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Abstract

This is the first in a four-part series on Exposing Racism sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Engagement. Health Sciences Prof. Megan Benka-Coker '09 discusses how environmental racism occurs through rules, regulations, and policies that target Black communities.

Keywords

environmental racism, environmental justice, Gettysburg College, black lives matter, pollution, Flint, COVID-19

Disciplines

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A guide of additional resources compiled by Professor Benka-Coker is available to download.

Environmental Racism Resources

1. Short Video on Cancer Alley:

<https://youtu.be/-5YM6z8Xi9Y>

Housing and Race

1. Book: The Color of Law: A Forgotten History on How Our Government Segregated America, by Richard Rothstein
2. Mapping Inequality: Interactive Map Exploring Redlining in America
<https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/#loc=5/39.1/-94.58>
3. Green and Healthy Homes Initiative
<https://www.greenandhealthyhomes.org/>
4. Find It, Fix It, Fund It: A Lead Elimination Action Drive Policy Recommendations to Congress and the New Administration

https://nchh.org/resource-library/FFF-Action-Drive-Transition-Documents_Admin-Version.pdf

Issues of Lead

1. Book: Lead Waters, by David Rosner

Issues of Air Pollution

1. Air Quality Standards Review

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMs2011009>

Environmental Justice and Organizations

1. 17 Key Principles of Environmental Justice

<https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/ej-principles.pdf>

2. WE ACT Environmental Justice Organization

<https://www.weact.org/2016/11/863/>

3. Citizen Group Downwinders

<https://www.downwindersatrisk.org/2019/11/sharedairdfw-is-dfws-new-regional-air-quality-monitoring-network/>