

Environmental Justice Reading Group:

EJ + Health

Meeting Jan. 22 at 2:30pm (NY time)

- [Google Meets link](#)
- [About the reading group](#)

Here are the NYU Environmental Law Society's recommendations for things to read, watch, and listen to for the *EJ + Health* session of the EJ Reading Group. As always, please feel free to bring anything you've read, seen, heard, or experienced into the discussion!

Air Pollution and Respiratory Illness in General

- **Recommended:**
 - Harriet A. Washington, [How environmental racism is fueling the coronavirus pandemic](#), Nature (May 19, 2020)
 - Jonathan Lambert, [Study Finds Racial Gap Between Who Causes Air Pollution And Who Breathes It](#), NPR (Mar. 11, 2019)

Covid

- **Recommended:**
 - Lylla Younes, ProPublica & Sara Sneath, [New Research Shows Disproportionate Rate of Coronavirus Deaths in Polluted Areas](#), ProPublica (Sept. 11, 2020)
 - Ranjani Chakraborty, [One reason why coronavirus is hitting black Americans the hardestVox video on air pollution and covid mortality in Black communities](#), Vox (May 22, 2020) (embedded video)
- **Additional:**
 - Read:
 - Ese Olumhense, [For Some Near the Cross Bronx Expressway, COVID-19 is an Environmental Justice Issue, Too](#), The City (Sept. 28, 2020)
 - [Interview](#) with Ese Olumhense regarding The City article linked above
 - Katherine Bagley, [Connecting the Dots Between Environmental Injustice and the Coronavirus](#), Yale Environment 360 (May 7, 2020)
 - Richard A. Oppel Jr. et al., [The Fullest Look Yet at the Racial Inequity of Coronavirus](#), New York Times (July 5, 2020)
 - Of particular interest for its maps using federal data analyzing racial disparities early on in the pandemic

- Sacoby M. Wilson, Robert Bullard, Jacqui Patterson, and Stephen B. Thomas, [Roundtable on the Pandemics of Racism, Environmental Injustice, and COVID-19 in America](#), 13 Environmental Justice 56 (2020)
- Listen:
 - The Takeaway, [Environmental Justice in the Age of COVID-19](#), WNYC Studios (Apr. 23, 2020) (podcast)
- Watch:
 - House Democrats, [Environmental Justice, Public Health, and COVID-19's Impact on Latino and Hispanic Communities](#) (Oct. 14, 2020) (roundtable discussion of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis)
 - Mustafa Santiago Ali, [Why Covid-19 is an Environmental Justice Issue Too](#), NowThis News (Apr. 11, 2020)

Green Spaces

- **Recommended:**
 - Jennifer R. Wolch et al., [Urban green space, public health, and environmental justice: The challenge of making cities 'just green enough.'](#) Landscape and Urban Planning (Mar. 2, 2014)
 - Particularly pp. 234-37, for an overview of the health effects of access to green space and current inequities in that access
 - Rhitu Chatterjee, [Replacing Vacant Lots With Green Spaces Can Ease Depression In Urban Communities](#), NPR (July 20, 2018)
- **Additional:**
 - Rebecca Leber, [Christina Hemphill Fuller: How Trees Can Help Us Fight a Pandemic](#), Mother Jones (July 27, 2020) (interview)
 - Maria Godoy, [In U.S. Cities, The Health Effects Of Past Housing Discrimination Are Plain To See](#), NPR (Nov. 19, 2020)
 - Of particular interest for its maps
 - WHO Regional Office for Europe, [Urban Green Spaces and Health: A Review of Evidence](#) (2016)

Sanitation, Water

- **Recommended:**
 - Jim Erickson, [Flint water crisis is the most egregious example of environmental injustice, says researcher](#), University of Michigan (Oct. 19, 2018)
- **Additional:**
 - Dave Davies, ['Waste' Activist Digs Into The Sanitation Crisis Affecting The Rural Poor](#), NPR (Nov. 23, 2020) (interview)