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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy <i>College of Social Work, University of South Carolina</i>	2016
Master of Social Work <i>School of Social Work, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill</i>	2003
Certificate of International Development and Social Change <i>School of Social Work, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill</i>	2003
Certificate in Non-profit Management <i>School of Social Work, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill</i>	2003
Bachelor of Social Work <i>School of Social Work, University of North Carolina-Wilmington</i>	2000

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS, HONORS, AND RECOGNITIONS

Powers, M. C. F. (April 2021). Environmental Justice Champion Award. Adelphi University School of Social Work & the Institute for Social Work and Environmental Justice.

Powers, M.C.F. (Nov. 2020). Association for Community Organization and Social Action (ACOSA) 2020 Emerging Scholar Award, award nominee.

Powers, M. C. F. (April 2020). UNCG, Health and Human Sciences Teaching Excellence, award nominee.

Powers, M. C. F. (May 2019). UNCG Faculty Excellence in Research and Creative Activity, award recipient.

Powers, M. C. F. (March 2018). Social Work, Climate Change and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Invited, keynote presentation at Social Work Day at the United Nations, NY: NY.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor **Fall 2016- Present**

Department of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

- Duties include teaching courses at UNCG and with the Joint Programs with NC A&T State University, mentoring honors student projects, and overseeing independent studies
- Function as field liaison for students in Joint BSW Field internship placements
- Creating and/or enhancing courses, especially to include global local community engagement learning components, climate justice, and diversity and inclusion
- Participation in departmental and faculty meetings and planning sessions
- Plan and implement community-engaged research activities
- Engage in service to the department, school, university, profession, and community
 - Serve as Social Work Department's Advisor for International Programs

- Serve as Departmental Representative to the HHS Internationalizing the Curriculum Committee
- Serve as UNCG Sustainability Faculty Fellow

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Environmental Justice

Fall 2016- Present

*Department of Social Work and Department of Peace and Conflict Studies
University of North Carolina at Greensboro*

- Create Master Syllabus, Fall 2016
- Enhanced with faculty grants to include Service Learning, Open Access Resources, and Global Engagement, Fall 2018

JBSW Field Education and Seminar

Fall 2016 – Present

*Joint Field Program with Department of Social Work
University of North Carolina at Greensboro and North Carolina A & T State University*

- Enhanced with faculty grants to include Service Learning, Open Access Resources, and Global Engagement, Fall 2018

Social Work, Diversity, and Vulnerable Populations

Spring 2017 - Present

Department of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

- Create Master Syllabus, Fall 2018

Independent Study

Department of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

- Ecosocial Work: International Comparison Research Spring 2018
- Environmental Justice, Global Migration & Resettlement Spring 2018
- Photovoice Research Spring 2017

International Social Work

Spring 2016

College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

- Taught online in Master of Social Work Program

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts in Refereed Journals

1. Engstrom, S. & **Powers, M.C.F.** (2021). Embracing an ecosocial worldview for climate justice and collective healing. *Journal of Transdisciplinary Peace Praxis*, 3(1), 120-144. <https://jtpp.uk/>
2. Boetto, H., Bowels, W., Narhi, K., and **Powers, M. C. F.** (2020). The application of ecosocial work in professional practice: An international comparison between Australia, Finland and the United States. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 29(4), 300-309. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12445>
3. **Powers, M. C. F.**, & Engstrom, S. (2020). Radical self-care for social workers in the global climate crisis. *Social Work*, 65(1), 29-37. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swz043>
4. **Powers, M. C. F.**, Rambare, K., & Peeters, J. (2019). Degrowth for transformational alternatives as radical social work practice. *Critical and Radical Social Work*, 7(3), 417-433. (Note: Distinguished among Journal's Top 5 Most Read Articles of 2019) <https://doi.org/10.1332/204986019X15688881497178>

5. Rambaree, K., **Powers, M. C. F.**, Smith, R. J. (2019). Ecosocial work and social change in community practice. *The Journal of Community Practice*, 27(3-4), 205-212. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2019.1660516>
 6. **Powers, M. C. F.**, Schmitz, C., & Beckwith Moritz, M. (2019). Preparing social workers for ecosocial practice and community change. *Journal of Community Practice*, 27(3-4), 446-459. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2019.1657217>
 7. **Powers, M. C. F.**, Schmitz, C. L., Matthews, M., & Nsonwu, C. (2018). Environmental migration: Social work at the nexus of climate change and global migration. *Advances in Social Work*, 18(3), 1022-1040. Special issue on "Social Work with Migrants and Refugees: Challenges, Best Practices, and Future Directions". <http://journals.iupui.edu/index.php/advancesinsocialwork/article/view/21678/22063>
 8. ***Powers, M. C. F.**, & Freedman, D. A. (2012). Applying a social justice framework to photovoice research on environmental issues: A comprehensive literature review. *Critical Social Work*, 13(2), 81-100.
 9. *Freedman, D. A., Pitner, R., **Powers, M. C. F.**, & Anderson, T. A. (2014). Developing a grounded theory of socio-environmental attributes of community environments: A photovoice study with public housing residents. *British Journal of Social Work*, 44(5), 1301-1321.
 10. ***Powers, M. C. F.**, Freedman, D. A., & Pitner, R. (2012). Snapshot to civic action: A photovoice facilitator's manual. *Community-Engaged Scholarship for Health (CES4Health)*. https://libres.uncg.edu/ir/uncg/f/M_Powers_From_2012.pdf
- * Prior to coming to current professional position

Manuscripts in Review in Refereed Journals

1. **Powers, M.C.F.**, Rinkel, M. & Kumar, P. (In Review). Co-creating a "new normal" for our profession and beyond: Embracing an ecosocial worldview. MDPI: *Sustainability*.

Refereed Book Chapters

1. **Powers, M. C. F.** & Nsonwu, C. (2020). Environmental injustices faced by resettled refugees: Housing policies and community development. In Hugman, R. Drolet, J. & Todd, S. (Eds.), *Community practice and social development in social work: Major research works*. Springer Nature. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-13-1542-8_20-1 **(Note: Blind Peer Reviewed)**

Books

1. Nesmith, A.A, Schmitz, C.L., Machado-Escudero, Y., Billiot, S., Forbes, R.A., **Powers, M.C.F.**, Buckhoy, N., Lawrence, L.A., & Sloan, L.M. (2020). *The intersection of environmental justice, climate change, community, and the ecology of life*. Springer Nature.
2. Rinkel, M. & **Powers, M. C. F.** (Eds.) (2019). *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for social work practitioners and educators* (Vol. 3). International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). <https://www.ifsw.org/product/books/social-work-promoting-community-and-environmental-sustainability-volume-3/>

3. **Powers, M. & Rinkel, M. (Eds.). (2018).** *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for social work practitioners and educators* (Vol. 2). International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). <https://www.ifsw.org/product/books/social-work-promoting-community-and-environmental-sustainability-volume-2/>
4. Rinkel, M. & **Powers, M. (Eds.). (2017).** *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for social work practitioners and educators* (Vol. 1). International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). <http://ifsw.org/product/books/social-work-promoting-community-and-environmental-sustainability-free-pdf/>
5. ***Powers, M. C. F. (2016).** *On becoming an ecologically conscious social worker: Exploring professional identities that include a response to the environmental crisis* [Unpublished doctoral dissertation]. University of South Carolina.

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Book Chapters

1. **Powers, M. C. F., & Wolfer, T. A. (2020).** Handling adversity. In T. A. Wolfer & M. C. Reitmeier (Eds.), *Enhancing social work field education: Decision cases for field instructor training*.
2. **Powers, M. C. F. & Rinkel, M. (2019).** Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability, within and beyond the UN Sustainable Development Goals: A degrowth critique. In M. Rinkel & **Powers, M. C. F. (Eds.),** *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for social work practitioners and educators* (Vol. 3). International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). <https://www.ifsw.org/product/books/social-work-promoting-community-and-environmental-sustainability-volume-3/>
3. **Powers, M. C. F. & Peeters, J. (2019).** Sharing to flourish: A degrowth critique of the economic growth ideology. In M. Rinkel & **Powers, M. C. F. (Eds.),** *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for social work practitioners and educators* (Vol. 3). International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW).
4. Jones, D.N., **Powers, M. C. F., & Truell, R. (2018).** Global overview. In D. N. Jones (Ed.) *Global agenda for social work and social development, third report: Promoting community and environmental sustainability*. (pp. 1-50). International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). <https://www.ifsw.org/product/books/global-agenda-for-social-work-and-social-development-3rd-report/>
5. **Powers, M. C. F., Willett, J., Mathias, J. & Hayward, A. (2018).** Green social work for environmental justice: Implications for international social workers. In L. Dominelli (Ed.), *Green social work handbook*. Routledge.
6. **Powers, M. C. F., & Rinkel, M. (2018).** Preface: To 'save' or 'savor' the world? It's both. In M. Powers & M. Rinkel (Eds.), *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for social work practitioners and educators* (Vol. 2) (pp. 23-29). International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW).

<https://www.ifsw.org/product/books/social-work-promoting-community-and-environmental-sustainability-volume-2/>

7. **Powers, M. C. F.** & Harmon, J. T. (2018). The mighty powers of mud: Ecotherapeutic practices for personal and professional development. In M. Powers & M. Rinkel (Eds.), *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for social work practitioners and educators* (Vol. 2) (pp. 264-275). International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW).
<https://www.ifsw.org/product/books/social-work-promoting-community-and-environmental-sustainability-volume-2/>
8. **Powers, M. C. F.**, & Rinkel, M. (2017). Preface: 'Be the change'. In M. Rinkel & M. Powers (Eds.), *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for social work practitioners and educators* (Vol. 1) (pp. 258-274). International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW).
<http://ifsw.org/product/books/social-work-promoting-community-and-environmental-sustainability-free-pdf/>
9. **Powers, M. C. F.** & Slominski, E. (2017). Threadbare: The role of social Work in addressing ecological injustices of the fashion industry. In M. Rinkel & M. Powers (Eds.), *Social work promoting community and environmental sustainability: A workbook for social work practitioners and educators* (Vol. 1) (pp.258-274). International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW).
<http://ifsw.org/product/books/social-work-promoting-community-and-environmental-sustainability-free-pdf/>
10. **Powers, M. C. F.** (2017). Establishing a professional career that addresses the environmental crisis. In van Wormer & Besthorn (Eds.), *Human behavior and the social environment, macro level: Groups, communities and organizations* (pp. 284-287). Oxford University Press.
11. ***Powers, M. C. F.** (2016). Transforming the profession: Social workers' expanding response to the environmental crisis. In A.-L. Matthies & K. Narhi (Eds.), *Ecosocial transition of societies: Contribution of social work and social policy*. Ashgate.
12. *Whiteman, D. & **Powers, M. C. F.** (2012). Environmental leadership through campus project teams: Green structures for linking students, faculty, and staff. In D. Rigling Gallagher (Ed.), *Environmental leadership* (Vol.1) (pp. 459-467). SAGE Publications.

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White Papers and Reports

1. Schmitz, C. S., **Powers, M.C.F.**, et al. (2017). *Environmental justice in social work education and practice* [White paper]. Committee on Environmental Justice for the Council on Social Work Education.

Other Publications

1. **Powers, M.C.F.** (2021, May/June/July). Sustaining Climate Justice Work: Reflections on Being "Grounded". *The North Carolina Social Work Newsletter*.
http://libres.uncg.edu/ir/uncg/f/M_Powers_Sustaining_2021.pdf

2. **Powers, M.C.F.** & Chavis, H. I. (2020, Aug/Sept/Nov). Anti-racist social work: transformative change to promote climate justice and racial equity. *The North Carolina Social Work Newsletter*.
http://libres.uncg.edu/ir/uncg/f/M_Powers_Anti-racist_2020.pdf
3. **Powers, M.C.F.**, Tursunova, Z., Williams, S., & Knowles, Z. (2020, May/June/July). The urgent need for advocacy work in creating a “new normal” for people and planet. *The North Carolina Social Work Newsletter*.
http://libres.uncg.edu/ir/uncg/f/M_Powers_Urgent_2020.pdf
4. **Powers, M.C.F.** (2019 & 2020, Nov/Dec/Jan). Climate justice and social work. *The North Carolina Social Work Newsletter*.
http://libres.uncg.edu/ir/uncg/f/M_Powers_Climate_2019.pdf
5. **Powers, M.C.F.** (2019, June). *Climate justice program*. International Federation of Social Workers. <https://www.ifsw.org/social-work-action/climate-justice-program/>
6. **Powers, M.C.F.** (2019, May). Seeing the connections: Climate change and migration. *The North Carolina Social Work Newsletter*.
http://libres.uncg.edu/ir/uncg/f/M_Powers_Seeing_2019.pdf
7. **Powers, M.C.F.** (2018, November). Disaster, environmental justice, and eco-therapy: Social work in the face of climate change. *The North Carolina Social Work Newsletter*. http://libres.uncg.edu/ir/uncg/f/M_Powers_Disaster_2018.pdf

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator. Powers, M. C. F. (2020-Present). The Service and Bravery Commemorative Garden (SBC Garden)”, Honoring Transgender and gender non-conforming military personnel and Veterans. Community Based Participatory research project on establishing and exploring ecotherapeutic opportunities.

Co-Investigator. Powers, M. C. F. (2017-2020). Environmental Justice Issues in Global Migration and Resettlement. Community Based Participatory research project. Humanities Action Lab: Rutgers University.

Co-Investigator. Boetto, H., Närhi, K., & Powers, M.C.F. (2017-2020). The role of ecosocial work in advancing sustainable wellbeing.

Principal Investigator. Powers, M. C. F., Harmon, J.T., Hickerson, B., & Eifert, E. (2017-2019). Parks for All People: Promoting Health and Wellness by Engaging Aging Populations in Public Parks.

Principal Investigator. Powers, M. C. F., Floyd-Picard, M., & Rhodes, D. (2016-2017). Cultivating Meaning: A Photovoice Project Exploring Life in an Intentionally Inclusive and Sustainable Community Farm.

Principal Investigator. Powers, M. C. F. (2011-2016). On becoming an ecologically conscious social worker: Exploring professional identities that include a response to the environmental crisis [Dissertation].

***Co-Investigator.** Freedman, D. A., Pitner, R., & Powers, M. C. F. (2010-2011). From Snapshot to Civic Action: Photovoice research project. Funded research practicum, University of South Carolina.

***Co-Investigator.** Wolfer, T. A., & Powers, M. C. F. (2008-2011). Harford Partnership Program for Aging Education Research on Field Placements of MSW students in religious congregations. Funded graduate assistantship, University of South Carolina.

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FUNDING (*Bold indicates a funded project*)

External

Powers, M. C. F. (May 2021). Private Donor. Matching-Grant Awarded (to UNCG's HNAC internal grant) for Establishment of the "The Service and Bravery Commemorative Garden (SBC Garden)", Honoring Transgender and gender non-conforming military personnel and Veterans. (Funded, \$300; with more matching funds TBD up to \$10,000).

Powers, M. C. F. (Nov 2019). Tannenbaum-Sternberger Foundation, Inc. For Program Expansion of Climate Justice Program related to Sustainability Faculty Fellowship. Proposal submitted to Internal Competition for Limited Submission, Office of Sponsored Programs, University of North Carolina at Greensboro for internal selection process. (Applied, not funded).

Powers, M. C. F., Harmon, J. T., Hickerson, B., & Eifert, E. (2019-2020) "Parks for All People: Nature Access for Underserved Aging Populations in Greensboro." Junior League of Greensboro. (Applied, not funded).

Powers, M. C. F., Harmon, J. T., Hickerson, B., & Eifert, E. (July 2018). "Parks for All People: Nature Access for Underserved Aging Populations in Greensboro." Junior League of Greensboro. (Funded, \$8,000).

Rathnayake, H., Powers, M.C. F., et al. (April 2018). "NRT INFEWS: Transdisciplinary Research and Education Network for Discoveries in FEW (TREND-In-FEW)" (Applied, not funded)

Powers, M.C.F. and Rhodes, D. (2017). Peacehaven Community Farm, Inc. (Funded, \$5,000).

Floyd-Pickard, M., Powers, M.C.F., and Rhodes, D. (2016). Peacehaven Community Farm, Inc. (Funded, \$5,000).

Internal (UNCG)

Powers, M. C. F. (Dec 2020). UNCG, Humanities Network and Consortium (HNAC). Grant Awarded for Establishment "The Service and Bravery Commemorative Garden (SBC Garden)", Honoring Transgender and gender non-conforming military personnel and Veterans. (Funded, \$300).

Powers, M. C. F. (May 2020). Sustainability Faculty Fellowship (SFF) 2020-2021. Grant Awarded from Sustainability Office of the Provost, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (unfunded).

Powers, M. C. F. (Spring 2020). 'Scholar's Travel Fund' Grant Award from The School of Health and Human Sciences, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$500, not dispersed due to COVID-19 conference cancellations).

Powers, M. C. F. (Spring 2020). Advancement of Teaching and Learning Grant Travel Fund Grant Awarded from International Programs Center, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Unfunded due to changes in funding during COVID-19).

- Powers, M. C. F. (June 2019). 'HHS Building Collaborations' Grant Awarded from The School of Health and Human Sciences, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$600).**
- Powers, M. C. F. (May 2019). Sustainability Faculty Fellowship (SFF) 2019-2020. Grant Awarded from Sustainability Office of the Provost, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (unfunded).
- Powers, M. C. F. (April 2019). Open Access Curriculum Enhancement Grant. Grant Awarded from University Libraries, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$1,000).**
- Powers, M. C. F. (Nov. 2018). International Travel Fund Grant Awarded from The School of Health and Human Sciences, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$600).**
- Powers, M. C. F. (Nov 2018). Advancement of Teaching and Learning Grant Travel Fund Grant Awarded from International Programs Center, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$500).**
- Powers, M. C. F. (June 2018). Sustainability Faculty Fellowship (SFF) 2018-2019. Grant Awarded from Sustainability Office of the Provost, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$3,500).**
- Powers, M. C. F. and Truell, R. (June 2018). Open Access Textbook Grant. Grant Awarded from University Libraries, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$5,000).**
- Powers, M. C. F. (May 2018). International Travel Fund Grant Awarded from International Programs Center, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$700).**
- Powers, M. C. F. (May 2018). Service-Learning Curriculum Enhancement. Grant Awarded from Office of Service Learning and Leadership, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$500).**
- Powers, M. C. F. (April 2018). Open Access Curriculum Enhancement Grant. Grant Awarded from University Libraries, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$1,000).**
- Powers, M. C. F. (Feb. 2018). Research Participant Incentive funds from Environmental & Sustainability Studies Program, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$350).**
- Powers, M.C.F. (Jan. 2018). Environmental Injustices Faced by Refugees in Greensboro, NC. Advancement of undergraduate research pedagogy. (Applied, not funded).
- Armah, S. Powers, M. C. F., & Cuny, K. (Nov. 2017). Giant Steps Research Development Grants. Hydroponics at Peacehaven: A pilot study for increasing vocational training and fresh produce accessibility in the Greensboro area. (Applied, not funded).
- Harmon, J. T., Powers, M.C.F., Hickerson, B., & Eifert, E. (October 2017). Nature Access for Underserved Aging Populations in Greensboro. In collaboration with City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation. Community-Engaged Pathways and Partnerships (P2) Award. (Applied, not funded).
- Powers, M.C.F. (October 2017). The application of ecosocial work in professional practice: An international comparison between Australia, Finland and the United States. Applied for New Faculty Internal Research Award. (Applied, not funded).
- Powers, M. C. F. (Sept. 2017). Advancement of Teaching and Learning Grant Travel Fund Grant Awarded from International Programs Center, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$500).**

Powers, M. C. F. (May 2017). Travel Grant for Scholarly Research from Environmental & Sustainability Studies Program, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$500).

Powers, M. C. F. (April 2017). Sustainability Faculty Fellowship (SFF) 2017-2018. Grant Awarded from Sustainability Office of the Provost, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$3,500).

Powers, M. C. F. (Feb 2017). Research and Instruction in STEM Education (RISE) Small Grant Application. (Applied, not funded).

Powers, M. C. F. (Feb. 2017). International Travel Fund Grant Awarded from The School of Health and Human Sciences, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. (Funded, \$700).

Other Funding

Powers, M.C.F. (2018). Environmental Justice Issues in Global Migration and Resettlement. Community Based Participatory research project. Faith Action International House. (Funded, \$500 provided for research participant incentives)

APPEARANCES IN SCHOLARLY VISUAL MEDIA AND NEWS

International Federation of Social Workers (2021, August 12). *Encouragement as we collectively continue co-building a new ecosocial world with a sustainable future for all.* IFSW Climate Justice Program: Statement on IPCC Climate Report 2021. (co-author and source). <https://www.ifswworld.org/ifswworld-climate-justice-program-statement-on-ipcc-climate-report-encouragement-as-we-collectively-continue-co-building-a-new-ecosocial-world-with-a-sustainable-future-for-all/>

Burns, M., Vance, M. & Taylor, K. (Producer and Hosts). (2021, July). Podcast episode - Dr. Meredith Powers: Social Work, Climate Justice and Embracing an Ecosocial Worldview. *Spark Sessions. Podcast Series.* [Audio podcast episode]. <https://anchor.fm/sparksessionspodcast/episodes/Dr--Meredith-Powers--PhD--MSW-We--as-a-profession--think-about-person-and-environment--but-its-really-the-political-social-economic--Often--we-leave-the-physical-environment-out-of-it-e14o9kh>

University of North Carolina Greensboro. (2021, January 22). *HNAC announces mini-grant recipients.* UNCG. <https://news.uncg.edu/hnac-announces-mini-grant-recipients/>

Bakk, L. (Host). (2016, April). Podcast episode 189 - Rachel Forbes, Dr. Andrea Nesmith, Dr. Meredith Powers, and Dr. Cathryne Schmitz: Environmental justice. *inSocialWork® Podcast Series.* [Audio podcast episode]. <http://www.insocialwork.org/episode.asp?ep=189>

Powers, M. (2019). *Climate justice and social work.* https://hhs.uncg.edu/swk/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2019/11/Winter_2019_NASW-NC_Newslett-13.pdf

Coyle, S. (2019). *Climate change reverberations: Public health fallout.* Social Work Today. <https://www.socialworktoday.com/archive/JA19p22.shtml>

International Federation of Social Workers. (2019, June). *IFSW climate justice program launched.* IFSW. <https://www.ifswworld.org/ifswworld-climate-justice-program-launched/>

Greensboro News and Record. (2018, September 12). *Milestones*.

https://www.greensboro.com/life/milestones/article_3f3c3aab-21cf-507f-98ba-c1bbd943f923.html

University of North Carolina Greensboro. (2018, August). *Dr. Meredith Powers explores intersection of social work, sustainability*.

<https://uc.uncg.edu/prod/cweekly/2018/08/27/dr-meredith-powers-explores-intersection-of-social-work-sustainability/>

University of North Carolina Greensboro. (2018, July). *Dr. Meredith Powers (Social Work) received new funding from The Junior League of Greensboro, North Carolina, Incorporated, for the project 'Parks for All People: Promoting Health and Wellness by Engaging Aging Populations in Public Parks.'*

<https://uc.uncg.edu/prod/cweekly/2018/07/09/dr-meredith-powers/>

Peacehaven Farm. (2017). *Photovoice project at Peacehaven*. "The Photovoice Method for Advancing a Community-Engaged Research Agenda to Address the Grand Challenge of Creating Social Responses to a Changing Environment". (2017). Video prepared for dissemination on YouTube and at roundtable presentation presented at Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

University of North Carolina Greensboro. (2017, November). *Interdisciplinary course explores connection between social work, environmental studies*.

<https://newsandfeatures.uncg.edu/interdisciplinary-social-work-environmental-studies/>

"Green/Ecosocial Work Collaborative Network" (2016-ongoing). Listserv and Invited Facebook Group. Ongoing administration of membership and posting. Conduct interviews and write up feature stories about members.

*RedGingerPhotography. (2014, August). *Making a big impact with a small footprint: Infusing ecological consciousness into the College of Social Work at USC* [Video].

YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9fIGlhM6Og&feature=youtu.be>

*USC CoSW. (2013, December). *Seeking a big impact with a small footprint: Infusing ecological consciousness into the College of Social Work at USC* [Video].

YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdhAPrbC2go#t=35>

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ONGOING SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITIES

Manuscripts in Progress

Powers, M. C. F., Dolan-Reilly, G. & Mitchell, F. (Manuscript in preparation for submission Oct. 2021). Applying an ecosocial justice framework for action research using the Photovoice method: Lessons learned from a review of the literature from 2011-2021. *Critical Social Work*.

Powers, M. C. F. & Muridzo, N. (Manuscript in preparation for submission Jan. 2022). Infusing an Ecosocial Worldview into Social Work Curriculum & Fostering International Collaborations for Climate Justice. *International Social Work*.

Truell, R. & **Powers, M.C.F.** (Manuscript in preparation for publication 2022 as textbook). *On becoming a social worker: The reciprocal process of developing a professional identity in the global context*. International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and Open Textbook Network Publishing Cooperative. (funded).

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Presentations

- Smith, K., Singh, M., **Powers, M.C.F.**, & Dolan-Reilly, G. (in review). (Jan, 2022). *Analyzing Environmental Justice Syllabi in Social Work: Educational Practices and Resources*. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, 2022.
- Powers, M.C.F.** & Muridzo, N. (in review). Infusing an Ecosocial Worldview into Social Work Curriculum & Fostering International Collaborations for Climate Justice (2021, Nov.) International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) Africa Region Social Work Conference 2021. Kigali, Rawanda, hybrid event.
- Powers, M. C. F.**, Jones, A. & Foster, B. (2021, August). *Growing networks for degrowth: The global reciprocity network & partners*. The 8th Annual International Degrowth Conference. The Hague, NL, hybrid event.
- Jones, A., **Powers, M.C.F.** et al. (2021, August). *Learning to unlearn: Poetry and reflections for embracing holistic freedom and healing*. The 8th Annual International Degrowth Conference. The Hague, NL, Hybrid event.
- Rinkel, M., **Powers, M. C. F.** & Kumar, P. (2021, May). *Social work and sustainable development goals: A degrowth critique*. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Virtual Annual Conference.
- Boetto, H., Kati Närhi, K. & **Powers, M. C. F.** (2020, July). *Transformative ecosocial change in professional practice: Participatory action research with Australian social workers*. Social Work and Social Development 2020 IFSW International Social Work Virtual Conference.
- Rinkel, M. & **Powers, M. C. F.** (2020, July). *Social work and sustainable development goals: A degrowth critique*. Social Work and Social Development 2020 IFSW International Social Work Virtual Conference.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2020, July). *Shrinking our ecological footprint, growing climate justice*. Social Work and Social Development 2020 IFSW International Social Work Conference, Calgary, CA. (Conference cancelled)
- Powers, M. C. F.** & Engstrom, S. (2020, July). *Radical self-care for social workers in the global climate crisis*. Social Work and Social Development 2020 IFSW International Social Work Conference, Calgary, CA. (Conference cancelled)
- Drolet, J., Lalani, N., **Powers, M. C. F.**, Moorthi, G. & Elford, L. (2019, Nov.). *The social, economic and environmental dimensions of refugee resettlement: Fostering resilience in Canadian and American contexts*. 3rd Annual Migration Policy Forum, Beyond Borders: Managing Migration in North America, San Diego, CA.

- Schmitz, C. L., Billiot, S. Machado, Y., **Powers, M. C. F.**, et al. (2019, Oct.). *Intersection of ecology with social and environmental justice: Historical context to action*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- Powers, M. C. F.** & Engstrom, S. (2019, June). *Radical self-care in times of climate crisis*. World Forum on Climate Justice, Glasgow, UK.
- Rechkemmer, A., **Powers, M. C. F.**, Rai, A., Shultz, J. & Machado, Y. (2019, Jan.). *Environmental migration and climate refugees: An intersectional, interdisciplinary dialogue on research, policy, practice and action*. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Schmitz, C. L., Billiot, S. Machado, Y. and **Powers, M. C. F.**, (2018, Oct.). *Climate change, ecological degradation, and environmental migration*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Andreatta, S. and **Powers, M. C. F.**, (2018, Aug.). *Degrowth dialogues with students: Moving talk to action*. 6th International Degrowth Conference for Ecological Sustainability and Social Equity in Malmö, Sweden.
- Rinkel, M. and **Powers, M. C. F.** (2018, July). *Next steps for promoting community and environmental sustainability: Education of social workers in the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals*. Joint World Council on Social Work, Education, and Social Development, Dublin, Ireland.
- Engstrom, S. and **Powers, M. C. F.** (2018, July). *Radical self-care for social workers: The dire need for a sustainable, life-enhancing pace in times of climate crisis and eco-grief*. Joint World Council on Social Work, Education, and Social Development, Dublin, Ireland.
- Boetto, H. Narhi, K., and **Powers, M. C. F.** (2018, July). *The application of ecosocial work in professional practice: An international comparison between Australia, Finland and the United States*. Joint World Council on Social Work, Education, and Social Development, Dublin, Ireland.
- Powers, M. C. F.**, Brown, S., Keating, R., Siegel-Berele, R., Piegari, J., & Piegari, P. (2018, Jan.). *Cultivating meaning: A Photovoice project exploring life in an intentionally inclusive and sustainable community farm* [Poster presentation]. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Schmitz, C. L., **Powers, M. C. F.**, Nesmith, A. & Forbes, R. (2017, Oct.). *Environmental justice across the curriculum: 2015 EPAS and beyond*. Grand Challenges Teaching Institute, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2017, Oct.). *Radical self-care: The dire need for a sustainable, life-enhancing pace*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Powers, M. C. F.**, Schmitz, C. L., & Rhodes, D. (2017, May). *Climate change: Compounding factors of marginalization in international migration*. International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) European Conference. Iceland.

- Powers, M. C. F.,** Schmitz, C. L., & Rhodes, D. (2017, March). *Restorative practices: The intersection of climate change, human rights, and environmental justice*. Annual Conference for the Association of Bachelorette Social Work Program Directors (BPD), New Orleans, LA.
- Powers, M. C. F.,** Brown, S. & Keating, R. (March 2017). *Cultivating meaning: A Photovoice project exploring life in an intentionally inclusive and sustainable community farm* [Poster presentation]. Southeast Regional Gulf South Summit, Greensboro, NC.
- Willett, J., **Powers, M. C. F.,** Reyes-Mason, L., Hayward, R.A., & Teixeira, S. (2017, Jan.). *Advancing a community-engaged research agenda to address the grand challenge of creating social responses to a changing environment*. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.
- Powers, M. C. F.,** Willett, J., Mathias, J., Hayward, R. A. (2016, Nov.). *Environmental justice: Implications for international and domestic social work education and practice*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2016, Jan.). *Exploring Professional Identities of Social Workers Addressing Social and Ecological Injustices*. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), DC.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2015, Oct.). *Expanding the profession: Social workers responding to the environmental crisis*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (CSWE APM), Denver, CO.
- Forbes, R., Nesmith, A., **Powers, M. C. F.,** & Schmitz, C. (2015, Oct.). *Ecological justice: Social work education creating change on and off campus*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (CSWE APM), Denver, CO.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2015, May). *Transforming the profession: Social workers' expanding response to the environmental crisis*. International symposium of Ecosocial transition in society, Jyväskylä, Finland.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2014, July). *Ecologically conscious social work: Professional socialization of social workers responding to the environmental crisis*. Joint World Council on Social Work, Education, and Social Development, Melbourne, AUS.
- Powers, M. C. F.,** Gamble, D. A., Hayward, R. A., Schmitz, C., Shephard, B., & Taylor, S. (2013, Nov.). *Social work education in an era of global environmental crisis*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Freedman, D. A., Pitner, R., **Powers, M. C. F.,** Hunter, B., & Hagler, B. (2011, Oct.). *Moving from snapshot to civic action: Disseminating photovoice results to the community* [Roundtable presentation]. 139th Annual American Public Health Association Conference, Washington, DC.
- Powers, M. C. F.,** Freedman, D., Pitner, R., & Paulin-Anderson, T. (2011, March). *Using Photovoice to engage a public housing community in the examination of neighborhood context* [Poster presentation]. American Academy of Health Behavior Meeting. Hilton Head, SC.

Invited Scholarly Presentations

- Powers, M.C.F. & Billiot, S.** (2021, Oct.) *Embracing an ecosocial worldview: Examples of community engaged teaching, practice, and research for environmental health equity.* 2021 Swetland Center Lecture, Mary Ann Swetland Center for Environmental Health, Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine.
- Powers, M.C.F.** (2021, April). *Collaboration and current efforts for climate justice.* Institute for Social Work and Environmental Justice, 2021 Virtual Conference on Environmental Justice in partnership with Adelphi University.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2021, March). *Policy through the environmental justice lens* [Guest lecture]. Undergraduate Environmental Policy class, Department of Geography, Environment, and Sustainability, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2021, Feb.). *Environmental justice: Social work practice and advocacy* [Guest lecture]. JMSW Social Work and Social Justice class, Department of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.
- Jones, A. & **Powers, M.C.F.** (2021, Feb.) *Climate justice literacy* [Invited keynote presentation]. UNCG Sustainability Lecture & Dialogue Series.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgSdzmbGat8&list=PLSmLAK1UuEqaEOX8c4yRIwf-4TKu1wtES&index=6>
- Powers, M.C.F.** et al. (2020, Oct.) International Symposium on Sustainability, Virtual Symposium, School of Social Work, Hawai'i Pacific University.
- Powers, M. C. F. & Rinkel, M.** (2020, Oct.). *Embracing climate justice work: Global lessons and applications for social workers in everyday contexts.* National Association of Social Workers Webinar Series.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2020, April). *Reducing our ecological footprint with travel: Climate justice program proposal for UNCG* [Guest Speaker]. Sustainability Council, University of North Carolina Greensboro.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2019, Nov.). *Climates of inequality: Stories of environmental Justice.* [Keynote speaker]. Harriet Elliot Lecture Series, University of North Carolina Greensboro.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2019, Nov.). *Climate justice: Global and local roles for social workers* [Keynote speaker]. Lunch and Learn Series, Social Work Program, Warren Wilson College, North Carolina.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2019, Sept.). *Climate justice and social work* [Keynote address]. National Conference: Environmental Justice: A Social Work Concern Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, UK.
- Powers, M. C. F.** and Kabui, N. (2018, Nov.). *Civil rights, food justice and climate change.* Environmental Justice and Climate Migration UNCG Collaborative of Humanities Action Lab of Rutgers University, Greensboro, NC.

- Powers, M. C. F.** (2018, Oct.). *Radical self-care for social workers: The dire need for a sustainable, life-enhancing pace* [Keynote address]. Biennial Convention for the Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc. (PASWI), Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Philippines. (Invited but declined due to teaching duties and travel costs).
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2018, March). *Social work, climate change and the UN Sustainable Development Goals* [Keynote presentation]. Social Work Day at the United Nations, NY: NY. <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/watch/35th-annual-social-work-day-at-the-united-nations/5758511015001/?term=>
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2018, March). *Social work, climate change and ecological justice* [Keynote presentation]. National Association of Social Work - South Carolina Spring Symposium, Columbia, SC.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2018, Feb.). *Environmental justice: Embracing simple practices to promote community and environmental sustainability* [Keynote presentation]. UNC School of Social Work, Social Justice Action Series at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2018, Feb.). *Exploring professional identity of social workers addressing social and ecological injustices*. JMSW Social Work and Social Justice class at Department of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2017, Nov.). *Sustainability and global engagement*. Sustainability Faculty Fellows Networking Meeting, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.
- Powers, M. C. F. & Keating, R.** (2017, April). *Qualitative research methods: Photovoice project with Peacehaven Community Farm*. JMSW Social Justice course at Department of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2017, April). *Qualitative research methods: Photovoice project with Peacehaven Community Farm*. Guest lecture presented at JMSW Social Work Data Analysis course at Department of Social Work, at University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.
- Powers, M. C. F.** (2017, Jan.). *Exploring professional identity of social workers addressing social and ecological injustices*. JMSW Social Work Data Analysis course at Department of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY-ENGAGED SERVICE

Department

2016-Present

Social Work Department

University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG)

Greensboro, NC

- **Social Work Department Faculty Committee**
- **BSW Program Faculty Committee**
- **BSW Joint Field Program Faculty Committee**
- **Advisor to Social Work Students in International Programs**
- **Social Work Student Organization Advisor (2017- 2019)**

School

Internationalizing the Curriculum Committee **2019- Present**
School of Health and Human Sciences
University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG)
Greensboro, NC

- Serve on the Internationalizing Curriculum Committee for the School of HHS
- Collaborate on Interdisciplinary planning and research efforts

Costa Rica Faculty Led Study Abroad Program **2017-2019**
University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG)
School of Health and Human Sciences
Greensboro, NC

- Serve on Interdisciplinary planning team
- Recruit, Interview, Prepare students
- Serve as faculty support to faculty lead teachers

University

University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG)
Greensboro, NC

- **Sustainability Faculty Fellows Network** **2017- Present**
 - Serve on UNCG's Sustainability Council to the Provost
 - Collaborate on Interdisciplinary planning and research efforts to plan for Sustainability across campus and in the community
 - Assist with planning & hosting networking meetings for Sustainability Faculty Fellows
- **Study Abroad and Exchange Programs Committee** **2017- Present**
 - Collaborate on Interdisciplinary planning and research efforts to plan for Global Engagement for learning and research UNCG
 - Assist with conducting interviews for prospective students studying abroad
- **Center for New North Carolinians (CNNC)** **2016- Present**
 - Collaborate on Interdisciplinary Research Efforts to enhance the lives of Immigrants and Refugees in North Carolina
 - Provide cultural sensitivity training to community working with immigrants and refugees
 - Help to host and facilitate meetings for CNNC fellows
- **Human Rights Research Network (HRRN)** **2018- Present**
 - Collaborate on Interdisciplinary Research Efforts to enhance Human Rights locally and Globally
 - Discuss ways to enhance curriculum to include Human Rights
- **Lloyd International Honors College** **2018- Present**
 - Serve as Honors student project mentor and supervisor
- **Wetlands Committee** **2016- 2018**
 - Collaborate on Interdisciplinary planning and research efforts to plan for installation of and education with the Wetlands project at UNCG
 - Volunteer management at Wetlands build workdays

Profession

IFSW Climate Justice Program **2018- Present**
International Federation of Social Workers
Founder and Director
Switzerland

- Develop, manage and market the IFSW Climate Justice Program
- Develop website content and plan for receiving and dispersing of funds
- Vet and oversee outcomes for fund recipients

Society and Social Work: Grand Challenges Committee **2018- Present**
Fairfax, VA

- Serve on the leadership team for SSWR's Working Group on the Grand Challenge: Create Social Responses to a Changing Environment
- Working Group Co-Leader: Social Work and Professional Education
- Develop interdisciplinary resources for inclusion of content on responding to a changing environment into core social work curriculum

Green/Ecosocial Work Collaborative Network **2014- Present**
Greensboro, NC

- Virtual network founder and administrator
- Administer Social Media and create content
- Conduct qualitative interviews and write feature stories on Network members

Environmental Justice Committee **2015- 2021**
for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
Alexandria, VA

- Greening CSWE annual program meeting
- Co-host discussions for faculty to learn about Environmental Justice

The British Academy Small Research Grants **Summer 2019**

- Serve as expert reviewer, Lead Applicant referee

Guest Lecturer for Online Instruction **Summer 2018**
Graduate School of Social Service, Fordham University

- Develop and record synchronous and asynchronous course content for Environmental Justice and Ecotherapy

Guest Lecturer for Online Instruction **Summer 2017**
Department of Social Work and Psychology, University of Gävle, Gävle Sweden

- Develop and record asynchronous course content on Social Work and Sustainable Development

Community

Implementing Diverse Equitable Accessible Literacy (IDEAL) League **Fall 2020- Present**
Consultant: Non-profit Advisor and Board Member
North Carolina

- Duties include planning, marketing, programing, and fundraising
- Technical and editorial reviewer of documents for dissemination
- Founding Board Member, Vice President, Co-chair

Thayú Food Literacy and Sustainability Center

Summer 2020- Present

Consultant: Non-profit Advisor*Naivasha, Kenya*

- Duties include advising and assisting the Founder, Chef Kabui, on marketing, programing, and fundraising materials
- Technical and editorial reviewer of documents for dissemination about the project

Parks for All People

2018- 2019

PI and Project Lead Co-Director*Greensboro, NC*

- Serve on the Greater Greensboro Community in partnership with UNCG's HHS, and Greensboro's Parks and Recreation Department, and the Junior League of Greensboro
- Work with the community to enhance Smith Active Adult Center for increased environmental engagement and eco-therapy for older adults and the broader community

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES**Journal of New American Migration**

2021- Present

*Center for New North Carolinians**Greensboro, NC*

- Section Co-editor
 - Community Engagement
 - Curriculum & Pedagogy

Sustainability Science and Resources

2021- Present

Indonesia

- Co-editor (<https://journal-ssr.com/front/about>)

Book Reviewer

Fall 2020

Routledge, Oxfordshire, England

- Invited expert reviewer for prospectus of edited book "Activating People for Energy Transition in the Baltic Sea Region"

Co-Editor

2017-2019

International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), Switzerland

- Rinkel, M. & Powers, M. C. F. (Eds.). (2019). *Social Work Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability: A Workbook for Social Work Practitioners and Educators (Vol 3)*.
- Powers, M. C. F. & Rinkel, M. (Eds.). (2018). *Social Work Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability: A Workbook for Social Work Practitioners and Educators (Vol 2)*.
- Rinkel, M. & Powers, M. C. F. (Eds.). (2017). *Social Work Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability: A Workbook for Social Work Practitioners and Educators (Vol.1)*.

Guest Editor, Journal of Community Practice

2018-2019

Taylor & Francis, online.

- Invited, Expert Co-Editor for Special Issue on EcoSocial Work and Community Change

Peer Reviewer for Social Work

2019

National Association of Social Work, Washington, DC

Peer Reviewer for *SCHOLE: A Journal of Leisure Studies and Recreation Education* **2019**
Taylor & Francis, online.

Peer Reviewer for *Human Rights and Social Work* **2019**
Springer Nature Switzerland AG

Book Reviewer **2017**
Oxford University Press USA, NY

- Invited expert reviewer for prospectus of edited book “People and Climate Change: Vulnerability, Adaptation, Social Justice.”
- Invited expert reviewer for prospectus of edited book “People and Climate Change: Vulnerability, Adaptation, Social Justice.”

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Federation of Social Workers

National Association of Social Workers

Council on Social Work Education

Society for Social Work Research

Green/Ecosocial Work Collaborative Network

Human Rights Research Network (UNCG)

Research Fellows for the Center for New North Carolinians (UNCG)

Sustainability Faculty Fellows (UNCG)