List of Attendees

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*Research Scientist and Adjunct Assistant Professor, CIESIN*

Susana B. Adamo is a research scientist at the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (The Earth Institute, Columbia University) and an adjunct assistant professor in the Undergraduate Program in Sustainable Development in the same university. She is also a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of IAI (Inter American Institute for Global Change Research) and co-coordinator of the Population and Environment Research Network (PERN). Her research interests spread across several fields: environmental migration and displacement, social vulnerability and environmental change, dynamics of internal migration in developing countries, rural/urban demography, particularly global and regional georeferenced population databases.

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*Associate Professor of Sociology, Texas Tech University*

I am Associate Professor of Sociology at Texas Tech University and Texas Tech Climate Science faculty affiliate.

I have a background in mathematics and sociology and I did my PhD in Sociology and Demography at Penn State. I have studied and done research in Spain, Czech Republic, Germany and Romania.

My research is focused on global climate change effects and adaptation, demographic methods and migration transnational identity, gender and economic assimilation skilled migration.

I teach classes related to population and environment, international migration and social inequality.

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*Senior Writer/Editor, Environmental Security, and Resilience, Wilson Center*

Meaghan Parker is the Senior Writer/Editor for the Environmental Change and Security Program. She is the editor of the award-winning ECSP Report—named one of the Top 10 Think Tank Policy Reports of 2013—and the founding editor of the New Security Beat, a daily blog. She was the supervising producer of “Healthy People, Healthy Environment,” three short documentary films filmed in Tanzania, Nepal, and Ethiopia. She was the lead editor of "A New Climate for Peace," an online platform and independent study commissioned by the G7 Foreign Ministers. A frequent speaker and moderator on panels about media and communications, she is currently serving a three-year term as the associate board member of the Society of Environmental Journalists, the premier North American professional membership association for environment and energy reporters and editors. Prior to joining the Center, she was Manager of Research and Internal Communications at the Fortune 500 energy company PPL Global, where she researched international investments and renewable energy policy.

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*Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work*

Nadia Flores-Yeffal is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work. Flores-Yeffal’s research areas are in Latino/a sociology and race/ethnicity. Specifically, she is interested in social cohesion, support systems, and consequences to families and individuals during Mexican-U.S. immigration.

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Luke is working on new tools to predict the impacts of Amazonian droughts on urban food insecurity, funded through an ESRC Fellowship. He is delighted to be working with a stellar bunch of interdisciplinary scientists in the UK and Brazil and is mentored by Peter Diggle. In Brazil, Luke is hosted by the Nucleus of Advanced Amazonian Studies (NAEA) at the Federal University of Pará (UFPa) in Belém. Luke and his collaborators are working on new tools to improve the adaptive capacity of roadless Amazonian cities to cope with severe drought and flood events, when food security appears to be threatened by the disruption of river transport and high food prices. They will develop an online early warning system that predicts real-time urban vulnerability to food insecurity. The team hope this tool will enable improved risk-analysis and facilitate both long-term strategic investment of resources and disaster intervention.

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Associate Professor Environment & Society, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources, Utah State University

Dr. Radel joined USU in 2005, after receiving her Ph.D. in Geography from Clark University. Her research explores the changing nature of natural resource-based livelihood strategies for individuals, households, and communities in the rural global south. She is interested particularly in how gender ideologies and practices both shape and are changed by these strategies. Her research also examines the gendered nature of resource access, control, and decision-making. Current project include (1) research on gender, conservation, and agriculture in communities surrounding Mexico's Calakmul Biosphere Reserve; and (2) research on gender labor out-migration and its relationship to environmental and agrarian change in Central America.

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Assistant Professor, Sociology, Louisiana State University Baton Rouge
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I am a social demographer with research interests in the areas of population and environment, and poverty and inequality. Much of my work seeks to understand how the social and demographic effects of contextual changes are distributed across population groups. I teach courses on demography and research methods. I completed my PhD at Cornell University in 2014.

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PhD, Global Health Institute, Nelson Institute

Jason Vargo comes to the Global Health Institute from Atlanta. He was a fellow with the GHI and the Center for Sustainability & the Global Environment in UW’s Nelson Institute working with Dr. Jonathan Patz on issues related to urbanization and health. Jason’s work has examined the influences on the built environment on healthy behaviors among residents in Bogota, Columbia and the US. Most recently, he investigated the potential for urban planning and design to manage dangerous thermal exposures during extreme heat events.

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Local Attendees

Hunter, Lori
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Professor of Sociology/ IBS Faculty, Environment and Society Program/ IBS Faculty, Population Program/ IBS Faculty, CU Population Center

Lori has been engaged in research on the links between population-environment for over 20 years, with over 50 publications in a variety of Sociological and interdisciplinary outlets. She also prioritizes dissemination and research-to-policy activities.

A key part of Lori’s current research agenda explores natural resources and rural livelihoods in sub-Saharan Africa. The Agincourt Health and Demographic Surveillance Site in rural South Africa has served as the primary study setting for this work. Topical foci thus far have included migration as a response to environmental change, natural resources as coping strategies for HIV/AIDS-impacted households, and the role of wild foods in food security. In the past several years, Lori has also collaborated with Geography colleagues Fernando Riosmena and Stefan Leyk to undertake research on migration from rural Mexico as related to environmental change.

Human-environment relations are also greatly affected by the ways in which individuals perceive their environmental context. Within this area, Lori’s research has contributed to the body of literature examining social variation in environmental perception. Some of Lori’s earlier work in this area examined population-environment dynamics in Utah and the California Mojave.

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Founder and CEO of CLIMA—Centro Latinoamericano de Investigacion Medio-Ambiental

CLIMA is a new NGO with the vision of providing access to climate information to Latin-american people through innovative methods of communication, interaction and co-production of the climate information.

Investigador Especialista en Cambio Climatico

Projects involving coffee farmers and climate change research. From Installing weather stations all over Mesoamerica to analyzing the data with fund from IAI. We developed the allometric equations to estimate carbon stock on coffee systems with Rainforest Alliance. We assessed biodiversity in coffee systems and to understand the role of coffee as a conservation unit. This was done in collaboration with the University of Greenwich in London.

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Professor Riosmena's research looks at how demographic processes are associated with the spatial and social mobility, well-being, and development in Latin American societies and immigrant communities from said region in the United States. His main research areas are immigrant health throughout different stages of the migration process and the role of U.S. immigration policy and social, economic, and environmental conditions in sending communities on the migration dynamics between Latin America and the United States.

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I have developed research on the interactions between urban development and global environmental change. I am very active in both the international human dimensions community and the human dimensions community of US and Latin America. Urbanization is both a social and environmental phenomenon; it is one of the most influential, irreversible and evident anthropogenic forces in the Earth system. Many urban centers share characteristics (e.g., location in risk-prone areas, and governance deficits) that tend to make them more vulnerable to adverse climate change events. I have focused on crucial intersections between urban development and the environment, including the carbon cycle, the climate system and the water cycle. In particular, I have studied key issues of (a) how urban development impacts the environment (drivers); (b) what societal factors explain cities' vulnerability/resilience to heat waves, atmospheric pollution, water scarcity and pollution, among other hazards (impacts), and (c) how particular cities attempt to meet the challenges of reducing emissions while improving their capacity to cope with environmental impacts (responses).

I am a "multidisciplinary sociologist" by training. I was during 14 years professor at the Metropolitan Autonomous University in Mexico City, and joined NCAR in 2006 as (social) scientist. Although I was born in Mexico, I consider myself citizen of the world. Thus I care not only about my two girls, who I love to death, but I am also engaged in finding options to move ourselves to a more sustainable and fair relationship with Earth's people, animals and plants.

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