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RESEARCH AREAS AND INTERESTS

Disasters, development, political ecology, socio-ecological violence, bureaucracy, environmental policy, environmental and climate justice, ethnobotany, ethnomusicology

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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| 2019-Present | Lecturer in Anthropology
Department of Anthropology
University of North Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina |
| 2015-2019 | Assistant Professor of Anthropology
Department of Sociology
Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina |

EDUCATION

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| 2013 | PhD, Anthropology, University of Tennessee
Coursework Equivalent to Graduate Minor in Environmental Sociology
Dissertation Title: The TVA Coal Ash Disaster and the Coal Calamity Continuum in Southern Appalachia |
| 2005 | MA, Anthropology, University of Tennessee
Thesis Title: The Impacts of Deforestation on Drum Making in Ghana |
| 1998 | BS, Wildlife and Fisheries Science, Tennessee Technological University
Concentration: Conservation Wildlife Biology |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2021-Present | Research and film project on diverse music scenes and music experimentation in the Southeastern US |
| 2020-Present | Ethnographic/social science research on the 2020 Tennessee tornadoes and COVID-19 pandemic |
| 2018-2020 | Ethnographic research on storms, hurricanes, and flooding in North Carolina |
| 2009-2016 | Ethnographic research on coal ash waste and disasters in Tennessee and North Carolina |
| 2007 (May-June) | Exploratory ethnographic research in coastal fishing communities in Ghana |
| 2003 (May-August) | Ethnographic research on structural adjustment, deforestation, and drum making in Ghana |

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Kim, Jaymelee J., Erin R. Eldridge, Amanda J. Reinke, and Sierra Williams. 2021. "Digitally-Shaped Ethnographic Relationships During a Global Pandemic and Beyond." *Qualitative Research* 0(0):1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14687941211052275>

Kim, Jaymelee J., Amanda J. Reinke, Erin R. Eldridge, and Maya Grant. 2020. "Between Georgia and Ohio: Constructing the Covid-19 Disaster in the United States." *Anthropology Today* 36(4): 17-19. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/1467-8322.12591>

Reinke, Amanda J. and Erin R. Eldridge. 2020. "Navigating the 'Bureaucratic Beast' in North Carolina Hurricane Recovery." *Human Organization* 79(2): 107-116. <https://doi.org/10.17730/1938-3525.79.2.107>

Eldridge, Erin R. 2018. "Administrating Violence Through Coal Ash Policies and Practices." *Conflict and Society* 4(1):99-115. DOI <https://doi.org/10.3167/arcs.2018.040109>

Button, Gregory V. and Erin R. Eldridge. 2016. "A Poison Runs Through It: The Elk River Chemical Spill in West Virginia." In *Contextualizing Disaster*. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books. <http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title/ButtonContextualizing>

Eldridge, Erin R. 2015. "The Continuum of Coal Violence and Post-Coal Possibilities in the Appalachian South." *Journal of Political Ecology* 22: 279-298. <https://journals.uair.arizona.edu/index.php/JPE/article/view/21109>

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Reinke, Amanda J., Erin R. Eldridge, and Jaymelee J. Kim. Forthcoming. "Summary of Findings: Tornado Preparedness, Relief, and Recovery in Tennessee. Kennesaw, GA, Charlotte, NC, and Findlay, OH.

Reinke, Amanda J. and Eldridge, Erin R. Eldridge. 2019. "Summary of Findings: Hurricane Florence Relief and Recovery in Cumberland County." Kennesaw, GA and Charlotte, NC.

Eldridge, Erin R. 2019. "Zora Neale Hurston: Anthropological Trailblazer." In *Essays on African American History: Celebrating Fayetteville State University's 150th Anniversary – 1867-2017*. Gregory Rich, ed. Fayetteville, NC: Fayetteville State University.

Eldridge, Erin R. and Amanda J. Reinke. 2018. "Ethnographic Engagement with Bureaucratic Violence: Introduction." *Conflict and Society* 4(1):94-98. DOI <https://doi.org/10.3167/arcs.2018.040108>

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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| 2021 | Weather Ready Quick Response Research Grant (NSF Award #1635593), Natural Hazards Center, Boulder, Colorado |
| 2019 | Teacher of the Year, Department of Sociology, Fayetteville State University |
| 2017 | Outstanding Online Course Design Award, Office of Faculty Development, Fayetteville State University |
| 2017 | Chesnutt Library Fellows, Information Literacy Program, Fayetteville State University |
| 2003 | W.K. McClure Fund for the Study of World Affairs, University of Tennessee |

RECENT PRESENTATIONS, POSTERS, AND INVITED LECTURES

- 2020 "Environmental Violence," Virtual Guest Lecture, Human Diversity in America (SOCI 250), University of Findlay
- 2020 "Social Justice in Research," Virtual Guest Lecture, Critical Knowledge and Skills of Conflict Management (MSCM 7320), Kennesaw State University
- 2019 "Navigating the 'Bureaucratic Beast' in Hurricane Florence Recovery," Co-presenter with Amanda J. Reinke. Society for the Anthropology of North America and Society for Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2018 "Immobile Displacement and Environmental Catastrophe," Photo Exhibit (displayed in my absence), Southern Anthropological Association, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 2017 "Administrating Violence Through Coal Ash Policies and Practices," American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 "Coal Ash Concerns Along the Cape Fear River," Cape Fear River Assembly Poster Forums, Elon University, Fayetteville State University, UNC Wilmington
- 2017 "Bureaucratic Violence and the Politics of Coal Ash," Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2016 "Coal Ash and the Energy-Water Nexus in North Carolina." Society for Applied Anthropology meeting in Vancouver, B.C.
- 2015 "The Social Life of Coal Ash in the Southeastern United States." Society for Applied Anthropology meeting in Pittsburgh
- 2014 "The Coal Disaster Continuum in the Appalachian South." Southern Anthropological Association meeting in Cherokee, North Carolina

THESIS COMMITTEES

- MA Committee of Heather Dinkins, "Exploring Value Transfer as it Relates to Activating Environmental Stewardship," Department of Anthropology, UNC Charlotte (September 2020 – Present)
- Honors Thesis Committee of Savannah Brookins, "Hurricane Recovery on the Carolina Coast: How the Clash of Local Autonomy and External Forces Affects Long-Term Recovery," Department of Anthropology, UNC Charlotte (December 2020 – May 2021)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Social & Behavioral Research Refresher Certification, CITI Program (June 16, 2020 – June 15, 2024)
- Online Teaching Certification (Quality Matters), Fayetteville State University (May 15, 2017)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Political Ecology Society (January 2016 - Present)
- Society for Applied Anthropology (2008 - Present)
- American Anthropological Association (August 2005 - Present)

SERVICE

Professional Service

- Film Production, “Job Negotiations” with Amanda Reinke and Jaymelee Kim (June 2021)
- Film Production, “Collaborative and Applied Research” with Jaymelee Kim and Amanda Reinke (June 2021)
- Reviewer, Journal Article, *Human Organization* (July 2020)
- Reviewer, Journal Article, *Annals of Anthropological Practice* (July 2019 – October 2019)
- Reviewer, Journal Article, *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* (January 2019 – February 2019)
- Panel Co-Organizer, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C. (March 2016 – December 2017)
- Session Chair, Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico (September 2016 – April 2017)
- Reviewer, True Cost Collaboratory Webpage, Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network (May 2016 – June 2016)
- Reviewer, Journal Article, *Environmental Values* (January 2016 – February 2016)

Public Service

- Volunteer, Putnam County Volunteers tornado cleanup (June 12, 2021)
- Reviewer, “Flooded Homes Usability Review” for Environmental Protection Agency website (May 6, 2021)
- Board member, Sustainable Sandhills, Fayetteville, North Carolina (May 17, 2016 – May 2019)
- Volunteer, Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation, National Trails Day, Goat Island Park and Greenway, North Carolina (June 2, 2018)
- Collaborator, Sustainable Sandhills Clean Energy Summit Climate Simulation (March 10, 2018)
- Poster Presentations, Cape Fear River Assembly Poster Forums (September 26-28, 2017)
- Session Facilitator, Clean Energy Summit, Fayetteville, North Carolina (March 10, 2017)
- Volunteer, Sustainable Sandhills Fourth Friday Earth Day, Fayetteville, North Carolina (April 22, 2016)
- Session Facilitator, Clean Energy Summit, Fayetteville, North Carolina (February 20, 2016)

University Service

- College Representative, Undergraduate Course & Curriculum Committee (Fall 2021-Spring 2023)
- Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty, UNC Charlotte (July 2020 – Present)
- Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Fayetteville State University (August 2018 – May 2019)
- Academic Affairs Committee, Fayetteville State University (August 2017 – May 2019)
- Faculty Advisor, Sociology Club, Fayetteville State University (August 2016 – May 2019)
- Assessment Committee, Fayetteville State University (August 2015 – May 2019)
- Marshals Committee, Fayetteville State University (August 2015 – May 2019)
- Faculty Senate, Fayetteville State University (September 2017 – May 2019)
- Faculty Senate Student Affairs, Fayetteville State University (August 2018 – May 2019)
- Faculty Sponsor, FSU Earth Day, Fayetteville State University (April 20, 2018)

Academic Advisor Search Committee, Fayetteville State University (August – October 2017)
Faculty Recruitment Committee, Fayetteville State University (January 2017 – March 2017)
Peer Evaluation Committee, Fayetteville State University (August 2015 – August 2017)