



Brooke Larsen

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Summary

I am a writer, community organizer, facilitator, narrative strategist, and project coordinator. I work at the intersections of youth empowerment, environmental justice, anti-racism, and cultural transformation.

Education

University of Utah | May 2018

MA in Environmental Humanities

Colorado College | May 2015

BA with distinction in Environmental Policy, minor in Anthropology, certificate in Community Engaged Leadership

Experience

Community Engagement Coordinator

University of Utah Environmental Humanities Program | August 2020-Present

- Implement and coordinate a \$600,000 grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation for community engaged research that furthers environmental justice
- Mentor graduate students in community organizing, scholar activism, and participatory research
- Co-manage communications, including social media, a monthly newsletter, and blog
- Facilitate reciprocal relationships between the EH program and grassroots groups

Director /Coordinator

Uplift Climate | January 2019-May 2020

- Connected, trained, and mobilized young people for climate justice across the Southwest
- Led the transition of Uplift out of its parent nonprofits to become a fully youth-led organization
- Managed Uplift programs, including fellowships, the Uplift Climate Conference, internal operations, grassroots action, communications, fundraising, training, and strategic planning
- Mentored and facilitated ten fellows and a ten-person Advisory Council, all ages 18-30

Guest Instructor

Environmental Humanities Graduate Program | August 2018

- Co-taught the Environmental Humanities orientation and leadership seminar for incoming students
- Compiled readings on community-engaged learning, environmental justice, and social movements
- Facilitated conversations exploring leadership and the environmental humanities

Environmental Humanities Fellow

Torrey House Press | August 2016-June 2018

- Envisioned, directed, and edited writer-advocacy projects on critical environmental issues
- Created the "Voices Rising" project, elevating emerging writers
- Managed grant writing, community outreach, and events

Experience Cont.

Program Coordinator

Colorado College State of the Rockies Project | June 2015-May 2016

- Supervised student fellows on their research related to Western water issues
- Organized a two-week field research trip with community leaders and experts in Western water
- Initiated outreach efforts, including a speakers series and student-focused conservation conversations
- Edited, designed, and wrote for the *State of the Rockies Bulletin* and *State of the Rockies Report*

Fellow

Colorado College State of the Rockies Project | June 2014-May 2015

- Researched public land issues in Utah and produced a paper for the *State of the Rockies Report*

Writer

2014-present

- Craft creative nonfiction essays and narrative-driven journalism that explore connection to place, justice, power, and climate and the environment
 - Collaborate with community members, movement leaders, and storytellers on narrative strategies
 - Support campaigns with op-ed drafting, media curating, copy writing, and editing
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Community Leadership

Co-Founder/Narrative Organizer/Facilitator

People's Energy Movement | January 2018-present

- Building a grassroots, story-centered movement for a just transition to a solidarity economy in Utah
- Organizing nonviolent direct actions with a coalition of climate justice groups
- Coordinating fundraising

Conversation Host

Utahn Conversations on Anti-Blackness | May 2020-August 2020

- Hosted conversations on Anti-Blackness with twelve other white environmental justice organizers as part of a larger project involving over 30 hosts across Utah
- Facilitating vulnerable conversations as a pathway to actionable steps and healing

Co-Founder and Advisory Committee Member

Uplift Climate | November 2014-December 2020

- Co-founded Uplift and have supported the planning of all five Uplift Climate Conferences with teams of other young organizers across the Southwest
- Coordinated fundraising and white accountability spaces

Delegate to the UN Climate Conference, COP22

SustainUS | November 2016

- Organized actions and elevated stories from communities on the frontlines of climate change at the UN Climate Change Conference with a group of 13 young climate justice organizers and storytellers
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Grants & Awards

Taft Nicholson Artist Residency Award | September 2018

Lael Rides Alaska Award | April 2018

Sustainable Campus Initiative Award | December 2017

High Country News Bell Prize | November 2017

Environmental Humanities Graduate Program Summer Funding | May 2017

Rio Mesa Young Scholar Award | May 2017

Global Change and Sustainability Center Research Award | May 2017

Global Change and Sustainability Center Travel Award | November 2016

Environmental Humanities Travel Grant | November 2016

Community Engaged Leadership Research Grant | January 2015

Keller Family Venture Grant Recipient | June 2013

Publications

New World Coming: Frontline Voices on Pandemics, Uprisings, and Climate Crisis. Co-edited by Brooke Larsen and Alastair Bitsoi. Salt Lake City: Torrey House Press, forthcoming.

Larsen, Brooke. "Civics Lesson: This teen activist combines legislation with direct action." *Sierra Magazine*, May 2020.

Larsen, Brooke. "Red Butte Creek: Shifting Shorelines." In *Sites and Sightlines*. Salt Lake City: Torrey House Press, 2019.

Larsen, Brooke. "In Utah, Young People Demand an End to Oil and Gas Leasing." *Pacific Standard*, January 2019.

Larsen, Brooke and Kailey Kornhauser. "Pedaling Through a Changing Climate." *Bikepacking.com*, December 2018.

Larsen, Brooke. "Commentary: BLM is auctioning off our future." *Salt Lake Tribune* (Salt Lake City, UT), December 9, 2018.

Larsen, Brooke. "Bikepacking Through an Environmental Paradox." *Sierra Magazine*, November 2018.

Larsen, Brooke. "In the Desert Southwest, Young Leaders Are Reimagining What a Climate Conference Can Be." *Pacific Standard*, September 2018.

Clark, Brett and Brooke Larsen. Review of *Fighting King Coal: The Challenges to Micromobilization in Central Appalachia*, by Shannon Elizabeth Bell. *Mobilization* 23, no. 2 (2018): 261-263.

Publications Cont.

Larsen, Brooke. "Layers Exposed." *Mapping Meaning, the Journal*, no.1 (2018): 116-125.

Larsen, Brooke. "Pedaling the Plateau: A journey through the frontlines of climate justice." *Advocate Magazine*, May 2018.

Breathing Stories: Utah Voices for Clean Air. Edited by Brooke Larsen. Salt Lake City: Torrey House Press, 2018.

Larsen, Brooke. "We Stand with Bears Ears and Grand Staircase for the Long Haul." *Salt Lake Tribune* (Salt Lake City, UT), December 7, 2017.

Larsen, Brooke. "What Are We Fighting For?" *High Country News*, November 2017.

Larsen, Brooke. "The Eyes of the Young." In *Red Rock Stories: Three Generations of Writers Speak on Behalf of Utah's Public Lands*, 23-25. Salt Lake City: Torrey House Press, 2017.

Larsen, Brooke. "Youth leaders reject PLI." *Moab Sun News* (Moab, UT), January 28, 2016.

Larsen, Brooke. "Canyonlands as a Contested Landscape of Conservation." *2015 State of the Rockies Report*, May 2015.

Presentations

Alaska Climate Ride: Stories from the Road

Salt Lake Patagonia Outlet | January 2019

Climate Stories: Building Empathy and Inspiring Action

University of Utah Taft Nicholson Center | September 2018

Stories from Red Rock

Panelist | Salt Lake Patagonia Outlet | June 2018

Layers Exposed: A Journey Through the Frontlines of Climate Injustice on the Colorado Plateau

University of Utah Environmental Humanities Thesis Defense | April 2018

Breathing Stories: Words, Art, and Story for Clean Air

Torrey House Press | March 2018

Weaving Narratives of Resilience

Panelist | Uplift Climate Conference | September 2017

Red Rock Stories Multi-Author Event

Panelist | Weller Book Works | May 2017

Presentations Cont.

Building Global Solidarity for Climate Justice at COP22

Environment and Sustainability Research Symposium | February 2017

A Community Dialogue on the Bears Ears National Monument

Panelist | University of Utah College of Humanities | January 2017

Organizing Millennials for Climate Justice in the Southwest

SHIFTjh Festival | October 2016

Fracking the West: Writing and Activism

Panelist | University of Utah Environmental Humanities Program | September 2016