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ENGAGING COMMUNITIES IN CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY ACTION

Asset-based and Cultural Approaches to Sustainability Engagement

“[Teaching Students to Collaborate with Communities: Expanding Engineering Education to Create a Sustainable Future](#),” with Ruth Yow & Yi-Chin Sarah Wu. *Engineering Studies*, March 2023, 15.1: 30-49.

[Guest Lecture](#) as part of the University of Michigan Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), [Act on Climate: Steps to Individual, Community, and Political Action](#).

“Our Climate, Our Change: Using Visual and Interactive Practices to Expand Participation and Leadership in Climate Action,” with Abigail Derby Lewis, Ryan Lugalía-Hollon, Lisa See Kim, Sarah Sommers, and Alexis Winter. In [Systemic Crises of Global Climate Change: Intersections of Race, Class and Gender](#). Eds. Phoebe Godfrey and Denise Torres. New Jersey: Rutgers, 2016:230-242.

“[Engaging Diverse Communities in Climate Action: Lessons from Chicago](#),” with Alexis Winter. *Solutions*, January-February 2014, Vol.5, Issue 1. Special issue edited by David Orr and colleagues at Oberlin College.

“[What’s Culture Got to Do With It? Engaging Chicago Communities in Climate Action](#).” Climate, Mind, and Behavior Conference, Garrison Institute (Garrison, NY). February 2012.

“[Re-thinking ‘Place’ as a Strategy for Climate Engagement](#).” Climate, Mind, and Behavior Conference, Garrison Institute (Garrison, NY). June 2013.

“[Linking Climate Action to Local Knowledge and Practice: A Case Study of Diverse Chicago Neighborhoods](#),” with Sarah Van Deusen Phillips, Edward Labenski, and Christine M. Dunford. In *Environmental Anthropology Today*. Eds. Helen Kopnina and Eleanor E. Shoreman. New York: Berghahn Books, 2011:267-296.

Collaborative Governance for Sustainability

“[Forging City-Community Partnerships for Climate Action: Lessons from the Social Sciences and Chicago](#).” Climate, Cities, and Behavior Symposium, Garrison Institute (Garrison, NY). March 2013.

“[Putting the CAP \[Cleveland Climate Action Plan\] into Action: An Asset-Based Approach to Neighborhood Engagement](#).” October 2013. Presentation at the 2013 Sustainable Cleveland Summit, introduced by Jenita McGowan, Former Chief of Sustainability, City of Cleveland.

[Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network \(through The Institute of Cultural Affairs\)](#) [CSLN Greentown Conference panel discussion, 2014](#)

I helped found this network that brings City and institutions into collaborative partnerships with grassroots community associations, in an “in between” space focused on sustainability.

Climate, Sustainability, & Energy Engagement Toolkits

[SLS Teaching Toolkit](#) (Georgia Tech)

[Cleveland Neighborhood Climate Action Toolkit](#) (City of Cleveland)

[Chicago Community Climate Action Toolkit](#) (The Field Museum)

[Preparing for Rainy Days: Culturally-Inspired Smart Grid Education in 3 Communities](#) (Institute of Cultural Affairs/ISEIF)

Publications about My Work

“From information provision to participatory deliberation: engaging residents in the transition toward sustainable cities,” by Michaela Zint and Kimberly S. Wolske. [The Elgar Companion to Sustainable Cities: Strategies, Methods and Outlook](#). 2014. Overview of sustainability engagement strategies in cities around the world, citing our Chicago work as one of a few examples implementing what many agree is needed: a participatory approach.

“[A Toolkit for Building Climate Efficacy](#),” by Cara Pike. August 8, 2012. Blog post on Climate Access about the Chicago Community Climate Action Toolkit.

“[On Shooting Polar Bears: Communicating Climate Visually](#),” by Liz Banse, Resource Media. October 8, 2012. Blog post on Climate Access on visual communication for climate action; calls the Chicago Community Climate Action Toolkit “One of the best examples I have come across of instigating action on climate ... over the past four years.”