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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, Brown University, 2018

Dissertation Title: Rhode Island and the Plantation Problem: An Inquiry into the Origins and Legacies of Racialized Socioecological Relations

M.A. Sociology, Brown University, 2014

Thesis Title: “No Beggars Amongst Them”: Primitive Accumulation, Land Dispossession, and the Impoverishment of the Narragansett Indians, 1636-1881

B.A. Sociology, University of San Diego, 2012

Concentration: Power and Inequality in Global Perspective
Minors in Philosophy and Peace and Justice Studies

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

De/postcolonial Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Environment, Settler Colonialism, Social Theory and Praxis, and Comparative, Historical, Spatial, and Ethnographic Analysis

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

- 2016 Murphy, M.W. “Mapping Environmental Privilege in Rhode Island.” *Environmental Justice*, 9(5): 159-165. doi:10.1089/env.2016.0010.
- 2016 Brown, K. L., **Murphy, M.W.**, & Porcelli, A. M. “Ruin’s Progeny: Race, Environment, and Appalachia’s Coal Camp Blacks.” *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 13(2), 327-344. doi:10.1017/S1742058X16000138.
- 2016 Murphy, M.W. “‘No Beggars amongst Them’: Primitive Accumulation, Settler Colonialism, and the Dispossession of Narragansett Indian Land.” *Humanity & Society*. doi.org/10.1177/01605976166664168.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2014 Murphy, M.W. Actor-Network Theory. In *Discard Studies Compendium*. Retrieved from <http://discardstudies.com/discard-studies-compendium/#ANT>

Other Publications

- 2017 Murphy, M.W. “‘The Whiteness Project’: A Pedagogical Tool for Sociologists of Race and Ethnicity.” *Radical Pedagogy*, 14(2).
- 2015 Baum, J., Bustos, C., Durand, A., **Murphy, M.W.**, Santiago, O., and Roberts, T. *Adaptation Aid Projects: Genuinely Categorized?* Adaptation Watch.
- 2015 Bustos, C, and **Murphy, M.W.** “On race, the environment, and confronting bias.” *Brown Daily Herald*.
- 2014 Murphy, M.W. (2014). Film Review: Blackfish. *Humanity & Society*, 38(1), 101-102.doi:10.1177/0160597613519301.
- 2014 Edwards, G., **Murphy, M.W.**, & Eisner, P. (2014, March). Venezuela’s 2014 climate summit faces credibility crisis. *Responding to Climate Change*. Retrieved from <http://www.rtcc.org/2014/03/11/venezuelas-2014-climate-summit-faces-credibility-crisis/>
- 2013 Murphy, M.W. (2013). “Climate Change and the Color Line.” *Class, Race, and Corporate Power*, 1(1). Retrieved from <http://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/classracecorporatepower/vol1/iss1/7>

Manuscripts in Preparation

- Murphy, M.W. and Guldi, J. “Land Matters: Politics and Activism in Historical Perspective.” (Edited collection in preparation for submission to Michigan State University Press)
- Murphy, M.W., Marlow, T. and Frickel, S. “Tracking Socioecological Succession and Assessing Cumulative Risk in the Mashapaug Pond Watershed.” (Article in preparation for the submission to journal *Cities*)
- Murphy, M.W. and Hammer, R. “Legitimizing Sovereignty in the Colonial Americas.” (Article in preparation for submission to the journal *Critical Historical Studies*)
- Murphy, M.W. “‘Why come the Englishman Hither’: Settler Colonialism, Indigenous Dispossession, and the Rise of the White Enviroing Group in Rhode Island.” (Article in preparation for submission to the journal *Environmental Sociology*)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017 Institute at Brown for Environment and Society Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2016 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (Honorable Mention)
- 2015 National Institute for Environmental Health Science Superfund Research Program Traineeship

- 2013 National Science Foundation-Integrated Graduate Education and Research Training Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2012 Outstanding Leadership and Achievement in the Sociology Major Award
- 2011 Leadership Alliance Mellon Initiative Fellowship
- 2010 Ronald E. McNair (Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program) Scholar

INVITED TALKS

- 2015 Murphy, M.W. "Race and the Environment." Presented at the Rhode Island Youth Summit on the Environment. Brown University, Providence, R.I.
- 2014 Murphy, M.W. "Diversity and Environmental Institutions." Presented at the Rhode Island Youth Summit on the Environment. Brown University, Providence, R.I.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Presentations

- 2017 Murphy, M.W. "Whiteness in the Web of Life: Rethinking Race and Environment in Settler Colonial America." Decolonizing the Social Conference. Boston University. Boston, MA.
- 2016 Murphy, M.W., Brown, K. Ruin's "Progeny: Race, Environment and Appalachia's Coal Camp Blacks." Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Association Conference. Atlanta, GA. (April)
- 2016 Murphy, M.W., Hammer, R. "Establishing Sovereignty: Legitimizing Dispossession and Slavery in the Americas." Paper presented at the Decolonial Options for the Social Sciences Mini-conference of the Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. (March)
- 2015 Murphy, M.W. "Uncovering Historical Environmental Health Threats at Mashapaug Pond, RI." Poster presented at the NIEHS Superfund Research Program Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2011 Murphy, M.W. "The Global Food Trade, Globalization, and the Environment." Paper presented at the Leadership Alliance National Symposium, Old Greenwich, CT. (August)
- 2011 Murphy, M.W. "Conservative Media, Obama, and the Fear of Socialism." Poster presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. (March)
- 2010 Murphy, M.W. "A Critical Analysis of Conservative Media and Portrayals of Barack Obama." Paper presented at the University of California, San Diego Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium, San Diego, CA.

Conferences/Panels Organized

- 2015 Land and Water in Long Term Perspective. Conference at Brown University, Providence, R.I. (September)
- 2015 What is to be done? The State of Development Research. Panel at the Sociology of Development Conference 2015, Brown University, Providence, R.I. (March)

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2015 Murphy, M.W. "Transitioning into your Graduate School Career." Leadership Alliance, Brown University, Providence, R.I.
- 2014 Murphy, M.W. "Exploring Environmental Inequality and Privilege in Rhode Island." Session: GIS and Spatial Analysis: Local Applications. Presented at the Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences 2014 Summer GIS Institute, Providence, R.I.
- 2010 Murphy, M.W., Nunn, L PhD. "Building a Sense of Belonging: A Critical Key for Retention." Presentation at the University of San Diego, San Diego, CA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014 "Race, Class, and Ethnicity in the Modern World," Brown University, Providence, R.I. (co-taught with Jose Itzigsohn)
- 2014 "Engaging the Sociological Imagination," Blackstone Academy, Pawtucket, R.I.
- 2012 "Race, Class, and Ethnicity in the Modern World," Brown University, Providence, R.I. (teaching assistantship)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2016- Diversity and Inclusion Oversight Board
-Currently serving on the newly created committee to oversee the development and implementation of university wide Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan.
- 2014-2015 Graduate Program Association Selection Committee
-Served on selection committee for pilot program aimed at fostering a sense of community among graduate students within their home departments.
- 2014-2015 Mental Health Community Council
-Graduate student representative on committee tasked with evaluated mental health services at the university.

- 2013-2014 VP of Communications for the Graduate Student Council
-Elected to the executive board of the representative body of graduate students.
- 2013-2014 Chair of GSC Communications Committee
-Co-Chair on the Graduate Student Council committee in charge of communicating information of relevance to graduate students.
- 2012-2014 Graduate Student Council Representative
-Sociology department representative to the advocate and governing body of graduate student life.
- 2012-2014 ALANA Mentor
-Mentor to first year undergraduate students of color on campus.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017- Reviewer | *Environmental Justice*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2017 Research Assistant | Community Engagement Core
-Superfund Research Program at Brown University.
- 2013-2015 Research Assistant | Climate and Development Lab (CDL)
-The CDL is a policy research lab, led by J. Timmons Roberts, focused on just and effective global policy making on climate change.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2014 Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences GIS Institute
-Brown University, Providence, R.I.
- 2013 Teaching Certificate I: Program on Reflexive Teaching
-Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning certificate program in reflexive teaching is a year-long course in which participants develop and refine fundamental teaching and assessment methods.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association

ASA Sections: Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Comparative-Historical Sociology, Environment and Technology, Social Theory

Eastern Sociological Association

REFERENCES

Dr. Jose Itzigsohn

Professor (and Committee Chair)
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