This year, we are excited to have the **#EnviroSocSci Seminars** partner with the **CHR Environmental Justice Reading Group** to host a jointly sponsored **Society, Culture, and Environment** series.

Our online lunchtime seminars will continue with the same format as last year, with the addition of hybrid in-person options if the public health situation permits. (See schedule dates and times below.)

We encourage participants in the #EnviroSocSci talk series to consider participating in the EJ reading group, and vice versa. As part of our Society, Culture, and Environment series, the CHR EJ group will meet at the same time as the #EnviroSocSci talk series, but on different weeks (see below). Each month, the EJ reading group circulates a selection from a book and informally discusses it for an hour; those who wish to read the entire book each month are encouraged to do so.

Please let us know <u>HERE</u> if you would like to join the #EnviroSocSci Seminar series this fall and/or the CHR Environmental Justice Reading Group, or if you are interested in speaking. By signing up, you will receive the event information and EJ readings by email. (*Full survey*

link: https://gmu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1TSWfKrfwVyE0ES)

We are also looking for speakers. The seminar series features short talks and discussion among graduate students, members of faculty, and external speakers on environmental social science topics. We invite you -- students, faculty, and other members of the #EnviroSocSci research and practice community -- to give a presentation on your work to the group this fall. The talks should be ~20 minutes and will be followed by Q&A and group conversation. Graduate students are welcomed to present on their research proposals and/or findings.

Finally, we're also interested in offering additional events, research methods workshops, or programming the group may be interested in as part of the Society, Culture, and Environment series. If you have ideas or wish to organize something, let us know.

We look forward to seeing you this fall \sim

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FALL SERIES SCHEDULE

#EnviroSocSci Seminars (Third Friday of the Month)

Location - Hybrid: Horizon Hall 6325 or on Zoom; topics and speakers TBA Dates: Friday, 16 September, 12noon-1pm Friday, 21 October, 12noon-1pm

Friday, 18 November, 12noon-1pm

CHR Environmental Justice Reading Group (First Friday of the Month)

EJ Reading Group Location - Hybrid Horizon Hall 6323 or on Zoom

Dates:

Friday, 2 September, 12noon-1pm - Discussing selections from Micha Rahder (2020) *An Ecology of Knowledges: Fear, Love, and Technoscience in Guatemalan Forest Conservation*

Friday, 7 October, 12noon-1pm - Discussing selections from Barbara Allen (2003) Uneasy Alchemy: Citizens and Experts in Louisiana's Chemical Corridor Disputes

Friday, 4 November, 12noon-1pm - Discussing selections from Max Liboiron (2021) *Pollution is Colonialism*

Panel Discussion Event

As part of the Society, Culture, and Environment series, the CHR EJ group is tentatively planning a panel discussion with local climate change activists and scholars on the theme "Connecting/Not Connecting: Formations of Community, Solidarity, Alienation, Antipathy" on Friday 11 November 12noon-1:30pm. They welcome help from #EnviroSocSci Brown Bag participants who may have ideas about who to invite or who may wish to contribute to organizing in another way.