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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

Environmental Sociology, Postcolonial/Decolonial Sociology, Racialization and Settler Colonialism, Social Theory and Praxis, and 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.
- 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.
- Murphy, M.W. “‘No Beggars amongst Them’: Primitive Accumulation, Settler Colonialism, and the Dispossession of Narragansett Indian Land.” *Humanity & Society*. doi.org/10.1177/0160597616664168.

Edited Collections

- 2020 -Murphy, M.W. and Sklair, Leslie. “World-Systems Analysis in the Anthropocene.” (Special issue in preparation for the *Journal of World Systems Research*)

Manuscripts in Preparation/Submission

- Murphy, M.W. and Caitlin Schroering. "Refiguring the Plantation(ocene) with World Systems Analysis." (In submission with the *Journal of World Systems Research*)
- Murphy, M.W. "'Whiteness in the Web of Life: Towards a Postcolonial Environmental Sociology of Race'" (In submission with *Environmental Sociology*)
- Murphy, M.W. "Rooted in the Land: Conquest, Settlement, and Racialization in Settler Colonial Rhode Island." (In submission with *Political Power and Social Theory*)
- Murphy, M.W. "The Lyrical Sociology of W.E.B. Du Bois." (Article in preparation for submission to *Sociological Inquiry*)
- Murphy, M.W., Chie Togami. "Contesting the Atmosphere of Doubt: The Politics of Air Pollution Monitoring in Pittsburgh." (Article in preparation for submission to *Social Currents*)

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). ISSN: 1524-6345.
- 2015 -Baum, J., Bustos, C., Durand, A., **Murphy, M.W.**, Santiago, O., and Roberts, T. *Adaptation Aid Projects: Genuinely Categorized?* Adaptation Watch.

-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.

-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>

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

- 2018 -Department of Sociology Faculty-Student Collaborative Research Award
- 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

- 2019 -Murphy, M.W. "Racialized Socioecological Structures and Enslaved Rice Cultivators in the Low Country." Response to Edda L. Fields-Black at the Carnegie Mellon University Environmental Humanities Research Seminar. University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 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

- 2019 -Murphy, M.W. "Rooted in the Land: Racialization, Conquest, and Settler Colonialism in Rhode Island" Paper presented at the 114 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York City, N.Y.
- Murphy, M.W. "Settler Colonialism, Racialized Socioecological Relations, and the Dispossession of Narragansett Land in Rhode Island." Paper presented at the Forced Displacements in the Americas Workshop. Brown University. Providence, RI.
- 2018 -Murphy, M.W. "Whiteness in the Web of Life: Rethinking Race and Environment with a Postcolonial Environmental Sociology." Paper presented at the Bridging the Gap: Race and Environment Mini-conference. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

- 2017 -Murphy, M.W. "Whiteness in the Web of Life: Rethinking Race and Environment in Settler Colonial America." Paper presented at the Decolonizing the Social Workshop. 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)
- 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)
- Murphy, M.W. "Conservative Media, Obama, and the Fear of Socialism." Poster presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. (March)

Conferences/Panels Organized

- 2015 -Land and Water in Long Term Perspective. Conference at Brown University, Providence, R.I. (September)
- 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

- 2020 -"Environmental Sociology," University of Pittsburgh, in preparation for Spring.

- 2019 -“Society and the Environment: Sociological Perspectives,” University of Pittsburgh, Fall.
 -“Social Theory: Feminist and Decolonial Perspectives,” University of Pittsburgh, Fall.
 -“Society and the Environment: Sociological Perspectives,” University of Pittsburgh, Spring.
- 2018 -“Society and the Environment: Sociological Perspectives,” University of Pittsburgh, Fall.
- 2014 -“Race, Class, and Ethnicity in the Modern World,” Brown University, Providence, R.I. (co-taught with Jose Itzigsohn)
 -“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)

STUDENT ADVISING

- 2019 -Member, Graduate Student Comprehensive Examination Committee: Lynette Moran.
 - Member, Graduate Student Comprehensive Examination Committee: Christina Ong.
- 2020 -Member, Graduate Student Master’s Thesis Committee: Jesse Fulkerson.
 -Member, Graduate Student Master’s Thesis Committee: Carolina Hernandez.
 -Member, Dissertation Graduate Student Dissertation Committee: Alannah Caisey.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2019-2020 -Sociology Speakers Series Co-organizer (University of Pittsburgh)
- 2018-2019 -Undergraduate Committee (University of Pittsburgh)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2016-2017 -Diversity and Inclusion Oversight Board (Brown University)
 Served on the committee to oversee the development and implementation of university wide Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan.
- 2014-2015 -Graduate Program Association Selection Committee (Brown University)
 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 (Brown University)
Graduate student representative on committee tasked with evaluated mental health services at the university.
- 2013-2014 -VP of Communications Graduate Student Council (Brown University)
Elected to the executive board of the representative body of graduate students.
- 2013-2014 -Chair of GSC Communications Committee (Brown University)
Co-Chair on the Graduate Student Council committee in charge of communicating information of relevance to graduate students.
- 2012-2014 -Graduate Student Council Representative (Brown University)
Sociology department representative to the advocate and governing body of graduate student life.

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: Environmental Sociology, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Social Theory