

# SSSP DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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## Note from the Chair



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

Dear E&T section members,

Thanks to all who participated in this year's annual meeting in Montreal, which was a resounding success for the organization and our section. I enjoyed attending many intriguing sessions on diverse topics related to social problems surrounding the environment. I look forward to continuing this trend in 2018.

The theme for next year's annual meeting, "Abolitionist Approaches to Social Problems," is a powerful thematic for interrogating social and environmental problems. We have organized a full slate of exciting panels, dialogues, and thematic sessions for these meetings. Please see pages 6-7 of the newsletter for more information. Thanks to those who have volunteered to serve as session organizers and those who proposed session ideas at the business meeting in Montreal.

Please enjoy the contents of the newsletter. Don't miss the write-up from Tammy Lewis and Ken Gould on their book, *Green Gentrification*, which is the theme for a panel at the upcoming 2018 meetings. You'll find other publication news from Angus Nurse. Finally, we have a call for submissions to the graduate student paper award (deadline: January 31, 2018) as detailed on p. 2. Thanks to those who contributed items to the newsletter. (*continued on page 2*)




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As always, I am deeply indebted to our magnificent newsletter editor, Lisa East, whose tireless inputs make this newsletter possible. *Thank you!!*

I hope you share my enthusiasm for the planned sessions at our next annual meeting. We look forward to receiving your submissions in early 2018.

Take care,  
Laura

## ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

**Deadline: 1/31/18**

The [Environment and Technology Division](#) is pleased to announce its 2018 Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award. This award honors the late Brent Marshall's (1965-2008) personal and professional commitment to the Division and encouragement of student engagement in academic scholarship and research. Papers will be considered in the areas of environmental sociology, including, but not limited to political economy of the environment, global environmental issues, social movements and the environment, technology and society, natural disasters and society, and risk perception.

The winner of the Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award will receive a plaque, a complimentary student membership (\$30), conference registration (\$60), and a cash award (\$100). To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been written in 2017; 2) the paper must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 3) manuscripts should be limited to fewer than 10,000 words (inclusive of notes, references, and tables) and 4) the paper must not be published or accepted for publication.

Students should send their submissions to each member of the award committee: Erin Robinson ([robinso5@canisius.edu](mailto:robinso5@canisius.edu)), Marko Salvaggio ([markosalvaggio@gmail.com](mailto:markosalvaggio@gmail.com)), and Victor Perez ([victorp@udel.edu](mailto:victorp@udel.edu)). **Please note that students may submit to only one Division for a student paper award.** Authors should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. In order to be considered for the Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award, applicants are required to submit their papers through the Annual Meeting Call for Papers. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Laura McKinney ([lauramc@tulane.edu](mailto:lauramc@tulane.edu)).

# Resisting Green Gentrification

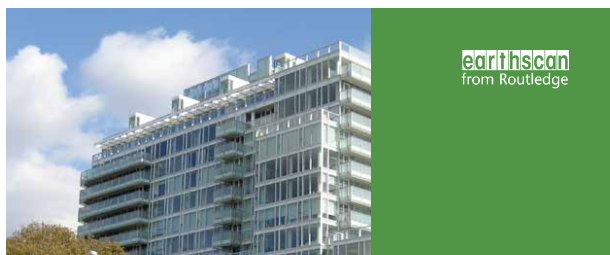
## *Call for Papers for SSSP 2018*

Kenneth A. Gould and Tammy L. Lewis  
Brooklyn College and the CUNY Graduate Center

We used to get excited when we saw new bike paths and parks being added in Brooklyn. Nowadays, those developments concern us. Urban greening has led to urban displacement. It's ironic that environmental justice activists who fight for environmental amenities in their communities are unintentionally putting their housing security at risk. Urban sustainability isn't just the addition of green spaces; urban sustainability requires access for all to clean spaces, not just residents who can afford it.



*Tammy L. Lewis and Kenneth A. Gould*  
*Brooklyn College and the CUNY Graduate Center*



## GREEN GENTRIFICATION

URBAN SUSTAINABILITY AND THE STRUGGLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



ROUTLEDGE EQUITY, JUSTICE AND THE SUSTAINABLE CITY SERIES

We examine the social consequences of urban greening in our book *Green Gentrification: Urban Sustainability and the Struggle for Environmental Justice* from environmental justice and sustainable development lenses. We compare five green initiatives in Brooklyn to demonstrate that while these projects are positive for the environment, they tend to increase inequality and undermine the social pillar of sustainable development. Although greening is ostensibly intended to improve environmental conditions in neighborhoods, it generates green gentrification that pushes out the working class and people of color, and attracts white, wealthier, immigrants.

In presenting our work to activists and scholars over the past few years, we learned that the green gentrification process we documented in Brooklyn rang true for others from Denver to Barcelona. This begs the question of how we can change this? How  
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## Steps to Resist Green Gentrification in your Community

1. Use an environmental justice frame.
2. Build alliances with workers and elected officials.
3. Don't equate participation with success.
4. Build solidarity to resist zoning changes, the first stage of green gentrification.
5. Generate alternative visions for green spaces and jobs – be ready with a community plan.
6. If areas are rezoned, fight for affordable housing and local residents' priority for that housing.
7. Sequencing matters: secure affordable housing and working class jobs before greening begins.
8. When promises are made, follow up and monitor.
9. Stay organized. Stay mobilized. Stay vigilant.

can we create environmentally healthy neighborhoods and allow residents to remain? How do we create what Agyeman (2005) calls *just* sustainability?

Our book highlights one neighborhood (Sunset Park) where longtime neighborhood activists are slowing the green gentrification process. Based on our analysis, we propose 10 steps to fight green gentrification (see box above). The effectiveness of these forms of resistance has not been examined widely. We seek to understand more systematically what types of public policy interventions and activist strategies can effectively keep neighborhoods whole.

Our excellent colleague and Chair of our section Laura McKinney has invited us to organize a session around this theme for the 2018 SSSP meetings in Philadelphia, to be co-sponsored with the Environment & Technology section and the Community Research & Development section. The session will consider the questions: Under what conditions does green gentrification occur? What strategies are being used successfully to prevent displacement?

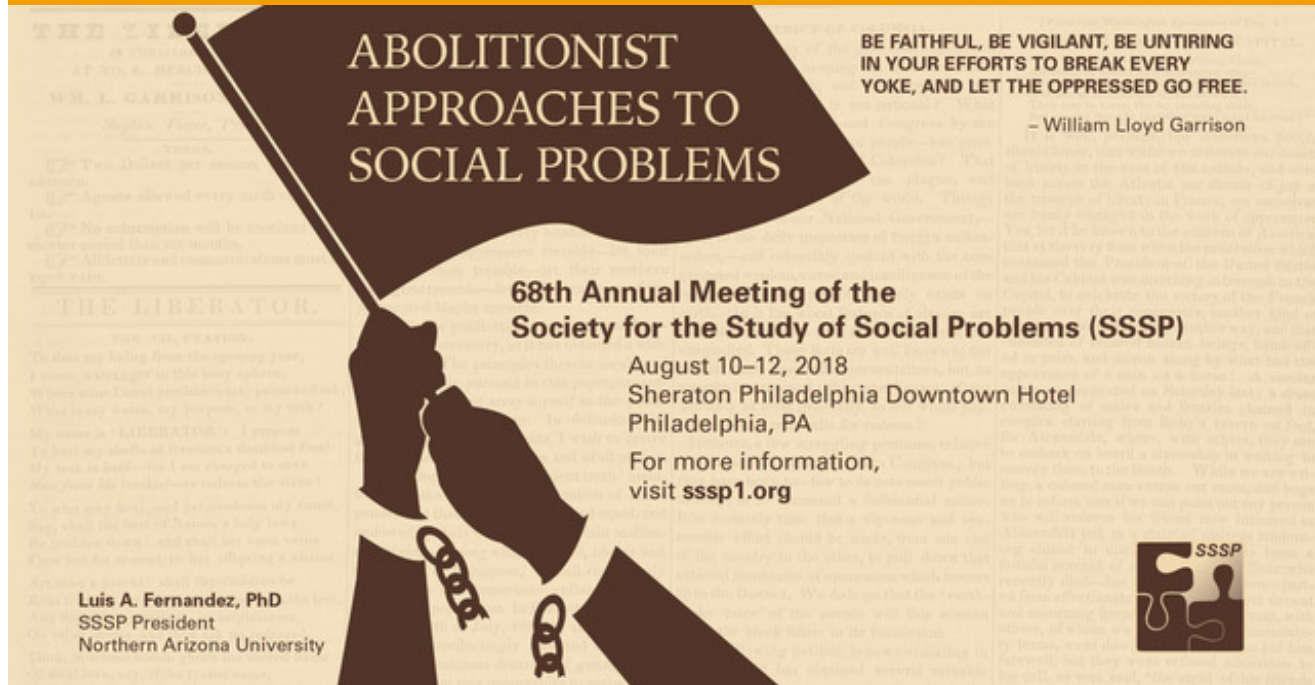
Submissions will go through the SSSP on-line system in January. For more information on the session, please contact us at [kgould@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:kgould@brooklyn.cuny.edu) and [tlewis@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:tlewis@brooklyn.cuny.edu) and follow us on twitter @ KGouldA and @ TammyL\_Lewis

Reference:

Agyeman, Julian. 2005. *Sustainable Communities and the Challenge of Environmental Justice*. New York: New York University Press.



# 2018 SSSP Annual Meeting Call for Papers




**ABOLITIONIST  
APPROACHES TO  
SOCIAL PROBLEMS**

BE FAITHFUL, BE VIGILANT, BE UNTIRING  
IN YOUR EFFORTS TO BREAK EVERY  
YOKE, AND LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE.  
— William Lloyd Garrison

**68th Annual Meeting of the  
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)**  
August 10–12, 2018  
Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel  
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For more information,  
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**Luis A. Fernandez, PhD**  
SSSP President  
Northern Arizona University



**The Call for Papers for the 2018  
SSSP Annual Meeting is now live  
until January 31, 2017!**

To submit an extended abstract or paper or to view  
your submitted abstracts and papers, visit the 2017  
SSSP Annual Meeting portal here:

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**Luis A. Fernandez**  
SSSP President, 2017-2018  
Arizona State University

# Environment & Technology Division Sponsored (Solo) and Co-Sponsored Sessions SSSP Annual Meeting 2018

## Division Sponsored (Solo) Sessions

### **Abolishing Environmental Injustice**

*Session Type:* Critical Dialogue & Thematic

*Session Organizer:* Laura McKinney ([lauramc@tulane.edu](mailto:lauramc@tulane.edu))

*Session Presider:* Clare Cannon ([cebcannon@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cebcannon@ucdavis.edu))

### **Soil Not Oil**

*Session Type:* Regular Session

*Session Organizers:* Clare Cannon ([cebcannon@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cebcannon@ucdavis.edu)) & Laura McKinney ([lauramc@tulane.edu](mailto:lauramc@tulane.edu))

*Session Presider:* Clare Cannon ([cebcannon@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cebcannon@ucdavis.edu))

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

*Session Type:* Regular Session

*Session Organizer & Presider:* Victor Perez ([victorp@udel.edu](mailto:victorp@udel.edu))

## Co-Sponsored Sessions

### **Environmental Activism**

*Session Co-sponsor:* Conflict, Social Action, and Change

*Session Type:* Regular

*Session Organizer & Presider:* Marko Salvaggio ([markosalvaggio@gmail.com](mailto:markosalvaggio@gmail.com))

### **Environmental Injustice in the World-System**

*Session Co-sponsor:* Global

*Session Type:* Regular

*Session Organizer & Presider:* Nikhilendu Deb ([ndeb@vols.utk.edu](mailto:ndeb@vols.utk.edu))

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## Co-Sponsored Sessions

### **Crime, Delinquency, and Terrorism in Cyberspace**

*Session Co-sponsor:* Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

*Session Type:* Critical Dialogue

*Session Organizers & Presiders:* Glenn Muschert ([muschegw@miamioh.edu](mailto:muschegw@miamioh.edu)) & Teague Schoessow ([teague.schoessow@gmail.com](mailto:teague.schoessow@gmail.com))

### **Environmental Law and Policies**

*Session Co-sponsor:* Sociology and Social Welfare

*Session Type:* Regular Session

*Session Organizer & Presider:* Angus Nurse ([a.nurse@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:a.nurse@mdx.ac.uk))

### **Teaching Environmental Social Problems**

*Session Co-sponsor:* Teaching Social Problems

*Session Type:* Critical Dialogue

*Session Organizer & Presider:* Erin Robinson ([robinso5@canisius.edu](mailto:robinso5@canisius.edu))

### **Green Gentrification**

*Session Co-sponsor:* Community Research and Development

*Session Type:* Regular Session

*Session Organizers:* Tammy Lewis ([tlewis@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:tlewis@brooklyn.cuny.edu)) & Ken Gould ([kgould@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:kgould@brooklyn.cuny.edu))

*Session Presider:* Ian Carrillo ([iancarrillo@gmail.com](mailto:iancarrillo@gmail.com))

### **Abolishing Environmental Racism**

*Session Co-sponsor:* Racial and Ethnic Minorities

*Session Type:* Regular Session

*Session Organizer and Presider:* Daina Harvey ([dh Harvey@holycross.edu](mailto:dh Harvey@holycross.edu))

## Narratives of Environmental Activism

### Call for Papers

Book chapters are invited from members of the SSSP Environment and Technology Division for an edited collection on the theme of narratives on environmental activism. The Division had a number of panels at the 67<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the SSSP covering a wide range of environmental narratives relating to activism in its varied forms. This call for papers seeks to collect papers together in an edited collection intended for Palgrave's *Studies in Green Criminology* book series. The overarching theme of the proposed edited collection will be to bring together various conference papers and other contributions to examine activism and narratives as a means of addressing environmental harms (including animal abuse and wildlife crime) which are often ignored by mainstream criminology.

The collection editor (Environment and Technology Division member Angus Nurse) is interested in papers that discuss how environmental harms are being addressed through resistance and activism and challenges to dominant power structures and ideologies. Papers that directly engage with issues of environmental and ecological justice or a green criminological perspective are particularly welcomed. The proposed edited collection follows the 'ecological justice' strand of the Palgrave book series (and green criminology more widely) that argues that justice systems often ignore harms caused to the environment and non-human nature and which draws attention to and opposes the integral relationships between capitalist exploitation, business practices, and the destruction of local and global ecosystems. We are particularly interested in papers presented at the conference and other works in progress on the following themes:

- Global Environmental Justice and Transnational Environmental Activism
- Environmental regulation and corporate environmental crime
- The complicity of states, their institutions and capitalist society in the destruction of ecosystems
- Social and ecological justice and the role of social movements in combating environmental harm
- Food insecurity and criminalisation and corruption in food production
- Environmental Health, mobilisation and justice, including environmental disasters

Full length chapters to a maximum of 7,000 words in length and shorter pieces up to 4,000 words are both welcomed. The deadline for abstracts is **31 October 2017** and a decision on acceptance will be communicated to authors by **30 November 2017**. Full versions of accepted chapters will be required by **31 January 2018** with authors expected to respond to peer-reviewers' comments with final chapters no later than **30 April 2018**.

Proposals should include a title and an abstract of no more than 300 words, as well as the author's name, address, telephone number, email address, and institutional affiliation and should be sent to the editor, Angus Nurse ([a.nurse@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:a.nurse@mdx.ac.uk))



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 [etssp@gmail.com](mailto:etssp@gmail.com) - *we'd love to hear from you!*

### ***Note from the Editor***

Happy fall! Congratulations to the previous co-editor of the E&T newsletter Clare Cannon for completing her Ph.D. and on her new position at the University of California, Davis! Congrats, Dr. Cannon!

I have also completed my Ph.D. and am currently a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. It's my pleasure to serve another year as an editor of the division newsletter in Laura's last year as division chair.

Don't forget to submit your extended abstracts for the 2018 Annual Meeting - the call for papers is now live!

**Lisa East**, 2017-2018 E&T Division Newsletter Editor



**Elizabeth East**

Postdoctoral Research Associate  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

*Special thanks to Kenneth A. Gould, Tammy L. Lewis, and Angus Nurse for their contributions to this newsletter!*