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Curriculum Vitae

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Assistant Professor
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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

University College London, London, UK
Study Abroad program in English Literature and Political Studies, 2005

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, Geography, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

HONORS

- 2021 Top 10 Essays of 2021 (#1 *Southern Cultures*)
- 2021 Stanley Brunn Young Scholar Award (Political Geography Specialty Group, AAG)
- 2018 Samuel DuBois Cook Society Award (Duke University)
- 2018 Julian Abele Award for Nicholas School of the Environment Student of the Year
- 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)
- 2011 Chayes International Public Service Fellowship (Harvard Law School)

GRANTS

- 2019- Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture (Columbia University) (\$25,000)
- 2021
- 2018 Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture (Columbia University) (\$11,000)
- 2016 Duke University Visiting Artist Grant (with Torkwase Dyson) (\$23,000)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2021 Purifoy, D. (2021). The parable of Black places. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 46(4), 829-833.
- 2020 Purifoy, D.M. & Seamster, L., Creative Extraction: Black towns in white space. *Environmental Planning D: Society and Space*, Vol. 39(1), 47-66.
- 2020 Purifoy, D.M. and Seamster, L., What is Environmental Racism For? Place-Based Harm and Relational Development. *Environmental Sociology*, Vol. 7(2), 1-12.
- 2019 Purifoy, D. M. (2019). North Carolina [Un] incorporated: Place, Race, and Local Environmental Inequity. *American Behavioral Scientist*, (online first).
- 2015 Purifoy, D.M. (2015). Food Policy Councils: Integrating Food Justice and Environmental Justice. *Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum*. 24, 375-398

Reprinted in *Environmental Justice: Law, Policy, and Regulation* (with Rebecca Bratspies, Roger Lin, and Clifford Villa) (3d edition, Carolina Academic Press 2020)

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.

Book Chapters

2021 Purifoy, D.M. The Plantation Town: Race, Resources, and Uneven Municipal Development. *Handbook of Critical Resource Geography*. Routledge.

2019 Ray, V.E., Purifoy, D.M. (2019). The Colorblind Organization: Towards a Critical Race Theory of Organizations. *Race, Organizations, and the Organizing Process. Research in Sociology of Organizations*, Vol. 58.

Other Articles

2021 Purifoy, D. M., & Wilson, J. (2020). "To Live and Thrive on New Earths": The Earthseed Land Collective and Black Freedom. *Southern Cultures*, 26(4), 78-89.

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*.

2012 *Contributing Author*, Good Laws, Good Food: Putting Local Food Policy to Work for Our Communities. *Harvard Health Law and Policy Clinic*.

2011 *Contributing Author*, Creating a More Efficient and Effective Food Safety System in Memphis and Shelby County. *Harvard Law School Mississippi Delta Project*.

2008 *Contributing Author*, GreenNOLA: A Strategy for a Sustainable New Orleans. *Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation*.

UNDER REVISION

Purifoy, D.M., Call us Alive Somewhere: DuBoisian Methods and Living Black Geographies. In *Black Geographies*, Duke University Press.

Purifoy, D.M., Remote Control Plantations and Black Forest Ecologies in Rural Alabama. For special issue of *Environment and Society*

UNDER REVIEW

Purifoy, D.M., Black Towns and Legal Marronage. (submitted for special issue of *Annals of the AAG*)

IN PROGRESS

Purifoy, D.M., Free the Land, Save the Black Future: Black Feminist Strategies for Environmental Justice.

Purifoy, D.M., *How to Build a Black Town*. Book manuscript.

Hansen, K., Purifoy, D.M., Hegazi, F., et. al, Access to Federal Financial Assistance for Wastewater Infrastructure in Alabama.

Eaves, L. and D. Purifoy, Bobby Wilson's Race Connected Practices: The Case of Warren County, NC.

Curley, A. and Purifoy, D. Black Towns, Border Towns.

SELECTED OTHER MEDIA

- 2021 "Forests are our Ancestors, and our Ancestors are the Future." MARCH: a journal of art & strategy. Vol 2
- 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>.
- 'Visionary and Pragmatic'—A Black Feminist Guide to Electoral Politics. *Scalawag* (October 4, 2020). Available at <https://bit.ly/3vI90NL>.
- "1619-2019" *Scalawag* (published in print December 2019; online January 22, 2020). Available at <https://bit.ly/2WSQeV6>.
- 2019 "Birthing from the Bottom", in *Deborah Anzinger: An Unlikely Birth* (exhibit catalogue). Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania.
- "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 “Black America: A Country that was Never Meant to Survive.” *Political Matter* (January 6, 2017). Available at <http://bit.ly/2wE64TV>.

“In Conditions of Fresh Water.” (10-part web series), *Scalawag* (August 2016-May 2017). Available at <http://bit.ly/2xqxjAS>.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

2016-2017 ***In Conditions of Fresh Water*** *Principal Investigator and Co-Coordinator (with Torkwase Dyson, West End Revitalization Association, and Alabama Center for Rural Enterprise).*

2012-2018 *Legal Research, Duke University-Alabama Center for Rural Enterprise Partnership* (research on the legal barriers to wastewater sanitation infrastructure in Lowndes County, AL).

2012-2015 *Graduate Research, Duke University-Paul Quinn College Partnership* (community-based participatory research on environmental justice in South Dallas, TX)

2009-2010 *Research Assistant for Martha Minow, In Brown’s Wake: Legacies of America’s Educational Landmark.* Oxford University Press, 2010.

EXHIBITIONS

In Conditions of Fresh Water (with Torkwase Dyson), Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University. March-June 2017.

SELECTED CONFERENCES

2021 *International Society of Environmental Epidemiologists* (virtual conference, August 25, 2021). “Critical Infrastructures and the Fight for Environmental Justice”

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”

- 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, PrattInstitute of Art).
- Eastern Sociological Society* (Philadelphia, PA, February 24, 2017). “The ColorblindOrganization” (with Victor Ray, University of Tennessee at Knoxville).

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

- 2022 **Geography Colloquium**, UCLA (Virtual, January 31, 2022)
- 2021 **Urban Studies Colloquium**, Barnard College (Virtual, December 3, 2021)
- Environmental Policy and Culture**, Northwestern University (Virtual, May 5, 2021)
- Center for Human Health and Environment and the Toxicology Program**, NC State University (Virtual, April 21, 2021)
- Social Justice Colloquium**, Eastern Carolina University (Virtual, April 16, 2021)
- Nature-Culture-Sustainability Studies**, Rhode Island School of Design (Virtual, April 1, 2021)
- Disciplines 101 Series**, Duke University, (Virtual, February 25, 2021)

Black Ecologies Salon, Wesleyan University, (Virtual, February 24, 2021)

2020

Geography Speaker Series, Rutgers University (Virtual, Nov. 13, 2020)

Center for the Humanities, Culture, and Society, University of Massachusetts Boston (Boston, MA, March 31, 2020) CANCELED

Cultivate Justice Conference, Davidson College (Davidson, NC, March 27, 2020) CANCELED

New Local Spaces Guest Lecture, Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts (Kingston, Jamaica, March 19, 2020) CANCELED

Harriet Elliot Lecture, Department of Geography, Environment, and Sustainability University of North Carolina at Greensboro (Greensboro, NC, February 28, 2020)

RacismLab Conference, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI, February 26, 2020)

2019 **Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Congress**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (Urbana, IL, September 24, 2019)

2nd Annual Southern Summit, UNC Center for the Study of the American South, (Chapel Hill, NC, May 13-14, 2019)

10th Annual Trillium Sustainability Workshop, North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC, May 8, 2019)

On Inhospitability: Deborah Anzinger and Danielle Purifoy in Conversation(exhibit opening), Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA, April 27, 2019)

Mapping Black Towns Symposium, UNC Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC, March 28, 2019)

Critical Race Theory Symposium, UNC Law School (Chapel Hill, NC, March 23, 2019)

Rebellious Lawyers Conference: Municipalities and Environmental Justice, Yale Law School (New Haven, CT, February 15, 2019)

Environmental Leadership Institute, Duke University (Durham, NC, January 31, 2019)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

2021-present *Black Geographies* graduate seminar, Dept. of Geography, UNC Chapel Hill

2021-present *Decolonizing Methodologies* graduate seminar, UNC Chapel Hill

2020-present *Environmental Justice*, Dept. of Geography, UNC Chapel Hill

2015 *Environmental Justice*, Dept. of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Duke University

Teaching Assistantships

2012 *Revitalizing America's Cities* (with Charles Ogletree), Harvard Law School

2011 *Law and Social Movements* (with Lani Guinier), Harvard Law School

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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

2021 Reviewer, *Southern Cultures*

2021 Reviewer, *City and Community*

2021 Reviewer, *Annals of the AAG*

2020 Reviewer, *Environmental Planning D: Society and Space*

2020 Reviewer, *ACME*

2018 Reviewer, *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*

2017 Reviewer, *Environmental Sociology*

2017 Organizer of the *In Conditions of Fresh Water* public lecture series (March 2, 20, & 23rd)

PUBLIC SERVICE

2022-present Board of Directors, *Inside Climate News*

2021-present Environmental Justice Advisory Board, *Inside Climate News*

2019-present Board Chair, *North Carolina Environmental Justice Network*
2015-2019 Board Member, *North Carolina Environmental Justice Network*
2015- 2020 Race and Place Editor, *Scalawag Magazine*
2016-present Member, *Durham Beyond Policing Coalition*
2013-2015 Board Member and Program Committee Chair, *Benevolence Farm*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Geographers
National Women's Studies Association
American Studies Association
American Sociological Association