

Course Title: Environmental Justice: historical perspectives and justice

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Course Number: ENOH0596J030

Course Pre- and Co-requisite(s): None

Course Location: School of Public Health

Course Date & Time: Tuesday, September 6, 2022; 6-8 pm

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Office Hours: By Appoinment only

Course Assistant: None

Course Website: canvas.rutgers.edu)

Required Course Text: None

Additional/Supplemental Readings/Resources: References and readings are listed for each lecture

Course Description: An overview of the history and practice of addressing environmental justice in the U.S. and globally will be presented with a combination of lectures, community experiences and panel discussions with environmental justice activists.

Selected Concentration Competencies Addressed:

Each Concentration identifies competencies for each degree offered. The competencies addressed in this course are as follows:

MPH in Environmental Health Sciences:

- Describe the major environmental health problems facing the general public as well as among specific communities or susceptible, vulnerable sub-populations
- Describe the federal and state regulatory programs relating to environmental (community) protection

MPH in Occupational Safety and Health:

 Identify occupational safety and health issues in the workplace and as applicable the related exposure risks to the general public as well as to vulnerable communities or susceptible sub-populations;

MPH in Occupational and Environmental Medicine:

Evaluate the impact that environmental factors have on vulnerable populations;



MPH in Urban Public Health

 Use relevant sources (including public health literature and qualitative and quantitative data) to identify the health status and disparities in urban populations and communities

Please visit the Concentration webpages on the School of Public Health's website at sph.rutgers.edu for additional competencies addressed by this course for other degrees and concentrations.

Course Objectives: By the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Develop a working knowledge of the history of environmental justice in the U.S. and globally
- 2. Analyze the relationships among related social movements involving race and class
- 3. Use principles of environmental justice and social change to critically analyze an environmental justice issue
- 4. Evaluate cumulative impacts of environmental and social stressors as determinants of public health disparities
- 5. Compare and contrast governmental, community, and industry approaches to problems of environmental justice
- 6. Evaluate environmental justice case studies

Course Requirements and Grading:

Readings for each class are included in the syllabus and should be completed BEFORE class. Each week, an experiential exercise is planned and attendance is mandatory. If necessary, some exercises will be virtual, but if possible, tours of communities and attendance at governmental meetings will be required. One examination will be conducted at the 5th week of class covering the history of environmental justice and governmental approaches to environmental justice. A debate on energy production is planned with students assigned to small groups to develop a debate among the following vested interests: community concerns, governmental approach, industry proposal. A term paper performing an analysis of an approved environmental justice case is due at the end of the course. Milestones for the term paper will be assigned and are expected to be completed on time. An infographic and verbal presentation summarizing the highlights of the term paper will be presented by each student in the final class of the semester.

The following is a list or requirements for the term paper:

- 1. Select an EJ issue not discussed in class (list of topics provided)
- 2. History of the issue
- 3. Analyze the injustice based on principles of social movements and justice
- 4. Goals of the movement- what are they and what is the critique of those goals
- 5. Who will benefit from this EJ movement
- 6. Are there any potential unintended consequences you can anticipate
- 7. What has been accomplished from this EJ movement e.g. accomplishment of immediate demands; organization or sociocultural change
- 8. Have the stated objectives been achieved



- 9. What is the temporal and political context for the issue
- 10. What are the internal characteristics of the movement leadership, strategies
- 11. What are the short term and longer term outcomes of the movement

1.	Story Core Activity	5 pts.
2.	Online 30 submissions	10 pts.
3.	Examination	20 pts.
4.	Debate participation	25 pts.
5.	Term Paper	35 pts.
6.	Infographic and class presentation	5 pts.

Total: 100 pts.

• Class participation is not included except based on the debate participation and final class presentation with infographic.

Grading Policy: 94 – 100 A



Course Schedule:

We	Date	Course Topic	Online 30	Assignments/Assessments	Link To Competencies And Assessments
ek 1	9/6/22	Introduction to Environmental Justice (Fiedler)	Read S-232 NJ EJ legislation; Sacrifice Zone video Submit a 250 word discussion of how S-232 could address the issues raised in the Sacrifice	Taylor, D. 2014. Toxic Communities Chaps 1 and 4. Pellow, D & Brulle, R. 2005. Power, Justice, and the Environment. Chap 1 &3. Commission for Racial Justice. United Church of Christ. 1987. Toxic Wastes and Race. Introduce and discuss debate topic:	Describe the major environmental health problems facing the general public as well as among specific communities or susceptible, vulnerable sub-populations. (Debate; Examination)
2	9/13/22	Environmental Justice within the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): scope, evolution and approaches of	Review NJDEP slides and apply EJScreen to your community	Story core: interview an EJ activist (list of interviewees will be provided – virtual) https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-09/documents/epa_office_of_environmental_justice_factsheet.pdf	Describe the federal and state regulatory programs relating to environmental (community) protection. (Examination)



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		Nunez)		Health 2019 16: 2117	
				https://www.nj.gov/dep/bcrp/resilientnj /index.html	
				Review the NJEJA website and milestones using the weblink below:	
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3	9/20/22	An analytic framework for evaluation of social movements (Fiedler)	Use NJDEP EJ power point slides to complete debate assignment 2;	Pellow D., & Brulle, R. 2005. Power, Justice, and the Environment. Chap. 5. Suh, D. 2012. Intricacies of Social Movement Outcome Research and Beyond: "How can you tell" Social Movements Prompt Change? Sociological Research.	Use relevant sources (including public health literature and qualitative and quantitative data) to identify the health status and disparities in urban populations and communities. (Story core; Term paper)
				Davis, L. 2021. Participatory Research for Environmental Justice: a critical interpretive synthesis. Environmental Health Perspectives. https://doi.org/10.1289/EHP6274. Staudt, K, 2013, Stories, science and power in policy change environmental health community based research and community organizing in us mexico border colonia.pdf	



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				Dhillon, C, 2017, Using citizen science in environmental justice participation and decision making in a southern california waste facility siting conflict.pdf	
4	9/27/22	EJ and Race: the historical roots of the EJ	Complete Assignment 3 for debate	Rainey, 2009 Grassroots Activism Mohai, 2009 Environmental Justice	Describe the major environmental health problems facing the general public as well as among specific communities or susceptible, vulnerable sub-populations. (Examination;
		movement (Sheats)		Health Aff. 2011 Morello-Frosch View the NJ WEC video at the link below:	Story core)
				https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlo ok.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww. youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DGeJ9 l3xOq2c&data=04%7C01%7Cnfiedler %40eohsi.rutgers.edu%7C4b5df61693 4a4f8dedaa08d973cc9f18%7Cb92d2b2	
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5	10/4/22	Examination	Story core recording due		



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CR					2-hour examination covering history of EJ and EPA approaches
6	10/11/22	Energy Production and Environmental Justice (Rivera- Nunez)	Complete Assignment 4 in debate prep;	Finley-Brook a <i>viron Monit Assess</i> . 2017;189(8):378. doi:10.1007/s10661-017-6063-7	Describe the federal and state regulatory programs relating to environmental (community) protection.
				https://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqes/opea- clean-energy.html	(Debate during class exercise)
				https://njdep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=601fb450bdd14d6790768c811419daf4	
				https://www.eia.gov/state/analysis.php?sid=NJ	



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7	10/18/22	Debate on S- 232	S-232 representing stakeholders from business, community, and NJ government	Debate Rubric	Use relevant sources (including public health literature and qualitative and quantitative data) to identify the health status and disparities in urban populations and communities. (Debate and Term paper)
8	10/25/22	Scientific Researchers, Communities, and Environmental Justice: Pitfalls and Progress (Laumbach)	Panel discussion – scientists and community activists (virtual) Community research guide on line video	O'Fallon LR, Dearry A. Community-based participatory research as a tool to advance environmental health sciences. <i>Environ Health Perspect</i> . 2002;110 Suppl 2(Suppl 2):155-159. doi:10.1289/ehp.02110s2155 Spears Johnson CR, Kraemer Diaz AE, Arcury TA. What Does It Mean for Something to Be "Scientific"? Community Understandings of Science, Educational Attainment, and Community Representation Among a Sample of 25 CBPR Projects. <i>Health Educ Behav</i> . 2017;44(2):271-277.	Use relevant sources (including public health literature and qualitative and quantitative data) to identify the health status and disparities in urban populations and communities. (Debate and Term Paper)



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en				Commodore A, Wilson S, Muhammad O, Svendsen E, Pearce J. Community-based participatory research for the study of air pollution: a review of motivations, approaches, and outcomes. <i>Environ Monit Assess</i> . 2017;189(8):378. doi:10.1007/s10661-017-6063-7 Scammel, M. & Howard, G. Is a health study the answer for my community? HHS, 2015.	
9	11/1/22	Food Justice and the Built Environment (Carrion (Hunger Free NYC);	Virtual Tour of food environment: video link https://nam02.saf elinks.protection. outlook.com/?url= https%3A%2F%2 Fwww.youtube.co m%2Fwatch%3F v%3DhZLgLFOA crs&data=04%7C 01%7Cnfiedler%4	Alkon, A.H. and Mares, T.M., 2012. Food sovereignty in US food movements: Radical visions and neoliberal constraints. <i>Agriculture and Human Values</i> , 29(3), pp.347-359. Horst, M., McClintock, N. and Hoey, L., 2017. The intersection of planning, urban agriculture, and food justice: a review of the literature. <i>Journal of the</i>	Use relevant sources (including public health literature and qualitative and quantitative data) to identify the health status and disparities in urban populations and communities. (Term paper; infographic)



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10	11/8/22	Indigenous communities and Environmental Justice	EJ for American Indians Discussion topics	Burger, J, Gochfeld M. 2011. Conceptual environmental justice model for evaluating chemical	



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ek		(BurgerGochfel d)		pathways of exposure in low-income, minority, native American and other unique exposure populations. AJPJ 101: S1 https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/ful I/10.2105/AJPH.2010.300077 Gochfeld, M, Burger J. 2011 Disproportionate exposures in environmental justice and other populations: the importance of outliers. AJPH 101:S53 https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/ful I/10.2105/AJPH.2011.300121 Burger J, Gochfeld M, Kosson DS, Powers CW, et al. 2005. Science, policy, and stakeholders: developing a consensus science plan for Amchitka Island, Aleutians, Alaska. Environ Manage. 2005 May;35(5):557-68. https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00267-004-0126-6 This explained what we planned to do to answer the question if the food is "safe".	Evaluate the impact that environmental factors have on vulnerable populations. (Term paper)
				Burger J, Gochfeld M, Pletnikoff K.Burger J, et al. Collaboration versus	



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			communication: The Department of Energy's Amchitka Island and the Aleut Community. Environ Res. 2009 09(4):503-10. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4300131/ [Published with our Aleut colleagues as co-authors this explains what we accomplished and how we communicated with stakeholders] Vickery J, Hunter LM. 2016. Native Americans: Where in environmental justice research. Society & Natural Resources 29:36-52. Boyd, A. D. and C. M. Furgal. 2019. Communicating environmental health risks with indigenous populations: a systematic literature review of current research and recommendations for future studies. Health Communication. 34 (13) 1564-1564	



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11	11/15/22	Air Pollution is not an Equal Opportunity Poison: How does it discriminate? (Laumbach)	?	Hajat, A. et al., Socioeconomic disparities and air pollution exposure: a global review. Curr Environ Health Rep, 2015; 2(4)440-450. Hauptman, M et al., Proximity to major roadways and asthma symptoms in the school inner-city asthma study. 2015; 145(1): 119-126.	Evaluate the impact that environmental factors have on vulnerable populations. (Term Paper)
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12	11/29/22	Globalization and Environmental Justice – Roots	EASEUganda interview	The Health of people who live in slums - The history, geography, and sociology of slums and the health problems of people who live in slums.	Evaluate the impact that environmental factors have on vulnerable populations.
		and Case Studies from Today (Schwander)		Alex Ezeh et al. Lancet 2017; 389: 547–58. Then write a 250-word reflection on the environmental contributors to health or disease in informal urban settings.	(Term Paper)
13	12/6/22	Environmental Justice and Occupation (Caruth)	Current event news topic of EJ and occupation	Schwartz N, VonGlascoe C, Torres V, Ramos L, Soria-Delgado C. "Where they (live, work and) spray": Pesticide exposure, childhood asthma and	Identify occupational safety and health issues in the workplace and as applicable the related exposure risks to the general public as well as



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GR			with 250 word reflection	environmental justice among Mexican- American farmworkers. Health and Place. 2015 vol: 32 pp: 83-92	to vulnerable communities or susceptible sub- populations.
				Rector J. Environmental justice at work: The UAW, the war on cancer, and the right to equal protection from toxic hazards in postwar America. Journal of American History.2014 vol: 101 (2) pp: 480-502	(Term Paper)
				Pellow, David and Lisa Sun-Hee Park (2003) Chapter 5: The Political Economy of Work and Health in Silicon Valley. Silicon Valley of Dreams: Environmental Injustice, Immigrant Workers, and the High Tech Global Economy, New York University Press, pp. 85-111.	
				Bonacich, Edna and Richard Appelbaum (2000) "Chapter 1: Introduction: The Return of the Sweatshop." Behind the Label: Inequality in the Los Angeles Apparel Industry, University of California Press, Berkeley, pp. 1-26.	



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				Soriano, Jen "Globalization and the Maquiladoras" Mother Jones Magazine November 24, 1999. https://www.encyclopedia.com/politics/legal-and-political-magazines/globalization-and-maquiladoras . Accessed 09/02/2020.		
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15	12/20/22	Term paper and		Class presentations	
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Student Well-Being: The School of Public Health recognizes that students may experience stressors or challenges that can impact both their academic experience and their personal wellbeing. If the source of your stressors or challenges is academic, students are encouraged to discuss these challenges and circumstances with their instructor, if they feel they may need additional support or temporary accommodations at the beginning or during this course. The course instructor may consider making reasonable temporary adjustments depending on the student's situation. For personal concerns or if additional support is needed, students may reach out to the <u>Office of Student Affairs</u> or any of the appropriate referral resources listed on the <u>SPH Student Connect</u> Canvas page.

Overview of School Policies: Academic and non-academic policies and procedures, such as Auditing a Course, Retaking Courses, Grade Grievance and others that cover registration, courses and grading, academic standing and progress, student rights and responsibilities, graduation and more may be found under <u>Policies</u> on the School of Public Health website. Below are select specific policies; however, students are responsible for keeping informed about academic and non-academic policies and procedures beyond those noted on this syllabus.

Learning Management System: Canvas will be used extensively throughout the semester for course syllabus, assignments, announcements, communication and/or other course-related activities. It is the student's responsibility to familiarize themselves with Canvas and check it regularly. If you have difficulties accessing Canvas, please inform the instructor and Canvas Support (help@canvas.rutgers.edu). Canvas is accessible at canvas.rutgers.edu).

School of Public Health Honor Code: The School of Public Health Honor Code is found in the School Catalog (sph.rutgers.edu/academics/catalog.html). Each student bears a fundamental responsibility for maintaining academic integrity and intellectual honesty in his or her graduate work. For example, all students are expected to observe the generally accepted principles of scholarly work, to submit their own rather than another's work, to refrain from falsifying data, and to refrain from receiving and/or giving aid on examinations or other assigned work requiring independent effort. In submitting written material, the writer takes full responsibility for the work as a whole and implies that, except as properly noted by use of quotation marks, footnotes, etc., both the ideas and the works used are his or her own. In addition to maintaining personal academic integrity, each student is expected to contribute to the academic integrity of the School community by not facilitating inappropriate use of her/his own work by others and by reporting acts of academic dishonesty by others to an appropriate school authority. It should be clearly understood that plagiarism, cheating, or other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and can lead to sanctions up to and including separation from the Rutgers School of Public Health.

Students with Disabilities: Rutgers University welcomes students with disabilities into all of the University's educational programs. In order to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations, a student must apply for Services by first completing a Registration Form with the Rutgers Office of Disability Services (ODS) at ods.rutgers.edu. The student will also be required to participate in an ODS intake interview and provide documentation. If reasonable accommodations are granted, ODS will provide you with a Letter of Accommodations which should be shared with your instructors as early in your courses as possible.

Commitment to Safe Learning Environment: The Rutgers School of Public Health is committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students and for the School as a whole. Free expression in an academic community is essential to the mission of providing the highest caliber of education possible. The School encourages civil discourse, reasoned thought, sustained discussion, and constructive engagement. Provocative ideas respectfully presented are an expected result. An enlightened academic community, however, connects freedom with responsibility. The School encourages all students to disclose any situations where you may feel unsafe, discriminated against, or



harassed. Harassment or discrimination of any kind will be not tolerated and violations may lead to disciplinary actions.

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Reporting Discrimination or Harassment: If you experience any form of gender or sex-based discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available. You may report such incidents to the RBHS Title IX Office or to the School of Public Health's Office of Student Affairs. Rutgers University has staff members trained to support survivors in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, and more. If you experience any other form of discrimination or harassment, including racial, ethnic, religious, political, or academic, please report any such incidents to the School's Office of Student Affairs. The School strongly encourages all students to report any incidents of discrimination or harassment to the School. Please be aware that all Rutgers employees (other than those designated as confidential resources such as advocates, counselors, clergy and healthcare providers as listed in Appendix A to Policy 10.3.12) are required to report information about such discrimination and harassment to the School and potentially the University. For example, if you tell a faculty or staff member about a situation of sexual harassment or sexual violence, or other related misconduct, the faculty or staff member must share that information with the RBHS Title IX Coordinator. If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can find a list of resources in Appendix A to University Policy 10.3.12. For more information about your options at Rutgers, please visit Rutgers Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance.

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Graduate Student Computer Policy: Students are required to possess a personal laptop, no older than approximately two years, that must meet minimum requirements which may be found online at: sph.rutgers.edu/student-life/computer-support.html

Policy Concerning Use of Recording Devices and Other Electronic Communications Systems: When personally owned communication/recording devices are used by students to record lectures and/or classroom lessons, such use must be authorized by the faculty member or instructor who must give either oral or written permission prior to the start of the semester and identify restrictions, if any, on the use of mobile communications or recording devices.

Policy Concerning Use of Turnitin: Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com (directly or via learning management system, i.e. Canvas) for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com site. Students who do not agree should contact the course instructor immediately.



Withdrawal/Refund Schedule: Students who stop attending their course(s) without submitting a completed Add/Drop Course form will receive a failing grade. Furthermore, students dropping to zero credits for the semester are considered withdrawn and must submit a completed Leave of Absence form from the School of Public Health's Office of Student Affairs. The School of Public Health refunds tuition only. Administrative and technology fees are non-refundable. You may find the Withdrawal/Refund Schedule on the School of Public Health website at:

sph.rutgers.edu/academics/academic-calendar.html