

# “THE SEA IS RISING AND SO ARE WE?”

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## Advocacy after Formosa: Knowledge Infrastructures, Transnational Activism, and Climate Change

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Despite growing understanding of plastics as a problem (talked about as the “new coal”), plastics production is expanding worldwide, activating multiple generations of environmental activists, working together on issues that were dealt with quite separately just a few years ago. In this talk, I focus on transnational advocacy efforts and litigation against Formosa Plastics, one of the world’s largest petrochemical conglomerates, operating in Taiwan, Vietnam, China, Texas, and Louisiana’s “Cancer Alley”. Through an interactive tour of the [Formosa Plastics Global Archive](#), I will invite discussion about how ethnographers can both study and help build robust public knowledge infrastructure to characterize emergent environmental problems and possibilities for “just transitions” beyond petrochemical dependencies.

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