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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Ph.D. student, Sociology 2022 - Present

Amherst College, Amherst, MA
B.A., Environmental Studies, *Summa cum laude* 2021
Honors Thesis: “Beyond Conservation, Toward Decolonization: The Vision of Indigenous Feminist Environmental Protection”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental sociology; political economy; social theory; development sociology; social movements; settler colonialism; racial capitalism; ecofeminism; U.S. Southwest

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Sims, K.R.E., L.G. Lee, N. Estrella-Luna, **M.R. Lurie**, J.R. Thompson. 2022. “Environmental justice criteria for new land protection can inform efforts to address disparities in access to nearby open space.” *Environmental Research Letters* 17 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/ac6313>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Lurie, M. “‘We have that vision of the future’: Indigenous womxn’s resistance as environmental protection.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Lurie, M. “Beyond Conservation, Toward Decolonization: The Vision of Indigenous Feminist Environmental Protection.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Undergraduate Honors Roundtable, August 2021. *Virtual*.

Lurie, M. “‘It reminds me of reservations’: the limitations of rights-based conservation for Indigenous justice.” Poster session presented at the New Horizons in Conservation Conference, April 2021. *Virtual*.

- Awarded first prize in the undergraduate research section

Lurie, M. “The Perils and Possibilities of Indigenous-Environmental Solidarity.” Poster session presented at the National Collegiate Research Conference, January 2021. *Virtual*.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Petersen, J., R. Nagra, and **M. Lurie**. 2021. “‘They Didn’t Pay Us For Our Memories’: Environmental Racism, Forced Displacement, and the Industrial Buyout of Mossville, Louisiana.” Report prepared by the University Network for Human Rights, published November 17, 2021. <https://www.humanrightsnetwork.org/mossville>

Lurie, M. 2021. “Protecting 30% of the Earth by 2030 would threaten Indigenous peoples.” *Open Democracy*, published June 27, 2021.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Amherst College Provost’s Office | Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellow July 2021 - August 2021

University Network for Human Rights, Middletown, CT | Intern June 2020 - June 2021

Amherst College Economics Department | Research Assistant May 2020 - May 2021
Amherst College Office of Sustainability | Global Sustainability Fellow January 2020 - May 2020

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & HONORS

Redekop Family Environmental Research Grant, University of Chicago (\$2,000) 2023
First-Year Scholars Summer Research Grant, University of Chicago (\$2,500) 2023
Henderson Research Grant, University of Chicago (\$3,000) 2023
First-Year Scholars Program, University of Chicago 2022-2023
Rufus B. Kellogg University Fellowship, Amherst College (\$90,000) 2022-2025
Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowship (\$36,000) 2021, *declined due to Covid-19*

- Project: “After Extraction: Human and Environmental Recovery”

Amherst College Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellowship (\$4,800) 2021
Amherst College Woods-Travis Prize 2021

- “The Woods-Travis Prize, an annual gift in memory of Josiah B. Woods of Enfield and Charles B. Travis of the Class of 1864, is awarded for outstanding excellence in culture and faithfulness to duty as a scholar.”

Amherst College Jan E. Dizard Prize in Environmental Studies 2021

- “The Jan E. Dizard Prize in Environmental Studies, established on the occasion of his retirement, honors Professor Dizard for his role in founding the department. It is awarded to a member(s) of the graduating class who, in the opinion of the Environmental Studies Department, exemplifies the field of environmental studies in academic work.”

American Sociological Association Honors Program 2021
Junior Officer, Amherst College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa 2020
Truman Scholarship finalist 2020

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

University of Chicago Sociology Department | Teaching Assistant September 2023 – December 2023

- Course: Society, Power and Change
- Instructor: Julian Go

Amherst College Economics Department | Grader January 2019 - May 2019

- Course: Introduction to Economics
- Instructors: Jake Blackwood and Christopher Kingston

Amherst College Biology Department | Teaching Assistant September 2018 - December 2018

- Course: Adaptation and the Organism
- Instructors: Ethan Clotfelter and Michael Hood

SERVICE

Graduate Student Coordinator | Empires Forum, University of Chicago 2023-2024
Graduate Student Coordinator | Politics, History, and Society, University of Chicago 2023-2024

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association 2021 - Present

Section memberships: Collective Behavior and Social Movements; Environmental Sociology;
Sociology of Development; Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations; Theory

SKILLS

Fluent in Spanish (speaking, reading, writing)

Advanced in Arc GIS, QGIS, R Statistical Software, NVivo