

Meredith Powers, PhD, MSW: “We, as a profession, think about “person and environment”, but it’s really the political, social & economic. Often, we leave the physical part out of it.”

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Abstract:

Meredith Powers, PhD, MSW, is an Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She currently teaches Environmental Justice and serves as a Field Liaison for social work students working with immigrant and refugee populations. Throughout her practice career, she has worked in direct service primarily with immigrant and refugee clients; and in community settings with public education for sustainability, and congregation and community partnership development. Her current research includes the professional socialization of social workers, ecological justice, and university-community partnerships for sustainability. She established and administers the growing, international, online networks ‘Green/Environmental Social Work Collaborative Network’ and a Facebook group Ecologically Conscious Social Workers for social workers around the world who are committed to ecological justice. She was recently awarded a Sustainability Faculty Fellowship for her work promoting collaboration of sustainability across campus and in the community.

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