New Course!
SOCL 4091: Topics in Sociology
Environmental Sociology
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Environmental sociology is the study of the interactions between society and the environment. This statement seems simple until we begin to examine the blurry, socially-defined edges of either of those concepts. In this course, we will explore those edges in great detail, especially as they correlate to conceptions of the human and the non-human and power and justice. We will cover topics related to both social causes and consequences of environmental problems including: environment justice, climate change perceptions, disaster impacts, water and air pollution, consumption, and history of the environmental movement. We will be reading cutting edge texts by leading environmental sociologists and get to discuss race, class, gender, and nationality as they relate to environmental issues.

Whether you major in Sociology, Geography, Political Science, Anthropology, Communications, Psychology, Natural Resources, or other social or environmental field, after this class, you will have a better understanding of societal construction, debate, and critique of environmental problems.

Dr. Meyer has conducted field research in Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Texas, and Florida, evaluated environmental programs, and analyzed disaster recovery projects. She was recently selected as a Next Generation of Hazards and Disasters Researcher with the National Science Foundation. She will bring applied knowledge to our study of the environment. Also, the course will be adapted to fit the needs of graduate and undergraduate students. For more information or questions about the course email Dr. Meyer. You can see previous syllabi on her website: michelleameyer.weebly.com