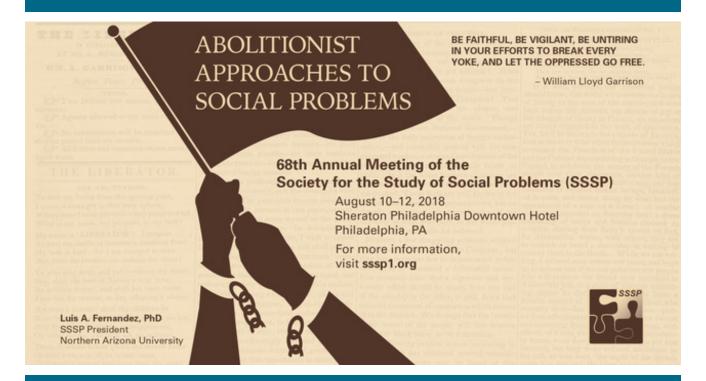
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Whyte, Kyle P., Ryan Gunderson, and Brett Clark. 2017. "Is Technology Use Insidious?" Pp. 41-61 in *Philosophy, Technology, and the Environment*, edited by David M. Kaplan. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

## Join us for the 68th SSSP Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, August 10-12



## Online registration is now open until July 15th!

Registering online saves you time and money

Attendees who miss the July 15th deadline will be required to pay onsite registration. Additionally, **all program participants are** required to register no later than June 1st

#### To register online, visit the SSSP Annual Meeting portal here:

https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/727/fuseaction/ssspconf.portal

## Accessibility Guidelines and Services for Program Participants, Presenters, and Session Organizers at SSSP's 2018 Annual Meeting

The Accessibility Committee has developed written guidelines to maximize access for all program participants. In addition, the Committee has developed checklists for presenters and session organizers. See SSSP's website for PDFs of all checklists here: <a href="https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/732/Accessibility\_Guidelines\_and\_Services/">https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/732/Accessibility\_Guidelines\_and\_Services/</a>

We appreciate your efforts in ensuring that everyone can have a great conference experience. If you need accommodations (including microphones for presenters with soft voices) in order to present your paper or have any questions or concerns, contact Dana M. Greene, Accessibility Committee Chair, <a href="mailto:greenedm@gmail.com">greenedm@gmail.com</a> and Michele Koontz, Administrative Officer & Meeting Manager, <a href="mailto:mkoontz3@utk.edu">mkoontz3@utk.edu</a> no later than June 30.

### 2018 Conference Hotel Reservation Information

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## **SSSP Anti-Harassment Policy**

As a social justice organization, the SSSP is committed to creating a safe and welcoming space at the annual meeting for the free exchange of ideas and professional development; an environment free from harassment based on, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender identity or gender expression, national origin, age, disability, health conditions, sexual orientation, religion, language, socioeconomic status, marital status, domestic status, or parental status. This includes the harassment of colleagues, students, guests, SSSP and hotel staff, vendors, exhibitors, and others present at the annual meeting. To that end, we ask you to help us make it very clear that anyone engaging in this kind of behavior is not welcomed at the annual meeting. (The Society also has a Sexual Harassment Workplace Policy, listing numerous examples of sexual harassment, in the Operations Manual, for members to consult if they wish.)

The following is an anti-discrimination and harassment statement from our Operations Manual.

The Society for the Study of Social Problems is committed to the eradication of discrimination (both intentional and unintentional), harassment, and violence directed at individuals and groups based on, but not limited to, race and ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, class, nationality and immigrant status, ability, and religion. Offensive conduct may include, but is not limited to, offensive jokes, slurs, epithets, name calling, physical assaults and threats, unwanted touching and persistent unwanted attention and invasion of personal space, intimidation, ridicule or mockery, and insults and put-downs. Whenever and wherever possible, the Society will affirm this commitment to antiracist, anti-sexist, anti homophobic, anti-xenophobic, and anti-Islamophobic agenda, publicly and explicitly. As an organization dedicated to social justice, the Society will take very seriously, reports, formal or informal, of harassment or discrimination in the organization and at annual and other Society meetings. To the greatest degree possible, the Society will do what it can to respond appropriately to those who violate our policies and to protect victims and potential victims, from being subjected to this type of unwnted and offensive behavior. We will make every effort to ensure that this commitment is manifest in the policies, programs, and practices of the organization, including in the public positions the SSSP takes on issues, both national and international

If you witness an incident and can help without placing yourself or anyone else in danger, we encourage you to do so. If you or someone is in imminent physical danger, we urge you to alert hotel security and/or law enforcement. Otherwise, attendees are encouraged to report possible instances of harassment to the Executive Officer, Héctor L. Delgado, in person or at <a href="hector.delgado49@gmail.com">hector.delgado49@gmail.com</a>

## 2018 Annual Meeting Environment & Technology Division Sessions

### Division Sessions:

#### oor. Abolishing Environmental Injustice (Critical Dialogue)

Session Organizer: Laura McKinney, Tulane University

Session Presider: Clare Cannon, University of California, Davis and University of Free State,

South Africa

Friday, August 10th, 8:30-10:10AM

Room: Independence A

#### 089: Disasters and Climate Change: Local, National, and International Perspectives

Session Organizer & Presider: Victor W. Perez, University of Delaware

Saturday, August 11th, 2:30 - 4:10PM

Room: Independence C

#### 106: Soil Not Oil

Session Organizers: Clare Cannon, University of California, Davis and University of Free State,

South Africa & Laura McKinney, Tulane University

Session Presider: Clare Cannon, University of California, Davis and University of Free State,

South Africa

Sunday, August 12th, 8:30 - 10:10AM

Room: Independence D

## Co-Sponsored Sessions:

#### 033: Teaching Environmental Social Problems co-sponsored with Teaching Social Problems

(Critical Dialogue & Thematic Session)

Session Organizer & Presider: Erin Robinson, Canisius College

Friday, August 10th, 2:30-4:10PM

Room: Independence B

#### 056: Environmental Injustice in the World-System co-sponsored with Global

Session Organizer & Presider: Nikhil Deb, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Discussant: R. Scott Frey, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Saturday, August 11th, 8:30-10:10PM

Room: Freedom F

#### **069: Abolishing Environmental Racism** co-sponsored with Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Session Organizer, Jedi, and Discussant: Daina Cheyenne Harvey, College of the Holy Cross

Saturday, August 11th, 10:30-12:10PM

Room: Freedom G

#### 117: Green Gentrification: Urban Sustainability and the Struggle for Environmental

**Justice** co-sponsored with Community Research and Development

Session Organizers: Tammy Lewis, Brooklyn College and The Graduate Center, CUNY &

Kenneth A. Gould, Brooklyn College, CUNY

Session Presider: Tammy Lewis, Brooklyn College and The Graduate Center, CUNY

Discussant: Kenneth A. Gould, Brooklyn College, CUNY

Sunday, August 12th, 10:30AM - 12:10PM

Room: Independence D

#### 128: Environmental Activism co-sponsored with Conflict, Social Action, and Change

Session Organizer & Presider: Marko Salvaggio, Goucher College

Sunday, August 12th, 12:30 - 2:10PM

Room: Independence D

#### 140: Environmental Law and Policies co-sponsored by Sociology and Social Welfare

Session Organizer & Presider: Angus A. Nurse, Middlesex University

Sunday, August 12th, 2:30 - 4:10PM

Room: Independence D

## All Annual Meeting Sessions can be found in the SSSP Preliminary Program Index of Sessions:

https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1780/fuseaction/ ssspsession2.onlineSessionIndex/

## SSSP Annual Meeting Receptions and Special Events

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 9th

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 11th

6:30pm - 7:30pm

7:15am – 8:15am

Arrival Meet & Greet Reception; Location: Horizons Rooftop Ballroom, Rooftop Level New Member Breakfast; Room: Liberty Ballroom A, Ballroom Level

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 10th

4:15pm - 5:25pm

6:30pm - 7:30pm

SSSP Business Meeting; Room: Horizons

Welcoming Reception; Room: Horizons Rooftop Ballroom, Rooftop Level Rooftop Ballroom, Rooftop Level

7:30pm - 8:30pm

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Graduate Student Happy Hour; Location:

Presidential Address; Room: Horizons Rooftop Ballroom, Rooftop Level

Local Hotel Bar, Lobby Level

6:45pm - 7:45pm

Awards Ceremony; Room: Horizons Rooftop

Ballroom, Rooftop Level

7:45pm – 8:45pm

See below for full descriptions of Receptions and Special Events

Division-Sponsored Reception; Room: Independence Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

#### **Arrival Meet & Greet Reception**

Open to SSSP Registrants

All meeting registrants are invited to the Arrival Meet & Greet Reception on Thursday, August 9, to celebrate the opening of the 68th Annual Meeting. This social hour kicks off at 6:30pm (Horizons Rooftop Ballroom, Rooftop Level) and provides opportunities to renew past acquaintances, chat with old friends, and find a newcomer to befriend. New members and first-time meeting attendees are particularly encouraged to attend. A cash bar will be available.

#### **Welcoming Reception**

#### Open to SSSP Registrants

All meeting registrants are invited to the Welcoming Reception on Friday, August 10. This social hour kicks off at 6:30pm (Horizons Rooftop Ballroom, Rooftop Level) and provides opportunities to renew past acquaintances, chat with old friends, and find a newcomer to befriend. New members and first-time meeting attendees are particularly encouraged to attend. A cash bar will be available.

#### **Graduate Student Happy Hour**

The Graduate Student Happy Hour is scheduled later in the evening from 7:30pm-8:30pm (Local Hotel Bar, Lobby Level). Complimentary drinks will be provided.

#### **New Member Breakfast**

On Saturday, August 11 from 7:15am-8:15am (Liberty Ballroom A, Ballroom Level) established SSSP members will host a breakfast, greeting, welcoming, and networking with new members. Enter the room with a "New Member" or "Host" ribbon on your SSSP name badge.

#### **SSSP Business Meeting**

Open to SSSP Members

Plan to attend the SSSP Business Meeting on Saturday, August 11 from 4:15pm-5:25pm (Horizons Rooftop Ballroom, Rooftop Level) for an update on the status and future of SSSP. The meeting concludes with the traditional transfer of the gavel, marking the transition of duties from Luis A. Fernandez to incoming President Nancy J. Mezey. An open discussion period will follow the meeting. All members are invited to this session.

#### **Presidential Address**

Open to SSSP Registrants

Plan to attend the Presidential Address featuring the formal address of President Luis A. Fernandez on Saturday, August 11 from 5:30pm-6:30pm (Horizons Rooftop Ballroom, Rooftop Level). All registrants are invited to this session.

#### **Awards Ceremony**

Open to SSSP Registrants

Plan to attend the Awards Ceremony, conferring the 2018 major SSSP awards, on Saturday, August 11, from 6:45pm-7:45pm (Room: Horizons Rooftop Ballroom, Rooftop Level). All registrants are invited to this event.

#### **Division-Sponsored Reception**

Open to SSSP Registrants

Following the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, August 11, the following divisions will host a joint reception from 7:45pm-8:45pm (Independence Ballroom, Mezzanine Level): Community Research and Development; Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Disability; Educational Problems; Environment and Technology; Family; Global; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Institutional Ethnography; Labor Studies; Law and Society; Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Social Problems Theory; Society and Mental Health; Sociology and Social Welfare; Sport, Leisure, and the Body; Teaching Social Problems; and Youth, Aging, and the Life Course. Complimentary beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

Have a book or publication announcement? On the market? Have a grant or publishing opportunity? Have a pressing environmental issue you want to talk about? Interested in writing a short contribution for the newsletter?



Contact us at etsssp@gmail.com - we'd love to hear from you!

#### Note from the Editor

My time as newsletter editor has come to an end! I have enjoyed working with all of you over these past four years as the E&T Division newsletter editor. Thank you all for your wonderful contributions and for making the division strong and cooperative. And thanks to Daina Harvey, Laura McKinney, Kayla Stover, and Clare Cannon for making this job easy.

I unfortunately will not be making it to Philly this year as I am enjoying the summer with my newborn before I head back to work in the fall. But remember to register by July 15th!

Lisa East, 2014-2018 E&T Division Newsletter Editor



**Lisa East**Postdoctoral Research Associate
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Special thanks to Joe Curnow, Ryan Gunderson, Anjali Helferty, Nels Paulson, and Carmel Price for their contributions to this newsletter!