

Danielle Purifoy

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL

Assistant Professor
Department of Geography
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Faculty Project Lead, Environmental Justice
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EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC
Ph.D 2018, Environmental Politics
Graduate Certificate in African and African American Studies
Certificate in College Teaching

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
J.D. 2012

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
A.B. English and Political Science, 2006
with General Honors and Departmental Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

North Carolina State Bar, 2013

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

July 2020-present	Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
July 2018- July 2020	Postdoctoral Research Associate, Carolina Postdoctoral Program For Faculty Diversity, Department of Geography, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

HONORS

- 2023-2025 Visiting Fellowship (non-residential), London School of Economics
Department of Geography, *Social Life of Climate Change Seminar Series* and
Global Black Geographies/Ecologies Conference (2025)
- 2023-2024 Schwab Academic Excellence Award, UNC Institute for the Arts and Humanities
(\$3,000)
- 2022 *Environmental Sociology* Early Career Prize (with Louise Seamster) for “What is
Environmental Racism For? Place-based harm and relational development.”
Environmental Sociology, 7(2), 1-12.
- 2021 Stanley Brunn Young Scholar Award (Political Geography Specialty Group, AAG)
- 2018 Samuel DuBois Cook Society Award (Duke University)
- 2016 Visiting Artist Fellowship (with Torkwase Dyson) for *In Conditions
Of Fresh Water* bit.ly/3E4BOHk (Duke University)
- 2018 Julian Abele Award for Nicholas School of the Environment Student of the Year
(Duke University)
- 2011 Chayes International Public Service Fellowship (Harvard Law School)

GRANTS

- 2023-2024 Collaborative Mapping of Community Spaces in Princeville (NC).
Tarheel Bus Tour collaboration grant with Javier Arce-Nazario (Geography),
Shauna Cooper (Psychology and Neuroscience), and Freedom Org (Princeville and
Tarboro, NC) (\$9,736).
- 2023-2024 Faculty co-advisor for UNC Center for Health Equity Whole Communities
Connection Grant with Freedom Org of Princeville and Tarboro, NC and UNC Food
Fitness and Opportunity Research Collaborative (\$40,000)
- 2023-2024 UNC Global Partnership Award Expansion Grant for collaboration with King’s
College London and London School of Economics on Global Black Geographies
and Black Ecologies Conference in 2025 (\$2,000)
- 2023 UNC Alliance Grant for Land Back/Abolition Research Collaboration with Sara
Smith (Geography), Sarah Carrier (Wilson Library), Tara Di Cassio

(Geography), and Nick Graham (Wilson Library) (\$4,500)

2019-2021 Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, Columbia University (Right to Infrastructure research project with Louise Seamster) (\$25,000)

2018-2019 Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, Columbia University (Right to Infrastructure research project with Louise Seamster) (\$11,000)

2016 Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) STAR Fellowship (\$15,000)

2016 Bass Foundation Instructor of Record Fellowship (Duke University/declined) (\$11,235)

2016 Dissertation Research Travel Award (Duke Graduate School) (\$2,000)

2015 U.S. EPA Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowship (\$132,000)

2015 Duke Human Rights Summer Fellowship (\$2,000)

2012 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (\$60,000)

2012 Dean's Graduate Fellowship (Duke University) (\$67,000)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Edited Collections

2022 Cooper, L., Nonko, E., and Purifoy, D., eds. (2022). *The Press in Prison*. Haymarket Books.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2023 Purifoy, D. "Black Towns and [Legal] Marronage." *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*. [Online] February 27, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1080/24694452.2022.2158062>

2022 Eaves L. E. and Purifoy, D. "We Must Situate Race: Bobby Wilson's Black Geographies" *Southeastern Geographer*, 62(3), 182-186.

2022 Purifoy, D.M. "Remote Control Plantations and Black Forest Relations in the Black Belt." *Environment and Society*, 13(1), 140-155.

2021 Purifoy, D. "The parable of Black places." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 46(4), 829-833.

- 2021 Purifoy, D.M. and Seamster, L. Creative Extraction: Black towns in white space. *Environmental Planning D: Society and Space*, 39(1), 47-66.
- 2021 Purifoy, D.M. and Seamster, L. What is Environmental Racism For? Place-Based Harm and Relational Development. *Environmental Sociology*, 7(2), 1-12.
- 2019 Purifoy, D. M. (2019). North Carolina [Un] incorporated: Place, Race, and Local Environmental Inequity. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 65(8), 1072-1103.
- 2015 Purifoy, D.M. (2015). Food Policy Councils: Integrating Food Justice and Environmental Justice. *Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum*. 24, 375-398.
- Excerpted in Bratspies, R., Lin, R., Villa, C. et al. (eds) (2020). *Environmental Justice: Law, Policy, and Regulation*. 3d edition, 375-377. Durham: Carolina Academic Press.
- 2013 Purifoy, D. M. (2013). EPCRA: A Retrospective on the Environmental Right-to-Know Act. *Yale Journal of Health Policy Law & Ethics*, 13, 375-417.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2023 Purifoy, D.M. “Call us Alive Someplace: DuBoisian Methods and Living Black Geographies.” In Hawthorne, C. and Lewis, J. S.(eds). *The Black Geographic*. Durham: Duke University Press (forthcoming Fall 2023).
- 2021 Purifoy, D.M. “The Plantation Town: Race, Resources, and Uneven Municipal Development.” In Himley, M., Havice, E., and Valdivia, G. (2022). *Handbook of Critical Resource Geography*. 114-126. Abingdon and New York: Routledge.
- 2019 Ray, V.E., Purifoy, D.M. (2019). “The Colorblind Organization: Towards a Critical Race Theory of Organizations.” In *Race, Organizations, and the Organizing Process*. Research in Sociology of Organizations, Vol. 60, 131-151. Bingley: Emerald Publishing Limited.

Special Issues

- 2023 Purifoy, D. (Guest Ed.) (2023). Black Geographies. *Southern Cultures*, Vol 29(2).

Policy Reports

- 2019 Contributing Author, “The Assessment Report on Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.” Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. Available at <https://bit.ly/3Roickr>.
- 2012 Contributing Author, Good Laws, Good Food: Putting Local Food Policy to Work for Our Communities. *Harvard Health Law and Policy Clinic*. Available at <https://bit.ly/3US3uoL>.

- 2011 *Contributing Author*, Creating a More Efficient and Effective Food Safety System in Memphis and Shelby County. *Harvard Law School Mississippi Delta Project*. Available at <https://bit.ly/3dWzqba>.
- 2008 *Contributing Author*, GreenNOLA: A Strategy for a Sustainable New Orleans. *Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation*. Available at <https://bit.ly/3rD11Bz>.

Public Scholarship

- 2022 Purifoy, D.M. (2022). “Where are Black people in the Future? In Praise of *Counterpoints: A San Francisco Bay Area Atlas of Displacement and Resistance*.” *Society and Space Magazine*. Available at <https://bit.ly/3mKX8vq>.
- 2021 Purifoy, D.M. (2022). “Forests are our Ancestors, and our Ancestors are the Future.” MARCH: a journal of art and strategy, Vol 2: Black Ecologies. Available at <https://bit.ly/40iZeAu>.
- 2020 How Europe’s wood pellet appetite worsens environmental racism in the South” *Environmental Health News* (October 5, 2020). Available at <https://bit.ly/3f1PIBx>.
- 2019 “The South is Everywhere” *Scalawag* (March 18, 2019). Available at <https://bit.ly/2MT3vIR>.
- “Shrieking Sam” *Scalawag* (January 14, 2019). Available at <https://bit.ly/2MT3vIR>. (Selected as required reading for “Reckoning: Race, Memory, and Reimagining the Public University,” College of Arts & Sciences, UNC Chapel Hill).
- 2018 “The Water Next Time?” *Scalawag* (October 10, 2018). Available at <https://bit.ly/2V61tG6>.
- “On the Stubborn Whiteness of Environmentalism” Conditionally Accepted Blog, Inside Higher Ed (June 22, 2018). Available at <https://bit.ly/2BJhlqF>.
- 2017 “In Conditions of Fresh Water.” (10-part web series), *Scalawag* (August 2016-May 2017). Available at <http://bit.ly/2xqxjAS>.

Exhibitions

- 2017 *In Conditions of Fresh Water* (with Torkwase Dyson), Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University. March-June 2017. Available at <https://bit.ly/3E4BOHk>. *A multimedia documentary and art project tracing Black placemaking amid Environmental racism in North Carolina and Alabama.*

RESEARCH INITIATIVES AND COLLABORATIONS

- 2023-present Ecotone (with Toshi Reagon, Alexis Pauline Gumbs, and Danielle Spurlock) *A multimedia art project exploring human re-connection to ecosystems through*

historical memory of ruptured social and ecological relations.

- 2023-present UNC Environmental Justice Action Research Clinic
Leading team of graduate students in partnership with Southern Environmental Law Center and communities impacted by wood pellet mills to create a household survey of health and environmental impacts.
- 2022-present Land Back/Abolition Research Initiative (with Sara Smith (Geography) and Petal Samuel (African and African Diaspora Studies))
A multi-year investigation into UNC's enrichment from slavery and stolen Native land.
- 2018-present Mapping Black Towns Collective (with Karla Slocum (Anthropology), Mark Little (Business), Javier Arce-Nazario (Geography), Adrienne Hall (Geography PhD candidate), Moriah James (Anthropology PhD candidate). *An interdisciplinary, multi-institution research initiative on the history, geography, and development of Black founded places.*

RECENT INVITED TALKS

- 2023** “Remote Control Plantations and Black Forest Ecologies in the Black Belt.” Duke University Franklin Humanities Center, February 16, 2023.
- “Remote Control Plantations and Black Forest Ecologies in the Black Belt.” Bard College Center for Human Rights and the Arts, Feb. 10, 2023.
- 2022** “Black Towns and Counter Cartographies” with Jovan Scott Lewis. Columbia University Institute for Research on African-American Studies/African American and African Diaspora Studies Department, Sept. 30, 2022.
- Breaking Water Symposium with Alexis Pauline Gumbs. Taft Research Center, University of Cincinnati, May 12, 2022.
- “Dead Line?: On Slowing Down in Black “Spacetime.” Prime Meridian Unconference, Vera List Center for Art and Politics, Parsons School of Design, The New School, April 16, 2022. <https://timezoneprotocols.space/unconference/>.
- DIALOGUES with Danielle Purifoy. Center for the Preservation of Civil Rights Sites, University of Pennsylvania, March 30, 2022.
<https://cpcrs.upenn.edu/events/danielle-purifoy>.
- “Black Towns and [Legal] Marronage.” Dept of Geography Colloquium Series, UCLA, January 31, 2022.

RECENT CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

- 2023 *Social Life of Climate Change* (workshop) (London, UK, June 6-8, 2023)

Discussant, “Climate Justice” (June 8, 2023).

Association of American Geographers (Denver, Colorado, March 22-27, 2023)

Paper: “Setting [Futile] Boundaries: Black Municipalities in the White Settler State” (March 23, 2023).

Panel: All this decolonizing but nothing’s decolonized (March 24, 2023).

Book forum: *Violent Utopia* by Jovan Scott Lewis (March 25, 2023).

Panel: Down in the Valley—Power, Place, and Blackness in Katori Hall’s P-Valley (March 25, 2023).

Discussant: Telling Our Own Stories? Collaboration and Contingency in Knowledge Pts I and II (March 26, 2023).

2022 *Association of American Geographers* (virtual conference, Feb 25-Mar 1, 2022)

Book forum: *Evolution of a Movement: Four Decades of California Environmental Justice Activism* by Tracy Perkins (Feb. 27, 2022).

Paper: “Remote Control Plantations and Black Forest Ecologies in Alabama” (Feb. 27, 2022).

Forum: Mapping Black Towns (Feb. 28, 2022) (co-organizer with Adrienne Hall).

Forum: “On Black Spatial Liberation: The Art of Torkwase Dyson” (organizer) (March 1, 2022).

Roundtable: “Reproductive Justice as Climate Justice” (March 1, 2022).

2021 *International Society of Environmental Epidemiologists* (virtual panel, August 25, 2021). “Critical Infrastructures and the Fight for Environmental Justice” with Catherine Coleman Flowers.

Spaces and Places 2021: “Visions of Black Led Communities” (virtual panel August 6, 2021).

Association of American Geographers (virtual conference, April 8, 2021). “Racial Capitalism, Settler Colonialism, and the City.”

Association of American Geographers (virtual conference, April 7, 2021). “Author Meets Colleagues: Anti-Eviction Mapping Project Atlas.”

2020 *POLLEN Biennial Conference* (virtual, September 23, 2020). Panel Discussion: “On Black

- Ecologies,” with JT Roane, Justin Hosbey, Hilda Llorens, Jillian McCommons, and Carlos Garcia-Quijano.
- 2019 *Association of American Geographers* (Washington, D.C., April 4, 2019). Black Geographies Plenary: “Chocolate Cities: The Black Map of American Life” (Organizer).
- 2018 *National Women’s Studies Association* (Atlanta, GA, November 8, 2018). “Free the Land, Save the Black Future: Black Women’s Strategies for Environmental Justice.”
- Law and Society Association* (Toronto, Ontario, CA, June 8, 2018). “Perilous Ground: [Un]Making Black Towns in North Carolina.”
- Association of American Geographers* (New Orleans, LA, April 11, 2018). “Accessing Federal Assistance for Wastewater Infrastructure.”
- Eastern Sociological Society* (Baltimore, MD, February 25, 2018). “Creative Extraction: Black Towns in White Space.”
- 2017 *Black Geographies Symposium* (Berkeley, CA, October 11, 2017). “DuBois & Me in Lowndes County: Black Space and Speculation.”
- Association of American Geographers* (Boston, MA, April 8, 2017). “In Conditions of Fresh Water: Querying Black Spatiality and Placemaking” (with Torkwase Dyson, Pratt Institute of Art).
- Eastern Sociological Society* (Philadelphia, PA, February 24, 2017). “The Colorblind Organization” (with Victor Ray, University of Tennessee at Knoxville).

TEACHING

- 2023 S GEOG 453: Political Geography (19 students)
GEOG 240: Intro to Environmental Justice (46 students)
- 2022 S GEOG 240: Intro to Environmental Justice (47 students)
GEOG 804: Decolonizing Methodologies (10 students)
- 2021F GEOG 814: Black Geographies (13 students)
- 2021S GEOG 240: Intro to Environmental Justice (50 students)
GEOG 804: Decolonizing Methodologies (11 students)
- 2020F GEOG 240: Intro to Environmental Justice (49 students)

STUDENTS

Ph.D Advisor

- 2023-present James Bryan, Ph.D student, Dept. of Geography (with Nina Martin)
- 2021-present Bryttani Wooten, Ph.D student, Dept. of Geography (with Chip Konrad)

Graduate Committee Member

- 2021-present Adrienne Hall, Ph.D candidate, Dept. of Geography
Dissertation: “Building a new public health order for Africa”: The Africa CDC and Infrastructures of Global Health Governance
- 2021-present Annie Elledge, Ph.D student, Dept. of Geography
Master’s Thesis: Slimming Down In Durham: Weight Loss and Control in the “Diet Capital of the World”
- 2021-present Michelle Lanier, Ph.D student, Dept. of Geography
- 2021-present Moriah James, Ph.D student, Dept. of Anthropology
Master’s Thesis: Among the Elite: Uncovering Class in Green Valley, Virginia
- 2021-2022 ken tianyuan Ge, Ph.D student, Dept. of Musicology
Master’s Thesis: A Harlem In Every City: The Sonic Geopolitics Of Cab Calloway’s *Quizzicale*, 1941–1942
- 2021-present Chandler Classen, Ph.D candidate, Dept. of Communications
Dissertation: Toxic Encounters / Radioactive Afterlives: Nuclear Protest, Sovereignty, and Environmental Kinship
- 2021-present Ariana Ávila, Ph.D candidate, Dept. of Anthropology
Dissertation: Food Care And Farmworker Communities: Addressing Food Apartheid In Immokalee, Florida
- 2020-present Carlos Serrano, Ph.D candidate, Dept. of Geography
Dissertation: Empire's Paradise: Miami and the Reproduction of US Empire.
- 2020-2023 Lily Herbert, Ph.D candidate, Dept. of Geography
Dissertation: Fusing Spatial Data Science with Critical Geography: Federal Hate Crime Data, Geographic Unevenness, and Structural Racism

Undergraduate Committee Member

- Spring 2023 Bailey Benson, BA candidate, Interdisciplinary Studies
Senior Thesis: An Afrofuturist’s Guide to Cooking: A Theoretical

Exploration of Afro-Diasporic Foodways and Black Temporality

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Spring 2023-present Awards Committee, Dept. of Geography

Fall 2020-Spring 2022 Graduate Committee, Dept. of Geography

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Nominating Committee, American Association of Geographers (AAG) (elected 2022-2023).
This committee organized the nomination of AAG candidates for National Councilor, International Councilor, and Vice President for the 2023 AAG Officer election.

Deputy Editor, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* (2022-present)

Editorial Board, *GeoHumanities* (2023-present)

Race and Place Editor, *Scalawag* (2015-2020)

Reviewer:

Journal of Rural Studies

Transforming Anthropology

Southern Cultures

City and Community

Annals of the American Association of Geographers

Environmental Planning D: Society and Space

ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographers

Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy

Environmental Sociology

Antipode

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Geographers

National Women's Studies Association

American Sociological Association

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2022- present Board member, *Inside Climate News*

2021-2023 Advisory Board, Durham Beyond Policing

2019-2022 Board chair, North Carolina Environmental Justice Network

2016-2022 Founding Member, Durham Beyond Policing

2015-2019 Board member, North Carolina Environmental Justice Network