

### *Articles on Issue Topic / Themed Section*

## *Community Change Revisited*

*Community Change is an online, peer-reviewed, graduate student-run journal at Virginia Tech that explores multiple approaches to democratic community development and change. This interdisciplinary journal examines the practices, processes, and individual and collective struggles that produce change at all levels of society. Community Change adopts a broad definition of community development that includes issues relating to public policy, democratization, collective action, physical and social infrastructure developments, agency, and efficacy.*

#### ***Issue Topic:***

Building on issues 1 and 2, *Community Change*'s third issue seeks to continue unpacking the notion of 'community change'—its complexities, transformations, and challenges in recent decades of intensified economic, environmental, and political instabilities. It will critically interrogate responses to these processes and investigate where, whether, and how this change is happening. It will also identify the actors within these processes, along with their claims to authority and their motivations. We call for scholarly articles, book reviews, multimedia, and artwork that examine the complexities of community change, probing whether these and related concepts are sufficiently and successfully mobilized to achieve genuine, emancipatory transformation, or whether they serve to reinforce existing structures and relations of power.

#### ***Themed Section:***

This issue will also feature a themed section with scholarly works on environmental issues, climate change and its consequences, and sustainability. The *Community Change* editorial board will be interviewing Dr. Bill Hopkins on these themes. Dr. Hopkins is a Virginia Tech Professor of Wildlife Ecotoxicology and Physiological Ecology and is also the Director of the Global Change Center (The Fralin Life Science Institute). We welcome research articles on issues related to community change and the environment.

We are seeking reviewers for three environment-related books:

1. "The Battle for Paradise: Puerto Rico Takes on the Disaster Capitalists" by Naomi Klein
2. "This Radical Land: A Natural History of American Dissent" by Daegan Miller
3. "Facing the Planetary: Entangled Humanism and the Politics of Swarming" by William Connolly

These book reviews will be published alongside peer-reviewed article submissions and the interview with Dr. Hopkins.

#### ***Key Dates:***

*Call for submissions open - November 5, 2018*

*Full submission deadline - February 8, 2019*

*Author notification of selection- March 8, 2019*

*Online publication - May 2019*

*Please submit preliminary articles of the chosen format to [communitychange@vt.edu](mailto:communitychange@vt.edu). For submission information, please visit <https://www.communitychange.ipg.vt.edu/>.*