

# LAURA FRYE-LEVINE, Director of Research

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## EDUCATION

- 2008 MEd, Environmental Science & Policy Yale Environment School, New Haven CT
- 2004 B.A., Geology with a Concentration in Architecture Smith College, Northampton MA

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009 - present Director of Research: Center for Sustainable Cities/CSC Design Studio, Lexington KY.  
Management of sustainability research projects in urban design and participatory planning. Promotion of popular support for integrated ecological design, environmental justice, and sustainable development. Currently co-authoring a book on Sustainable Cities.
- 2007 - 2008 Teaching Fellowships: Yale College & Yale Environment School, New Haven CT
  - \* *Political Science/Environmental Studies 396: Modern Capitalism and the Environment: Pathways to Sustainability or End of the Road?* Dean Gus Speth
  - \* *Technical Modules in Landscape Measurement & Mapping.* Dr. Paul Draghi
- 2007 - 2009 Documentary Film Director: *Export (2009) 22 minutes.*  
*Export* chronicles the struggles for survival in a Honduran mountain community faced with an increasingly commodified landscape. The documentary focuses on the laborious process of coffee production and its dissonance with traditional subsistence lifestyles. The film received over \$20,000 in support from 5 different scholarly institutes, and screened at 3 international sustainability conferences.
- 2006 - 2008 Conservation and Development Research Manager: Cusuco National Park, Honduras.  
Secured over \$10,000 in grants for in-country field research. Supervised and advised 2 field assistants in community conservation and economic development projects. Coordinated team research in the development of a management plan centered on the prosperity and resilience of rural communities.
- 2005 Americorps VISTA Volunteer: Juneau, Alaska.  
Coordinated a literacy program for a regional community development center serving over 600 clients in adult education. Collaborated with a network of 5 community-based organizations for social and economic development in diverse local populations. Managed a network of 60 volunteer tutors.

## LEADERSHIP

- 2006 - present Kentucky Women Photographers Network.  
Coordinate workshops and promoting the work of Kentucky's women photographers. Participated in 10 juried group and solo shows in the past 3 years.
- 2007 - 2008 Special Trees in the Forest Student Group: Founder & Coordinator.  
Promoted cultural advocacy across Yale University, recruiting an active membership of over 50 students, faculty & staff. Served as department representative for 2 university-wide diversity task force committees.
- 2006 - 2008 Forestry Club: Elected Representative, Yale Environment School.  
Served on a 12-member administrative committee for programs and activities for a student body of 250. Facilitated active communication between students and faculty, familiarizing newcomers to the administrative structure and professional resources of the institution.

## HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2006 - 2008 Adelaide Hixon Scholar: Graduate Fellowship in Urban Ecology (Yale University)
- 2007 - 2008 Tropical Resources Institute Fellow (Yale University)
- 2007 - 2008 Leitner International Environmental Conference Paper Awards
- 2008 Council on Latin American Studies Research Grant (Yale University)
- 2007 Program in Agrarian Studies Research Grant (Yale University)
- 2007 Environmental Studies Globalization Internship (Yale University)
- 2003 Phi Beta Kappa (Smith College)
- 2001 - 2004 Deans List: First Group Scholar (Smith College)
- 2004 Sigma Xi (Smith College)
- 2002 Marshall Schalk Fellowship (Smith College)
- 2001 - 2002 Schultz Foundation Science Fellowships (Smith College)
- 2001 - 2004 STRIDE Fellowship (Smith College)

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2009 Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
Paper, with Richard S. Levine: *The College Campus as a Simulacrum of the Sustainable City*
- 2008 International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE): Nairobi, Kenya  
Paper: *Exporting Conservation, Exporting Livelihoods: A Local Context of Coffee, Migration, And Conservation in Cusuco National Park, Honduras*
- 2008 International Earth Forum: Beijing, China  
Keynote Speech: *Communications within the New Environmental Economy: Youth and Green Media*
- 2008 American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting: Boston, MA  
Paper: *Essentially Contested Imperatives: Village Livelihood in Cusuco National Park, Honduras*
- 2008 Environmental Science Research Conference: Yale University, New Haven CT  
Paper: *Export: Coffee Production and Ecological Justice in a Commodified Landscape, a Study Through Film*
- 2007 International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN):  
Latin American Protected Areas Conference: Bariloche, Argentina  
Poster: *Participatory Processes for Conservation and Development in Cusuco National Park, Honduras*
- 2007 Environmental Science Research Conference: Yale University, New Haven CT  
Poster: *Local Sustainable Development in the Context of Economic Globalization: The Case of Cusuco, Honduras*
- 2004 Bahamian Geology Conference: San Salvador, Bahamas  
Poster: *Economic Feasibility of Rooftop Rainwater Collection Systems for San Salvador, Bahamas*
- 2003 Build Boston: Boston, MA  
Panel: *Do you hear what I hear? Institutional diversity and the next generation of young designers*

## COMPUTER SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite: Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign, Flash, Dreamweaver  
Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint  
Macintosh Creative Software: Final Cut Pro, Aperture, Keynote  
Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems: ERMapper

## LAUNGUAGES SPOKEN

Spanish: Advanced Spoken & Written  
Italian: Novice Spoken & Written

## REFERENCES

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