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Jayson Maurice Porter is a PhD candidate in history at Northwestern University specializing in environmental politics, science and technology studies, and black ecologies in Mexico and the Americas. His dissertation is an environmental history of twentieth-century Guerrero and Sinaloa through licit and illicit oilseeds, such as cotton, coconuts, sesame, marijuana, and opium. He is a former Fulbright-García Robles Scholar and current research fellow at Noria Mexico and Central America, where he co-edits a series on land, markets, and power in the region. He has also published work in *Black Perspectives*, *Age of Revolutions*, *OkayAfrica*, *Discurso*, and more.

Symposium Session: Rights of Soils: Soils for All, All for Soils

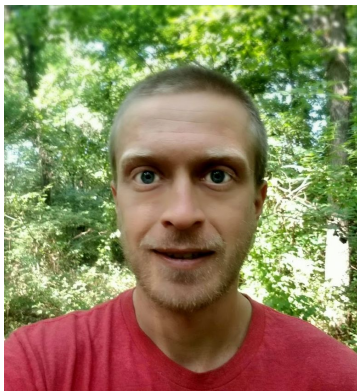
Presentation Title: Soiled: from agrarian reform to agricultural revolution in Mexico

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Community Contributors: Gil Lopez, Brendan Hannon, Jennifer McDonnell



Gil Lopez is community organizer, urban environmental educator, socially engaged bio-artist and doer. He works in broad strokes on topics ranging from environmental justice and food sovereignty, to bike/ped issues and reskilling the populace towards subsistence and away from wage labor. Gil is passionate about the living soil foodweb, democracy in the workplace and collective living.



Brendan Hannon grew up in New York City where he learned to love birds, bikes, bluegrass music, trees, arthropods and bryophytes. He is desperately trying to make sure that an energy efficient future includes all of those things. He enjoys exploring the parks around the city, tending to the compost at his community garden and foraging seasonal foods for his pet rats.



Jennifer McDonnell is a mother, serial composter, and aspirational environmental professional. Having lived up and down the northeast coast she has left a trail of active piles and converts in her wake. Currently a resident of Astoria, she tries to find time to give to the many opportunities to make the world a better place while holding in reverence the force of nature.

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Presentation Title: Microbe Report: Cilia in the Field Edition



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Hermine Huot, working at Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire des Environnements Continentaux (LIEC) - University of Lorraine / CNRS (French National Scientific Research Center)

Bio

My research interests concern the pedogenesis and the sustainable management of soils impacted by human activities. I obtained my Ph.D. in agronomic sciences from the University of Lorraine (France) in 2013. My PhD thesis was dedicated to the formation, the functioning and the evolution of a soil formed on iron industry deposits. Then I did a post-doc at the City University of New York in collaboration with USDA-NRCS to study the profile characteristics in a range of urban soils of NYC in relation to their microbial diversity. Then I was associate research fellow at the Sun Yat-Sen University (Guangzhou, China), where I was involved in projects of remediation of mine tailings using amendments and plants.

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Presentation Title: Studying the past of anthropized soils to better understand their present and predict their future



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Kathryn Yusoff

Bio

Kathryn Yusoff is Professor of Inhuman Geography in the School of Geography at Queen Mary, University of London. Most recently,

she is author of *A Billion Black Anthropocenes or None*, Minneapolis (University of Minnesota Press, 2018), a SI on "Geosocial Formations and the Anthropocene" (with Nigel Clark) in *Theory Culture and Society*, "Epochal Aesthetics" in *E-flux*, and *Geologic Life: Inhuman Intimacies and the Geophysics of Race* (forthcoming).

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Presentation Title: Ghost Geologies



Name, Affiliation:

Robert Porter, former oil and well driller, avid surfer and birdwatcher

Bio:

Robert Porter spent 37 years drilling oil and gas wells domestically and internationally. He spent 20 years with Shell Oil Company primarily in the US with 4 years in central Africa. A lifelong surfer and birdwatcher.

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Presentation Title: Experiences of an oil well driller in North America and Central Africa: 1970 to 2007



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Derryn E. Moten

Bio

Derryn E. Moten is Professor and Chair of Alabama State University's Department of History and Political Science. He received his BA at Howard University, an MS at Catholic University, and his MA and PhD from the University of Iowa. Born and raised in Gary, Indiana, Derryn lives, works and walks the soils in

Montgomery, Alabama and its storied surrounds. His recent and forthcoming publications include *Crusader Without Violence: A Biography of Martin Luther King, Jr. 60th Anniversary Edition* by L. D. Reddick, with a new Introduction by Derryn E. Moten, 2018 and *Heed Their Rising Voices: The Alabama State College 1960s Civil Rights Crusaders and the State Conspiracy to Destroy Them* by Derryn E. Moten (forthcoming).

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Presentation Title: EJL's Community Remembrance Project: Collecting Soil for Ottis Parham, A "Slained Negro Boy"



Moderators:

Dr. Howard Mielke is the creator of the Lead Lab project, a not for profit initiative dedicated to helping communities with lead contamination in children's play areas. He is currently a faculty member in Tulane School of Medicine's Pharmacology Department and part of the Environmental Signaling Laboratory research effort.

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