

# ENVIRONMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

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## DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION AWARD



*Steve Kroll-Smith receives the Distinguished Contribution Award from Bob Brulle while Shirley Laska looks on.*

Steve Kroll-Smith, Department Head, University of North Carolina—Greensboro, was the recipient of the 2004 Distinguished Contribution Award.

While still only in mid-career Steve has distinguished himself remarkably in the environmental sociology research that he has done. His work has explored completely new conceptual areas pertaining to the social impacts of the negative and unanticipated consequences of technology as well as the way in which environmental health issues are interpreted. His work has been groundbreaking, challenging prevailing assumptions and in the process redefining key concepts in the field. Through powerful analytical skills, a theoretical vigor and use of diverse methodologies and data-collection strategies, his work has not only had an impact but has truly helped to define environmental sociology.

The first theme in his work has been the importance of environmental sociology to the study of hazards and disasters. Steve's insight in the sociology of calamitous events is that they are only understandable if both physical and social characteristics are taken into account. Kroll-Smith and Couch's book, *The Real Disaster is Above Ground* and the articles accompanying this project are considered standard reading in this area.

He also wrote a series of papers that explored an *ecological-symbolic approach* to the investigation of human-environment affairs. A related theme is his current interest in how we, as sociologists, approach and theorize the intersection of obdurate physical and organic realities and the symbol making and using propensity of humans. The recent publication of this work is evolving to be a "quiet classic" on this topic.

A third major theme in his work was inspired by Phil Brown who suggested to Steve the potential of looking at the complicated intersections of bodies and environments and the efforts of lay people to make sense of them. *Bodies in Protest, Environmental Illness and the Struggle Over Medical Knowledge* was the result.

## Awards

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Committee:**  
Dana Fisher  
Bill Freudenburg  
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**Outstanding Publication  
Committee:**  
Maurie Cohen, chair

**Olsen Student Paper  
Award Committee:**  
Maurie Cohen, chair

**Nominations Committee:**  
Steve Kroll-Smith, chair;  
David Pellow  
Lori Hunter

**Distinguished Contribution  
Award Committee:**  
Bob Brulle, chair;  
all council members

**The Robert Boguslaw Award  
for Technology and  
Humanism:**  
Stella Capek, Chair

**Section Website:**  
[http://socsci.colorado.edu/  
SOC/ET/ets.html](http://socsci.colorado.edu/SOC/ET/ets.html)

To subscribe to the listserv for this section go to the website and follow the relevant link and directions.

Rebecca's Paper is entitled:

"Biographical Disruption and Local Anti-Toxics Activism"

Steve has been prolific in his research but also patient and systematic in evolving his reasoning. And, he has always partnered with other sociologists to accomplish his work, his style being a fully two-way (or three-way) conversation. This process is the basis for the sociological creativity that he has demonstrated.

In addition to serving currently as the head of his department, he has contributed to the environmental sub - discipline by serving as both an executive committee member and also chair of the E&T Section and various administrative positions at the Environmental Social Science Research Institute at the University of New Orleans.

Steve also embodies the true meaning of mentor among graduate students he guides. Common among students' sentiments are that he serves as an encouraging guide into the intellectual depths of sociology, an experience that profoundly shapes students not only academically but also as individuals.

### OUTSTANDING PUBLICATION AWARD



*Richard York, Eugene Rosa and Thomas Dietz (not shown) receive the outstanding publication award from Tammy Lewis and Scott Frickel for their work "Footprints on the Earth" and "STIRPAT, IPAT and ImPACT: Analytic Tools for Unpacking the Driving Forces of Environmental Impacts".*

### STUDENT PUBLICATION AWARD



*Rebecca Gasior-Altman receives the Student Publication Award from Margarita Alario.*

**Present:** Phil Brown, Robert Brulle, Tammy Lewis, Maggie Alario, Steven Zavestoski, Stella Capek, Stephan Scholz, Dana Fisher, John Forster, Maurie Cohen, Laurie Hunter, Rob Gardner, Andrew Van Alstyne

The Chair, Phil Brown, called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. The chair reported that the new bylaws had been passed, and were now in effect. He reminded the council that all officers, included the newly elected ones, should be present at the council meeting, and that their absence made it hard to carry out section business. He also discussed the logistical arrangements for the special session on Environmental Justice on Tuesday morning.

Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Brulle, reported on the Section's budget. As of August 10, 2004, the section had total revenue of \$4,492 for the 2004 fiscal year, and projected expenditures of \$2,452 this year, which includes \$948 for the reception, awards costs of \$304, and an estimated \$1,200 in travel, lodging, and food expenses for the external invited speakers for the special Environmental Justice Session. The shift to an electronic newsletter has saved the section \$2,000 in annual expenses. The projected end of year budget surplus is \$2,039.

In the absence of Steve Kroll-Smith, Phil Brown discussed the elections to be held for 2005. Three officers will need to be elected, including a new chair-elect, and chairs of the Teaching and Training Committee, and the Membership Committee. Bob Edwards is the new chair of the Nominations Committee, and will be handling the election.

Steve Zavestoski gave the Membership Committee Report. He reported that we has 368 current members. Student memberships are paid for by the section. In an attempt to increase membership, the Membership Committee will look into running ads in the RC 24 and Rural Sociology bulletins. Stephan Scholz reported on the production of the newsletter. The PDF version has been well received. After some discussion, it was decided that Phil Brown and Stephan Scholz would develop a one way listserv that would email electronic copies of the newsletter to all E&T section members. Andrew Van Alstyne reported that the existing E&T listserv is working fine. Rob Gardner reported on the section web site. It was decided that all previous E&T web sites will be consolidated and deleted.

Maurice Cohen discussed the newly created Policy and Research Committee, and outlined some of the directions that this section will take to improve communication among E&T members regarding research and publication activities. It was also noted that the awards for the Outstanding Publication and the Olsen Student Paper Award will be handled by the Policy and Research Committee.

Robert Brulle then discussed the Distinguished Contribution Award. After a lively discussion, it was decided that the person who nominated the award recipient would be offered the opportunity to present the award. In addition, the nominations for the Distinguished Contribution Award would be valid for 3 years from the date of their submission.

Phil Brown then discussed the awards, and noted that the ASA only allows three "awards." To avoid conflict with the Boguslaw Award, it was decided that the name of the Olsen Student Paper Award would be changed to the Olsen Student Paper Certificate. It was also discussed and decided (by unanimous vote) that all E&T section awards would only go to section members. Finally, Phil pointed out that the Boguslaw Award would be handled by the Chair elect.

Stella Capek, chair-elect, discussed the 2005 ASA meeting in Philadelphia. John Foster, as the only council member-at large, will work with her to plan the meeting. It was noted that there is a need for more submissions to the E&T sections at ASA. Stephan Scholz will put a reminder in the next E&T newsletter.

**Minutes of the ASA  
Environment and  
Technology Council  
Meeting**

**August 15, 2004**

**San Francisco, CA**

Respectfully  
Submitted,

Robert J. Brulle,  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Minutes of the ASA  
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Technology  
Business Meeting  
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San Francisco, CA**

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Stella Capek, chair-elect, discussed the 2005 ASA meeting in Philadelphia. She urged members to submit papers to the sections, and asked for assistance in planning the meeting.

This was followed by the presentation of awards for 2004. The Olsen Student Paper Award was presented by Maggie Alario to Rebecca Gasior Altman, the Outstanding Publication Award was presented by Tammy Lewis to Richard York, Tom Dietz, and Gene Rosa, and Shirley Laska presented the Distinguished Contribution Award to Steve Kroll-Smith.

The meeting concluded with a number of announcements regarding upcoming job openings and publication opportunities.

## The RC6 Initiative

### Regions, Carbon, Culture, Cities, Climate, Change and Consequences

#### Objectives

The Global Carbon Project, an Earth System Science Partnership for sustainable development, aims to develop a complete picture of the global carbon cycle including its biophysical and human elements together with the interactions and feedback between them. This goal requires investigation of the spatial and temporal patterns and variability in carbon pools and fluxes as well as a search for determinants of carbon cycle dynamics and opportunities for intervention.

To integrate the physical and social dimensions of the global carbon cycle for the purposes of effective carbon cycle management, the GCP conceives of the “global” as the collection of and interaction among local(e)s where social processes interact with the carbon cycle in real places, as well as in social space. Places vary in ways relevant to the carbon cycle in terms of their natural endowments; climate patterns; development histories; cultural traditions; social and environmental values; socio-economic conditions; spatio-temporal patterns of land use and land cover; industrialization; and location in regional, national, and global systems of place stratification.

How are these variations reflected in the carbon footprints of human settlements - from village to city, from mountain slope to coastal zone, from the tropics to the deserts? Are there regional constellations of communities of varying size, location, natural characteristics, and social organization that are more promising for a decarbonized future?

#### The RC6 Approach

The GCP is developing an Earth Systems Science framework for place-based carbon cycle research to support future regional development decisions. We call this effort the RC6 Initiative of the GCP. RC6 stands for “Regions, Carbon, Culture, Cities, Climate, Change and Consequences.”

#### Scope of the RC6

1. Ideal types of development legacies/political economies and carbon footprints
2. Dynamic, historical, comparative, contemporary, and future orientations
3. Spatial “shells”
  - The city as entity (e.g., administrative borders) with a continuous array of cities with populations greater than 500,000.
  - “Hinterland” or region (e.g., where most food, products, and labor exchanges occur)
  - Global footprint of embodied Carbon fluxes.
4. What are future Carbon trajectories (footprints) likely to be – locally, regionally and globally? What are possible effects of alternative development paths?
5. How are urban and regional carbon cultures, consumption/lifestyle patterns, risk perceptions, and environmental values related to the carbon cycle?
6. What analytical framework and methodological approaches best suit the goal of integrated place-based carbon cycle research? What can existing models and scenarios regarding the carbon cycle contribute to the framework?

#### Results and Projects

RC6 activities underway at the GCP-Tsukuba office at NIES include an extensive literature review on urban and regional development typologies and indicators of sustainable development; an inventory of community development and carbon cycle case studies; and, a comparison of efforts to model the carbon-human-climate cycle. We also promote locale-based carbon cycle science and decarbonization action networks through didactic seminars, symposia, and workshops in Japan and around the world.



*RC6 is a comparative and historical approach to urban, regional and global carbon footprints, their determinants, trajectories and management opportunities.*

The Global Carbon Project is part of the Earth Systems Science Partnership that was created by IHDP, IGBP, WCRP and DIVERSITAS.

To Contact the Global Carbon Project for more information please contact Penelope Canan at:

penelope.canan@nies.go.jp

or visit the website at:

globancarbonproject.org

## Job Openings

### **University of Central Florida in Orlando Launches New Ph.D. Program with Environmental Sociology Emphasis**

Brent Marshall has been at UCF since 2000, and Rile Dunlap is joining the Department this January. The Department's growth plans include hiring a third environmental sociologist within the next two years to ensure a strong critical mass in the area. There is also strong campus-wide interest in environmental research. For example, UCF has a new, first-rate Ph.D. program in Conservation Biology, and the Department of Economics is making Environmental Economics the primary focus of its new Ph.D. program. In addition, UCF's Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies is involved in several environmental projects, and offers a good base for sociological and interdisciplinary research on the environment. And, of course, Florida offers a unique and superb setting for sociological investigation of a wide range of environmental problems and controversies, given the past and current challenges of population growth, economic development, maintaining biodiversity, everglades restoration, coastal ecosystem management, and the existence of thousands of toxic waste sites. Orlando and the suburban UCF campus, however, are very attractive settings. The quality of life is high, but the cost of living is reasonable. There will be several assistantships available for graduate students beginning next Fall, and interested students are encouraged to apply. For more information regarding UCF and the new Ph.D. Program in Sociology, see [www.cas.ucf.edu/soc\\_anthro/](http://www.cas.ucf.edu/soc_anthro/) or the current editor Footnotes (November 2004). For specific information regarding Environmental Sociology as an area of concentration, contact Dr. Brent K. Marshall at [bmarshall@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu](mailto:bmarshall@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu).

**Washington State University**, Department of Sociology, seeks a full-time, nine-month, tenure-track Associate or Full Professor to begin August 16, 2005. As part of our continuing commitment to build on our strengths, the Sociology Department invites applications for an accomplished scholar to fill the Boeing Professorship in Environmental Sociology. Established through a shared commitment of the Boeing Company and the State of Washington, the Boeing Professorship is recognition of the prominence of Environmental Sociology at Washington State University and a pledge of support for its continued excellence. Required: The successful candidate must hold a Ph.D., have an excellent record of research in the field of environmental sociology or human ecology, and provide evidence of quality teaching and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students. Applicants should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, samples of written work, and the names of three references to Eugene Rosa, Chair of the Boeing Professor Search Committee, Dept. of Sociology, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-4020. Review of applications will commence September 15, 2004.

**Washington State University**, Department of Sociology, seeks a full-time, nine-month, tenure-track Assistant Professor to begin August 16, 2005. The primary area of specialization is open. As part of our continuing commitment to build on our strengths, the Sociology Department invites applications for a promising scholar to fill the position in any specialty area; however, preference may be given to strong candidates with specializations in environment and human ecology, family, social psychology, social inequality, race/ethnicity, gender, crime and deviance, and statistics and methods. Required: PhD preferred, ABD within one year of completion will be considered. The successful candidate must have an excellent record of research, provide evidence of teaching ability, and be prepared to teach and mentor undergraduate and graduate students. Applicants should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, samples of written work, and three letters of reference to Nella Van Dyke, Chair of the Search Committee, Dept. of Sociology, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-4020. Review of applications will commence September 15, 2004 and continue until filled.

## Job Openings

**Michigan State University, James Madison College and College of Agriculture and Natural Resources** - Multilevel Governance and Environmental Policy Assistant or Associate Professor sought. A desire to work as part of a multidisciplinary team of researchers, including wildlife biologists and managers, is essential. A faculty member, who is able to add policy assessment and evaluation capacities to the course offerings, will strengthen James Madison College's public affairs curriculum. A focus on environmental issues (e.g., regulated natural resources, wildlife systems) at the local/state to global levels and a broad understanding of environmental policy would be particularly welcome. Also highly valued will be outreach experience and the capacity to provide expert consultation to external funding partners and Federal, regional, state-wide and local stakeholders. The successful candidate should possess a Ph.D. in a relevant social or environmental science discipline. James Madison College will serve as the tenure home for this position. The selected applicant also will have a partial appointment with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources through the Partnership in Ecosystem Research and Management Michigan Department of Natural Resources [www.fw.msu.edu/PERM/index.htm](http://www.fw.msu.edu/PERM/index.htm). Applicants should submit a letter describing how their research and teaching interests would contribute to a college curriculum focused on public affairs, including the new Specialization in Science, Technology, Environment and Public Policy (for details see [www.fw.msu.edu/academics/specializations/STEPS/index.htm](http://www.fw.msu.edu/academics/specializations/STEPS/index.htm)). Supporting materials should include a vita, at least three confidential letters of recommendation, and samples of scholarship and teaching materials. The deadline for receipt of applications is January 31, 2005. Completed files should be sent by that date to: Multilevel Governance Search Committee, James Madison College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48825-1205. Questions about the position should be directed to Jackie Stewart (517-353-6753, [stewar34@msu.edu](mailto:stewar34@msu.edu)). Position to begin August 16, 2005. Late submissions will be considered if a suitable candidate pool is not identified by the deadline.

**Oklahoma State University.** The Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Criminology or Environmental Sociology, beginning Fall 2005. Special consideration will be given to individuals with additional expertise in social inequality or social psychology. This position is offered in partial fulfillment of the strategic plan to strengthen our specializations in criminology and environmental sociology. Toward that end, we anticipate hiring several faculty members over the next five years. PhD in Sociology or Criminology required. The Department of Sociology offers Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees with specializations in criminology, environmental sociology, organizations, social inequality and social psychology. Candidates should submit a Curriculum Vitae, letter of interest, samples of written work, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and three letters of reference to: Dr. Thomas Shriver, Chair, Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University, 006 Classroom Building, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078. Review of applications will begin January 15, 2005 and continue until the position is filled.

**Florida International University** - The Department of Sociology & Anthropology invites applicants for a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Sociology, with principal specialization in social demography and the ability to teach social statistics at the graduate level. Among the preferred area specializations for candidates are innovative theoretical and comparative-international approaches to the study of migration, race/ethnicity, sex/gender, environment, health, labor/employment, urban studies, and/or development/social change. The Department's M.A. and Ph.D. programs in Comparative Sociology emphasize cross-disciplinary studies. Please send a letter of application, CV, and three letters of recommendation to: Chair, Search Committee, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, DM 334, Florida International University, University Park, Miami, FL 33199. Deadline: January 5, 2005.

## Job Openings

**University of Colorado School of Law** - The University of Colorado School of Law is seeking candidates for the position of Director of the Natural Resources Law Center. The Natural Resources Law Center is a research and educational program at the School of Law that has produced many significant books, papers, and conferences informing public debate and policy-making concerning natural resources, and helping decision-makers resolve the conflicts surrounding resource development and preservation. At the heart of this mission is the notion of sustainability, which includes preservation of the West's social, environmental, economic, and cultural resources. The Center searches for pragmatic ways to secure these broad and related elements of sustainability, concentrating in particular on the region's unique natural resources. The Director's position is supported by the University, while Center projects are primarily funded by contracts and grants from foundations and government agencies. For more information on the Center see: [www.colorado.edu/Law/centers/nrlc](http://www.colorado.edu/Law/centers/nrlc). Candidates for the position should have a law degree or equivalent advanced degree in a related discipline, and experience that demonstrates: scholarly interest and achievement in an interdisciplinary approach to natural resources and environmental law and policy, creativity in conceiving significant research and educational projects, entrepreneurial ability to pursue and obtain grants and contracts, administrative skills in managing programs and organizing conferences and events, and vision and leadership skills that can move the Center into its next phase of accomplishment. Applicants should submit a current resume and any supporting materials to: Professor Sarah Krakoff, Chair, NRLC Director Search Committee, 401 UCB, Boulder, CO, 80309-0401. The Committee will begin reviewing applications on January 4, 2005. The position will remain open until filled.

## Fellowships

**The Marine Policy Program in the Graduate College of Marine Studies at the University of Delaware** is offering two, perhaps more, graduate student fellowships beginning the fall of 2005. The fellowships cover tuition and pay an annual stipend of approximately \$20,000. The fellowships are awarded based on academic record, GRE's, and demonstrated interest in the program. Students seeking either a Masters or a PhD in Marine Policy are eligible. Students of Marine Policy examine the economic, legal, political, and social aspects of ocean and coastal resources. Areas of special interest include law of the sea, ports and shipping, marine minerals, ocean and coastal zone management, fisheries, offshore wind-power, naval affairs, marine biotechnology, and the coastal and ocean environment. For more on program visit our web site at [www.ocean.udel.edu/graduate/marpol/marpol.html](http://www.ocean.udel.edu/graduate/marpol/marpol.html). Graduates from the program work at all levels of government, in non-governmental organizations, in shipping and port agencies, and in universities. To apply for a fellowship submit an application for admission to the Masters of Marine Policy or the PhD in Marine Policy and declare an interest in being considered for a policy fellowship. The applications are due March 1, 2005. Applications materials are at [ocean.udel.edu/graduate/admissions.html](http://ocean.udel.edu/graduate/admissions.html). For more details please contact George R. Parsons, Director of the Marine Policy Program, at 302-831-6891 or [gparsons@udel.edu](mailto:gparsons@udel.edu).

**With funding from the National Science Foundation, the Working Forests in the Tropics Program at the University of Florida** offers competitive doctoral fellowships for training and research focused on tradeoffs among economic uses, ecological conservation, and regional development in the tropical forests of Latin America. Our unique Ph.D. plus curriculum includes training in interdisciplinary theory, field courses, practicum experiences, and leadership and communication skills. Research themes include (1) Capacity Building, (2) Cultural Persistence, (3) Ecological Dynamics, (4) Forest Management Systems, (5) Macro-Economics and Infrastructure Development, and (6) Policy and Governance. Applicants should combine cross-cultural experience, academic excellence, and leadership potential. Fellows will be expected to collaborate with one or more of the twenty Latin American universities, government agencies and NGOs that participate as research and training partners. Awards include tuition waivers, NSF-IGERT fellowships, and some travel and supply funds. In accordance with NSF policy, applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents. Application deadline: January 17, 2005. Additional information and application guidelines are on-line at: [www.tropicalforests.ufl.edu/wft](http://www.tropicalforests.ufl.edu/wft).

**Marvin E. Olsen Student Paper Certificate**

This certificate is given annually to recognize an outstanding graduate student-authored paper accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the ASA (The paper can be presented at any session or roundtable at ASA, not only an Environment and Technology Section session). The certificate is announced at the Section business meeting and the student will be presented a certificate acknowledging the honored paper. The recipient receives \$200 to help defray the cost of participating in the Meeting. Graduate students, and their advisors on their behalf, are encouraged to submit papers to this competition. The deadline for submitting papers is May 1, 2005. Send three copies to: Maurie Cohen, Department of Chemistry and Environmental Science, New Jersey Institute of Technology, University Heights, Newark, NJ 07102, mcohen@adm.njit.edu.

**Outstanding Publication Award**

This award recognizes outstanding research in the sociology of the environment and technology. The research can be published either in book or article form. The committee will consider books published during the last two years, or a series of articles published during the last six years. The committee will consider self-nominations as well as nominations made by people other than the authors. It will not consider nominations made by publishers. To be eligible for consideration, please send 3 copies of the works or works, along with a nomination letter, by May 1, 2005 to: Maurie Cohen, Department of Chemistry and Environmental Science, New Jersey Institute of Technology, University Heights, Newark, NJ 07102, mcohen@adm.njit.edu.

**Distinguished Contribution Award**

The Distinguished Contribution Award is given each year to a section member for outstanding service, innovation, teaching, and publication in the sociology of the environment and technology. Nominations for this award must be received by May 1, 2005. To nominate a section member for this award, please send a letter of nomination describing the nominee's contribution to the field, accompanied by a copy of the nominee's CV, to the chair of the award committee, Robert Brulle preferably electronically (rbrulle@igc.org), or to: Robert Brulle, Associate Professor of Sociology and Environmental Science, Department of Culture and Communication, Drexel University, 3141 Chestnut St., Philadelphia PA 19104.

**The Robert Boguslaw Award for Technology and Humanism**

This award is given to a doctoral student or young investigator (who has obtained the Ph.D. in the past five years) whose paper or article that addresses technology and human affairs, social action and social change, conflicts over values, or work that proposes innovative solutions to emerging social issues associated with technology. The honored work should address the concerns of ordinary people, rather than reflecting organizational or institutional agendas. Unpublished papers or articles published within the last two years are eligible. Candidates may either submit their own work or be nominated by someone else. The deadline for submitting papers is May 1, 2005. Please send three copies of the nominated work, along with a nomination letter to:

Stella Capek, Department of Sociology, Hendrix College, Conway, AR 72032, Capek@hendrix.edu.

**Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy** (<http://ejournal.nbii.org>) is a new, inclusive, open access eJournal. Its mission is to address a wide range of issues related to sustainability by incorporating social, economic, political, and biological -environmental interactions within the framework of specific research approaches. The eJournal will therefore bring social scientists and natural scientists to the table (or 'journal,' if you will), and will push the discussion beyond disciplinary matters. Authors will use discussions of science and social science, practices, and/or policies to examine strategies that can lead us to more sustainable futures.

**Environment and  
Technology Section  
Call for Nominations  
for 2005 Awards**

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**Call for Papers**

## Call for Papers

ASA's **Population Section** is making an effort to encourage, and more centrally integrate, research on population-environment interactions. While scholarship on these interactions has been gaining recognition within the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, these arenas remain relatively unexplored at the Sociology meetings. Andrew London is organizing the roundtables for the 2005 ASA in Philadelphia and, with the support of Section Chair Anne Pebley, has agreed to consider a table devoted to population-environment research. I encourage scholars engaged in this area to submit papers for consideration to Andrew, with a note identifying your interest in inclusion in the population-environment roundtable. His email: [aslondon@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:aslondon@maxwell.syr.edu). Finally, for those interested, the "Population-Environment Research Network" offers an excellent resource through its library, on-line seminars, and opportunity postings.

**A fourth person is sought to be on a panel planned for the ESS meeting** in March (meeting is in DC this year). The theme of the session is cross-national environmental issues and policies. If you're interested in joining the panel, please email me (address below) and include an abstract of your paper. Leslie King, Sociology and Environmental Science and Policy, 229 Wright Hall, Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063, [lesking@email.smith.edu](mailto:lesking@email.smith.edu).

## Member News

**Rabel J. Burdge**, Departments of Sociology and Environmental Studies, Western Washington University (Bellingham) received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Association for Society and Natural Resources at their June, 2004 meeting in Keystone, Colorado. The award "cited his outstanding leadership and organizational skills while charting the course of the International Symposium on Society and Natural Resource Management and the for co-founding the journal *Society and Natural Resources*."

**Gene Rosa** (sociology) has been appointed for a three-year term to the Committee on the Human Dimensions of Global Change of the National Academy of Sciences.

## Publications

Rabel J. Burdge, 2004, *Concepts, Processes, and Methods of Social Impact Assessment* (Social Ecology Press, Middleton, WI).

Rabel J. Burdge, 2004, *A Community Guide to Social Impact Assessment*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (Social Ecology Press, Middleton, WI).

A special issue of *Organization and Environment* examining the Treadmill of Production came out (Sept. 2004, vol 17, n 3). The table of contents is below. A second special issue on the same topic will be out in March 2005.

"Political Economy and Environmental Crisis: Introduction to the Special", John Bellamy Foster and Richard York.

"Interrogating the Treadmill of Production: Everything You Wanted to Know about the Treadmill, but Where Afraid to Ask", Kenneth A. Gould, David N. Pellow, and Allan Schnaiberg.

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