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Dena Montague is an Environmental Justice Lecturer at Stanford University. She is also the Founder and Executive Director of ÉnergieRich, an early-stage start-up establishing community based local manufacturing of solar energy systems in Ghana. ÉnergieRich develops collaborative research partnerships between Ghanaian engineers and engineers in the African Diaspora to implement innovative energy solutions that center community voices. Her research focuses on energy justice through decentralized production; impacts of Global North clean energy transition on climate/ environmental justice in the Global South. Prior to her position at Stanford, she was a Postdoctoral Scholar at Duke University and Lecturer at The Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at UC Santa Barbara.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Environmental Justice Lecturer, Earth Systems Program

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, UCLA , Political Science
- BA, Brown University , American Studies

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Earth Systems Capstone Project: EARTHSYS 210P (Win, Spr)
- Environmental Justice in California: EARTHSYS 120 (Spr)
- Environmental Wayfinding: Cultural, Artistic, and Spiritual Approaches to Life on a Changing Planet: EARTHSYS 108, RELIGST 108X (Win)
- Master's Seminar: EARTHSYS 290 (Aut, Win)

2025-26

- Climates of Inequality: EARTHSYS 120A, EARTHSYS 220A (Spr)
- Earth Systems Capstone Project: EARTHSYS 210P (Win, Spr)
- Environmental Justice in California: EARTHSYS 120, EARTHSYS 220 (Win)
- Environmental Wayfinding: Cultural, Artistic, and Spiritual Approaches to Life on a Changing Planet: EARTHSYS 108, EARTHSYS 208, NATIVEAM 108, RELIGST 108X (Spr)
- Master's Seminar: EARTHSYS 290 (Aut, Win)

2024-25

- Co-developing Appropriate Energy Technology in Ghana: AFRICAAM 118, EARTHSYS 118G, EARTHSYS 218G (Spr)
- Earth Systems Capstone Project: EARTHSYS 210P (Win, Spr)
- Environmental Justice in California: EARTHSYS 120, EARTHSYS 220 (Win)
- Environmental, Climate and Energy Justice in Africa: AFRICAAM 121, EARTHSYS 121, EARTHSYS 221 (Spr)
- Introduction to Environmental Justice: Race, Class, Gender and Place: EARTHSYS 194, ENVRES 223 (Aut)
- Master's Seminar: EARTHSYS 290 (Aut, Win)
- Participatory Public Memory as an Organizing Strategy: EARTHSYS 120A, EARTHSYS 220A (Spr)

2023-24

- Earth Systems Capstone Project: EARTHSYS 210P (Spr)
- Environmental Justice in California: EARTHSYS 120, EARTHSYS 220 (Win)
- Environmental Justice: Reflection: EARTHSYS 134 (Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Systemic environmental racism exposed** *NATURE SUSTAINABILITY*
  Montague, D.
  2022; 5 (6): 462-463
- **Health and Environmental Justice Struggles in America's Prisons During a Global Pandemic** *Capitalism Nature Socialism*
  Pellow, D., Montague, D.
  2022
- **Beyond Ethnic Relations: Racial Politics and the Origins of the Welfare State in Republican France** *Sociological Focus*
  Montague, D.
  2018: 1-13
- **Communitarianism, discourse and political opportunity in Republican France** *FRENCH CULTURAL STUDIES*
  Montague, D.
  2013; 24 (2): 219-230
- **Stolen Goods Coltan and Conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo** *SAIS Review*
  Montague, D.
  2002: 103-118
- **The Business of War and the Prospects for Peace in Sierra Leone** *Brown Journal of World Affairs*
  Montague, D.
  2002