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# Gulf Coast Connections 2022

An in-person gathering on Nov. 18th and 19th, 2022  
Kraft Hall, Room 130 (Event Space)

The Center for Environmental Studies is pleased to announce our first Gulf Coast Convening. On November 18th and 19th, scholars, non-profit leaders, artists, and architects representing both Houston and New Orleans will gather on Rice's campus to learn from each other and foster new collaborations. Our first convening offers conversations around pedagogy, arts engagement, architecture and design, and collaborative research. Throughout, there will be regular opportunities to connect with each other, including a workshop on how to build interdisciplinary projects.

Attendance is free and open to the public. Questions? [Email westont@rice.edu](mailto:westont@rice.edu).

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## Friday, Nov. 18th

### 12-1:30 Welcome Lunch and Getting to Know Each Other

#### 1:30-3:00 Eco-Pedagogy: What Undergraduates Need Now (Richard Johson, Chair)

- [Laura McKinney](#), professor of Sociology and Director of Environmental Studies (Tulane)
- [Aimée K. Thomas](#), professor of Biological Sciences and Director of Environment Program (Loyola)
- [Joseph Campana](#), professor of English, co-director of Environment Studies (Rice)
- [Carrie Masiello](#), professor of Earth Environmental and Planetary Sciences (Rice)
- [Jaime González](#), Houston Healthy Cities Director, The Nature Conservancy in Texas and Vice Chair, North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)

#### 3:15-4:45 Worldmaking: Arts Engagement Amidst Climate Change (Weston Twardowski, Chair)

- [Xandra Eden](#), Executive Director, and [Ashley DeHoyos](#), Curator, [DiverseWorks](#), Houston
- [Rebecca Snedeker](#), Clark Executive Director, [New Orleans Center for the Gulf South](#)
- [Educators, Artists, Scientists Engaging Learners \(EASEL\) Leadership Team: Ama Rogan](#) (A Studio in the Woods) and [Dr. Amy Lesen](#), professor of Biology and researcher for the [Minority Health and Health Equity Research Center](#) (Dillard)
- [Aaron Ambroso](#), Co-founder, [Houston Climate Justice Museum](#)

#### 5:00-6:30 Ecostudio Presents (Joseph Campana, Chair)

- [Kurt Stallman](#), professor of Composition & Theory (Rice)
- [Sindhu Thirumalaisamy](#), professor of Film (Rice)
- [Natasha Bowdoin](#), professor of Painting and Drawing (Rice)
- [Gisela Heffes](#), professor of English (Rice)
- [Weston Twardowski](#), project manager of Diluvial Houston (Rice)

## Saturday, Nov. 19th

### 9:00-10:30 Breakfast and Getting to know each other

#### 10:30-12:00 Diluvial Cities: Living with Water

- [Iñaki Alday](#), dean and Richard Koch Chair in Architecture
- [James Elliott](#), professor and chair of Sociology, Rice University
- [Farès El-Dahdah](#), professor of Art History and Director of the Spatial Studies Lab
- [Mashal Awais](#), Community Science Manager at Bayou City Waterkeeper

#### 12:00-2:00 Lunch – Thinking Food, Thinking Urban at the [Rice Holistic Gardens](#) ([click here to register](#))

- [Jade Hagan](#), Garden Manager of the Holistic Gardens (Rice)
- [Sophie Moore](#), Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Environmental Justice (Rice)

#### 2:30-4:00 Block by Block: Nature, Healing, and Collaboration in Urban Communities

- [Maggie Tsang](#), professor of Architecture (Rice)
- [Dalia Munenzon](#), professor of Architecture (University of Houston)
- [Emilie Welty](#), professor of the practice of Architecture and Assistant Director, Design/Build (Small Center for Collaborative Design, Tulane)
- [Stefania Tomaskovic](#), Coalition Director, Coalition for Environment, Equity and Resilience (CEER)

#### 4:30-6:00 Brainstorming Connections: Workshop with [Edson Cabalifn](#), Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Director of the Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship Program Professor of Practice in Design Thinking Workshop (Tulane)