

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Intersectional Environmentalism and Environmental Justice

COLLABORATIVE READING LIST

This collaborative reading list has the goal of providing our community with resources to engage with and take part in the kind of in-depth critical reflection, dialogue and, ideally, transformation that anti-racism and the climate change crisis call for and that our institutional commitment to diversity, justice, and sustainability, and our mission of care ask of us.

The reading list on its own is not an agent of transformation. If you're a student, staff or faculty member wishing to engage with others in dialogue about one of these resources or if you have an idea about how to generate a community activity using one or more of these resources, please email the Chair of the Program, Dr. Adela Ramos (ramosam_at_plu_edu). The Program will be in touch in late August about fall activities to discuss intersectional environmentalism and environmental justice.

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Where do I start?

The first section provides a list of recent online resources, journalism and online periodical essays which either provide introductory resources or an exploratory analysis of a particular issue from an intersectional and/or environmental justice lens.

350PDX. "[Environmental Justice & White Supremacy Resources](#)." 350PDX, n.d.

[Black Lives Matter Resources](#): An extensive list of resources for staff, students, and faculty compiled by Christine Nicolai (Administrative and Communications Director, Natural Sciences)

Pacific RISA. "[Climate Justice and Racial Justice: Resources.](#)" Pacific RISA, n.d.

Washington Environmental Council. "[Resources on Environmental Justice, Racism, and Whiteness.](#)" n.d.

Atkin, Emily. "[The Climate Movement's Silence: On Insidious Anti-Blackness in Climate Activism, and the Rise of Climate Chads.](#)" *Headed Word* (blog), June 1, 2020.

Finney, Carolyn. "[The Perils of Being Black in Public: We are all Christian Cooper and George Floyd.](#)" *The Guardian*, 3 June 2020.

Lakhani, Nina. "[Mexico's deadly toll of environment and land defenders catalogued in report.](#)" *The Guardian*, 20 March 2020.

Lazarovic, Sarah. "[What Good Is Clean Air If People Can't Breathe?](#)" *YES! Magazine*, June 5, 2020.

Ramsay, Adam. "[My Environmentalism Will Be Intersectional or It Will Be Bullshit.](#)" OpenDemocracy, March 25, 2014.

Sengupta, Somini. "[Black Environmentalists Talk About Climate and Anti-Racism.](#)" New York Times, June 3, 2020.

Sengupta, Somini. "[Read Up on the Links Between Racism and the Environment.](#)" *The New York Times*, 5 June 2020.

Thomas, Leah. "[Intersectional Environmentalism: Why Environmental Justice Is Essential For A Sustainable Future.](#)" *The Good Trade* (blog), 2019.

----- "[Why Every Environmentalist Should Be Anti-Racist.](#)" *Vogue Magazine*, June 8, 2020.

Key Concepts | Critical and Theoretical Frameworks

Under this section, you will find online resources, books, and articles or chapters that define key concepts in intersectional environmentalism and/or environmental justice or propose specific arguments or theoretical frameworks from either one or both of these approaches.

[Living Lexicon for the Environmental Humanities](#)

[Ecofeminism: Feminist Intersections with Other Animals and the Earth](#), edited by Carol J. Adams and Lori Gruen. Bloomsbury, 2013.

Harris, Melanie L. [Ecowomanism: African American Women and Earth-Honoring Faiths](#). Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2017.

Kim, Claire Jean. "Abolition." [Critical Terms for Animal Studies](#), edited by Lori Gruen. The University of Chicago Press, 2018.

Malin, Stephanie, and Stacia Ryder. "[Developing Deeply Intersectional Environmental Justice Scholarship](#)." *Environmental Sociology* 4, no. 1 (March 11, 2018): 1–7.

Pellow, David N. [What is Critical Environmental Justice?](#) Cambridge, UK; Medford, MA, USA: Polity Press, 2018..

Pellow, David N. 2016. "[Toward a Critical Environmental Justice Studies: Black Lives Matter as an Environmental Justice Challenge](#)." *Du Bois Review* 13 (2): 221–36.

Ranganathan, Malini. "[The Environment as Freedom: A Decolonial Reimagining](#)." *Items: Insights from the Social Sciences*, June 13, 2017.

Riley, Shamara Shantu. "Ecology is a Sistah's Issue Too: The Politics of Emergent Afrocentric Ecowomanism." [Ecofeminism and the Sacred](#), edited by Carol J. Adams, 191–204. New York: Continuum, 1993.

Wenz, Peter. [Environmental Justice](#). New York: SUNY Press, 1988.

In this section you will find an array of sources (books, chapters, articles, essays) listed according to their main topic or area of focus.

Borders and Immigration

[Environmental Inequalities Beyond Borders: Local Perspectives on Global Injustices](#), edited by JoAnn Carmin and Julian Agyeman. The MIT Press, 2011.

Sassen, Saskia. [Expulsions: Brutality and Complexity in the Global Economy](#). Harvard University Press, 2014.

Shah, Sonia. [*The Next Great Migration: The Beauty and Terror of Life on the Move*](#). Bloomsbury, 2020.

Community | Land | Space

Anthony, Carl C. [*The Earth, the City, and the Hidden Narrative of Race*](#). New Village Press, 2017.

Cone, James H. “Whose Earth is it, Anyway?” [*Earth Habitat: Eco-Injustice and the Church’s Response*](#), edited by Dieter T. Hessel, and Larry L. Rasmussen, 23–32. Fortress Press, 2001.

Cruikshank, Julie. [*Do Glaciers Listen? Local Knowledge, Colonial Encounters, and Social Imagination*](#). UBC Press, Canada, 2005.

Di Chiro, Giovanna. “Nature as Community: The Convergence of Environmental and Social Justice.” [*Uncommon Ground: Rethinking the Human Place in Nature*](#), edited by William Cronon. W.W. Norton, 1995, 298-320.

Gilio-Whitaker, Dina. [*As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, From Colonization to Standing Rock*](#). Massachusetts: Beacon Press, 2019.

Finney, Carolyn. [*Black Faces, White Spaces*](#). University of North Carolina Press, 2014.

Middleton Manning, Rose. [*Trust in the Land: New Directions in Tribal Conservation*](#). The University of Arizona Press, 2011.

Nadasdy, Paul. [*Sovereignty’s Entanglements: First Nation State Formation in the Yukon*](#). University of Toronto Press, Canada, 2017.

Nadasdy, Paul. [*Hunters and Bureaucrats: Power, Knowledge, and Aboriginal-State Relations in the Southwest Yukon*](#). UBC Press, Canada, 2003.

Nishime, Leilani; Hester Williams, Kim D. [*Racial Ecologies*](#). University of Washington Press, 2018.

Perry, John. “[Nina Lakhani’s ‘Who Killed Berta Cáceres?’: Life, Death, and Legacy of a Courageous Indigenous Leader](#).” Council on Hemispheric Affairs, June 9 2020.

Rothstein, Richard. [*The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*](#). Liveright, 2017.

Savoy, Lauret. [*Trace: Memory, History, Race & the American Landscape*](#). Counterpoint, 2016.

Waziyatawin. [*What Does Justice Look Like? The Struggle for Liberation in Dakota Homeland*](#). St. Paul, Minn.: Living Justice Press, 2008. .

Whyte, Kyle Powys. 2017. "[The Dakota Access Pipeline, Environmental Injustice, and U.s. Colonialism.](#)" *Red Ink* 19 (1): 154–69.

Climate Change

[*Asserting Native Resilience: Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Face the Climate Crisis*](#), edited by Zoltán Grossman and Alan Parker. OSU Press, 2012.

Ghosh, Amitav. [*The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable*](#). The University of Chicago Press, 2016.

Kaijser, Anna, and Annica Kronsell. "[Climate Change Through the Lens of Intersectionality.](#)" *Environmental Politics* 23 (3): 417–33.

Pope Francis. 2015. [Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home](#). Vatican City: Encyclical Letter.

Raygorodetsky, Gleb. [*Archipelago of Hope: Wisdom and Resilience from the Edge of Climate Change*](#). Pegasus Books, 2017.

Whyte, Kyle Powys. "Is it Colonial Déjà Vu? Indigenous Peoples and Climate Injustice." [*Humanities for the Environment: Integrating Knowledges, Forging New Constellations of Practice*](#), edited by Joni Adamson, Michael Davis, and Hsinya Huang, 88–104. New York: Earthscan Publications, 2016.

Food and Food Sovereignty

[*Cultivating Food Justice: Race, Class, and Sustainability*](#). The MIT Press, 2011.

[*The Immigrant-Food Nexus*](#), edited by Julian Agyeman and Sydney Giacalone. The MIT Press, 2020.

[*Indigenous Food Sovereignty in the United States: Restoring Cultural Knowledge, Protecting Environments, and Regaining Health*](#), edited by Elizabeth Hoover and Devon A. Mihesuah. OSU Press, 2019.

Adams, Carol J. [*The Sexual Politics of Meat: A Feminist-Vegetarian Critical Theory*](#). Bloomsbury, 1995.

Twitty, Michael W. [*The Cooking Gene: A Journey through African American Culinary History in the Old South*](#). Amistad, 2017.

Nature

[*The Colors of Nature: Culture, Identity, and the Natural World*](#), edited by Alison Hawthorne Deming and Lauret Savoy. Milkweed, 2011.

Plumwood, Val. [*Feminism and the Mastery of Nature*](#). Routledge, 1993.

Wall Kimmerer, Robin. [*Gathering Moss: A Cultural and Natural History of Mosses*](#). Oregon State UP, 2005.

Williams, Delores S. Sin, Nature, and Black Women's Bodies." [*Ecofeminism and the Sacred*](#), edited by Carol J. Adams, 24–29. New York: Continuum, 1993.

Pollution | Garbage | Waste

Taylor, Dorceta E. [*Toxic Communities: Environmental Racism, Industrial Pollution, and Residential Mobility*](#). New York: New York University Press, 2014.

Wenz, Peter. "Just Garbage." In [*Faces of Environmental Racism: Confronting Issues of Global Justice*](#), edited by Laura Westra and Peter S. Wenz, 57-71. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 1995.

Sustainability

[*Sharing Cities: A Case for Truly Smart and Sustainable Cities*](#), edited by, Duncan McLaren and Julian Agyeman. The MIT Press, 2015.

Shiva, Vandana. [*Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability, and Peace*](#). Berkeley: North Atlantic Books, 2015.

Ways of Knowing

[*Indigenous Science Statement for the March for Science*](#). ESF Office of Communications, April 18, 2017.

Wall Kimmerer, Robin. [*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants*](#). Milkweed, 2013.