

FAYOLA JACOBS

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

- 2019 to date Assistant Professor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Head of Environmental Planning Concentration, Urban and Regional Planning Area
- 2020 to date Faculty Associate, Institute on the Environment, University of Minnesota
- 2018 to 2019 Postdoctoral Associate, The CREATE Initiative, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

Education

- August 2018 PhD, Urban and Regional Sciences, Texas A&M University
Dissertation: *Insuring Inequity: An Intersectional Analysis of the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System*
- May 2014 MCRP, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
Specialization: Land Use and Environmental Planning
Master's Paper: *A Plan Quality Analysis of Hazard Mitigation Plans in the Caribbean*
- August 2009 BSc, Economics, York University

Publications

Peer-reviewed

Jacobs, Fayola. "Colonized climates: Diasporic possibilities for black environmental futures."

Revise and resubmit.

Ponder, Sage, Willie Jamaal Wright, **Fayola Jacobs**, Noel Didla, Theron Wilkerson, Akil Bakari.

"Jackson People's School: Student-Centered Pedagogy as a Planning Initiative." (2025).

De Vera, Manuel, **Fayola Jacobs**, and Patrick Bigger. "Structural barriers to financing just adaptation in majority world cities." *Journal of City Climate Policy and Economy*. (2025).

Jacobs, Fayola, Ketaki Zodekar, Patrick Bigger, and Avery Raines. *Reparative Fiscal Justice for Caribbean Climate Action*. (2024).

Zodekar, Ketaki, Avery Raines, **Fayola Jacobs**, and Patrick Bigger. "A dangerous debt-climate nexus: In a warming world, technocratic fixes are inadequate responses to vulnerability. achieving climate and economic justice in the Caribbean calls for reparative solutions." *NACLA Report on the Americas* 55, no. 3 (2023): 319-326.

Jacobs, Fayola. "Beyond social vulnerability: COVID-19 as a disaster of racial capitalism." *Sociologica*, (2021).

Purdum, Carlee, Felicia Henry, Sloan Rucker, Darien Williams, Richard Thomas, Benika Dixon, and **Fayola Jacobs**. "No justice, no resilience: Prison abolition as hazard mitigation in an era of climate change." *Environmental Justice*, (2021).

Williams, Darien and **Fayola Jacobs**. "Landscapes of trust: An investigation of post-hurricane engagement and recovery." *Environmental Justice*, (2021).

Jacobs, Fayola. "Black feminism and radical planning: New directions for disaster planning research." *Planning Theory* 18, no. 1 (2019): 24-39.

Other

- Jacobs, Fayola**, Elise Harrington, Ward Lyles, Sergio Tirado-Herrero, Carolina Yacamán-Ochoa, Ulpiano Ruiz-Rivas, Jorge Martínez-Crespo et al. "Just Energy Transitions: Edited by Fayola Jacobs, Elise Harrington and Ward Lyles." *Planning Theory & Practice* 25, no. 4 (2024): 569-596.
- Jacobs, Fayola**, Candis Callison, and Elizabeth Marino. "The world is not moving fast enough on climate change — social sciences can help explain why." *The Conversation*. (2024).
- Maxwell, Keely, Elizabeth Marino, Emily Eisenhauer, Ariela Zycherman, Candis Callison, Elizabeth Fussell, Marccus D. Hendricks, **Fayola H. Jacobs**, et al. "Social Systems and Justice" in the Fifth National Climate Assessment (2023)
- Peacock, Walter Gillis, Michelle Annette Meyer, Shannon Van Zandt, Himanshu Grover, and **Fayola Jacobs**. "The Adoption of Hazard Mitigation and Climate Change Adaptation Policies, Programs, and Actions by Local Jurisdictions along the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts." In *The Routledge Handbook of Urban Disaster Resilience*, pp. 109-143. Routledge, 2019.
- Klein, Mira, Bonnie Keeler, Kate Derickson, **Fayola Jacobs**, Kaleigh Swift. *Sharing in the benefits of a greening city. A policy toolkit to address the intersections of housing and environmental justice*. 2020.
<https://create.umn.edu/toolkit>

Grants

- Co-PI, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Center of Excellence Grant (\$3 million total, sub-award TBD)
- University of Minnesota Office of the Vice President for Research Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry, and Scholarship for *Colonizing Climates: Urban Planning and Anti-Blackness in the US South and the Caribbean*, 2021-2023 (\$43,085)
- University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs Matching Funds for *Colonizing Climates: Urban Planning and Anti-Blackness in the US South and the Caribbean*, 2021-2023 (\$10,000)

Fellowships

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| 2022 | University of Minnesota Institute of Advance Study Spring Fellow |
| 2021 | University of Minnesota Institute of Advance Study Water, Equity, and Justice Summer Fellow |
| 2019-2020 | University of Minnesota Health Equity Leadership and Mentorship Fellow |

Teaching Experience

University of Minnesota

- Environmental Planning, Policy & Decision-Making (Graduate)
- Environmental Justice (Graduate)
- Planning Theory (Graduate)
- Economic and Demographic Data Analysis (Graduate)

Texas A&M University

- Urban Analytical Methods (Undergraduate)

Graduate Thesis Committees

Doctoral Students

- Sierra Clarke, University of Minnesota, Sociology, *Member*
- Evan Davis, University of Minnesota, Public Affairs, *Adviser*, In Progress
- Sylvie Guezeon, University of Minnesota, Public Affairs, *Co-Adviser*, In Progress
- Enjoli Hall, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Urban Planning, *Member*, In Progress

Hannah Jo King, University of Minnesota, Natural Resources Science and Management, *Member*, In Progress
Jacquita Johnson, Texas A&M University, Public Health, *Member*, In Progress
Kobie Price, University of Minnesota, Sociology, *Member*, In Progress
Audrey Robeson, University of Minnesota, Natural Resources Science and Management, *Member*, In Progress
Jessica Tran, University of Minnesota, Natural Resources Science and Management, *Member*, In Progress
Rebecca Walker, University of Minnesota PhD in Public Affairs, *Member*, 2022.
Rashad Williams, University of Minnesota PhD in Public Affairs, *Member*, 2021.

Master's Thesis Students

Anderson, Kai, "Finding Home: An Autoethnography Towards Truth-telling Narratives for Black-Affirming Spaces" University of Minnesota Master's in Urban and Regional Planning Thesis, *Chair* (2024)
Shongwe, Nonkululeko, "Housing Cooperatives to Community Land Trusts: Exploring Community Wealth Building Strategies for Black Homeownership", Master's in Human Rights Professional Paper, *Chair* (2021)

Conference Presentations

Colonizing Climates: The African Diaspora, Urban Planning, & Climate Change, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference, Toronto, ON, 2022
No Justice, No Resilience: Abolition of Police and Prisons as Hazard Mitigation, Natural Hazards Workshop, 2020 (virtual)
Urban Water Infrastructure and the Racial State: Confronting the Past to Plan for the Future, American Association of Geographers Conference, Washington, DC, 2019
Insuring Inequity: An Environmental Justice Analysis of the National Flood Insurance Program, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference, Denver, CO, 2017
New Methods of Recruiting Students of Color, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference, Houston, TX, 2015

Invited Talks

Planning while Black: Disasters, Diaspora, and Dreams of New Worlds, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, 2023
Insuring Inequity: An Intersectional Analysis of the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System, Urban Climate Finance Network's Master Class on Decentering Urban Climate Finance (virtual)
Beyond Vulnerability: How Intersectionality Shifts Our Understandings of Environmental Disasters, Intersectionality Research Salon, Philadelphia, PA (virtual)
Black Feminisms and Black Geographies: The Possibilities for Climate Justice Research, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, 2022
White Supremacy and the Environment, Cities of White Supremacy Course, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2021
Black Feminisms and Black Geographies: The Possibilities for Disaster and Climate Change Research, The Carolina Climate Equity Commons, University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, 2021 (virtual)

Black Feminism and Environmental Justice, Cities & Urban Communities NEXUS, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2021 (virtual)
 Black Feminism and Environmental Justice, Sex, Gender, and Sexuality Seminar, Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs, Minneapolis, MN, 2021 (virtual)
 Black Feminism and Disaster Research, Environmental and Racial Justice Course, University of California – Irvine, Irvine, CA, 2021 (virtual)
 Grasping at the Root: Intersectionality and Environmental Justice, Institute for Advanced Study Spotlight Thursdays, University of Minnesota, 2019
 Critical Black Feminisms Within and Beyond the Classroom, Afro 50 Teach-In, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2018
 Insuring Inequity: A Black Feminist Analysis of the Community Rating System, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2018
 Black Feminism(s) and Intersectionality, Diversity and Multicultural Services Seminar, Texas A&M University, 2016
 Planning Graduate School: The Experiences of Students of Color, University of Oklahoma, 2015

Service

University

2025 to date Member, DOVE Fellowship Review Committee
 2020 Member, Yudof Fellowship Review Committee

School

2023 to 2024 Member, Admissions Committee
 2020 to 2023 Member, PhD Committee
 2020 to 2021 Member, Re-entry Committee

Community

2022 to 2025 Co-Chair, ACSP Inclusion and Accessibility (formerly Gender & Diversity) Track
 2022 to 2024 Member, Lincoln Institute + ACSP Curriculum Innovation Task Force
 2021 to 2023 Member, Minnesota Cumulative Impacts Bill Working Group
 2023 to date Board Member, Community Members for Environmental Justice Member
 2021 to date Fellow, Climate and Community Project
 2021 to 2024 Chapter Author, 5th National Climate Assessment Human and Social Systems
 2021 Member, Sloan Foundation Funding Review Committee
 2020 Member, NSF Funding Review Committee
 2020 to 2022 Member, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy Strategic Planning Team
 2020 to date Member, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy Science Advisory Council
 2019 to date Member, William Averette Anderson Fund Alumni Network

Invited Peer Reviewer

Annals of the American Association of Geographers	Environmental Justice
Current Research in Environmental Sustainability	Open Culture
Environment and Planning D: Society and Space	Open Rivers
	Planning Theory

Related Professional Skills

Statistical and GIS Packages: ArcGIS, QGIS, STATA, Access, Excel

Other Work

- 2016 to 2018 Graduate Research Assistant, Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center, Texas A&M University
Project: The Adoption and Utilization of Hazard Mitigation Practices by Jurisdictions along Gulf and Atlantic Coasts (\$440K)
Co-PIs: Dr. Walter Peacock (Texas A&M), Dr. Shannon Van Zandt (Texas A&M) and Dr. Himanshu Grover (State University of New York – Buffalo)
- 2015 to 2017 Graduate Research Assistant, NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates, Texas A&M University
Advised and supervised summer undergraduate students in creating research projects related to social disparities in the fields of Urban Planning and Sociology.
- 2013 to 2015 Graduate Research Assistant, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill & Texas A&M University
Project: Beyond the Basics: Best Practices in Hazard Mitigation Planning
PI: Dr. Philip Berke
Researched the inclusion and consideration of socially vulnerable populations in hazard mitigation planning processes and plans.
- 2011 to 2012 Quality Assurance and Curriculum Development Trainer, Canadian Mental Health Association, Toronto, ON
- 2010 to 2011 Trainer/Facilitator – Research & Evaluation, Canadian Mental Health Association, Toronto, ON

Professional Memberships

Urban Affairs Association
American Planning Association
Association of Collegiate Schools and Planning