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Environmental Racism in St. Louis

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This talk will address the various ways in which environmentalism, racism, and disinvestment collide, disparately impacting Black St. Louisans and causing significant harm to health, safety, and financial stability.

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[The Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic \(IEC\)](#) at the Washington University School of Law functions as a pro bono law practice handling environmental and community health cases. The Clinic published a [2019 report on environment racism in St. Louis](#) that details how environmental injustice effects the quality of life, health and economics of St. Louis' African Americans.