

# TAMAR LAW

Ph.D. Candidate, Development Studies, Cornell University

## EDUCATION

- PhD**, Development Studies, Cornell University **Expected 2027**  
Committee Members: Jenny Goldstein (chair), Wendy Wolford, Sarah Besky
- MPhil**, Nature, Society and Environmental Governance, University of Oxford **2020**  
Dissertation: Soil's Relational Materiality Amid Climate Change in the Finger Lakes  
Thesis awarded highest distinction, Graduated with highest distinction
- A.B.**, College Scholar, Feminist Gender and Sexuality Studies, Cornell University **2016**  
Honor's Thesis: Hive Mind-The Biocultural Status of Beekeeping in Madagascar  
Awarded 'Best Thesis,' *Summa cum laude*

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

Baker, Z., Law, T., Vardy, M., Zehr., S. (Eds). (2023) *Climate, Science, Society: A Primer*. Routledge. London, UK.

### CHAPTERS AND BOOK REVIEWS

Law, Tamar (2025). "Delta futures: time, territory, and capture on a climate frontier: by Jason Cons, Oakland, University of California Press, 2025, 210 pp., USD 34.95 (paperback), ISBN: 9780520414181." (2025): 1-4.

Law, Tamar (2023). Farming in Climate Crisis: Agricultural Adaptation(s) in Central New York State. In Baker, Z., Baker, Z., Law, T., Vardy, M., Zehr., S. (Eds), *Climate, Science, Society: A Primer*. (pp.215-222) Routledge.

Law, Tamar. (2022). Book Review: Merchant Kings: Corporate Governmentality in the Dutch Colonial Empire 1815-1870. *Exertions*.

### PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Kintzi, K., Law, T., Foster, K., Kopetzky, A., & Feisthamel, G. (2026). Building a future in place: Bridging abolition ecology and critical development studies. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*, 0(0). <https://doi-org.proxy.library.cornell.edu/10.1177/25148486261424084>

Law, Tamar, and Jenny Goldstein. "Amphibious Land Repair: Restoration, Infrastructure and Accumulation in Southeast Asia's Wetlands." *Environment and Society* 15, no. 1 (2024): 110-141.

## GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025 Best Research Presentation, Fulbright Indonesia Conference, Jakarta

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- 2024 Fulbright Hays Award, US Department of Education (Declined)
- 2024 American Institute for Indonesian Studies Council of American Overseas Research Center (AIFIS-CAORC) Research Fellowship (Declined)
- 2024 Evelyn L. Pruitt Dissertation National Research Fellowship, Society for Women Geographers
- 2024 Fulbright IIE Research Grant, US Department of Education
- 2023 Atkinson Sustainability Research Award, Climate Risk Award, Cornell University  
Research Award for dissertation research that addresses climate risk.
- 2023, Southeast Asian Travel Grant from Einaudi Center, Cornell University
- 2022-Present, Critical Development Studies Working Group, Polson Institute, Cornell University
- 2022, RANA Southeast Asia Studies Award, Cornell University  
RANA award for solving important contemporary problems and/or futuristic societal needs/wants not currently being considered or significantly addressed by others, through pursuing a “niche” area(s) of study and professional career in Southeast Asia.
- 2022, Einaudi Dissertation Development Program, Einaudi Center, Cornell University
- 2021, Indonesian Poetry Finalist, Indonesian Embassy
- 2021-2024, Critical Soil Studies Group, Polson Institute, Cornell University
- 2021-Present, SAGE Fellowship for Dissertation, Cornell University
- 2019, School of Geography and Environment Fieldwork Award, University of Oxford
- 2019, Geographies of Agriculture and Food Award, American Association of Geographers
- 2019, Competitive Fieldwork Award, Green Templeton College, University of Oxford
- 2016, Lynne Abel Research Award, Cornell University
- 2016, Tomasic Award for Best Thesis, Cornell University
- 2016, Susan B. Tarrow Research Award, Cornell University
- 2015, Arts and Science African Study Award, Cornell University
- 2015-2016, Rawlings Presidential Research Fellow, Cornell University
- 2015, Bartels Merit Scholarship, Shoals Marine Lab, Cornell University
- 2013, Student Who Made the Biggest Impact, Ithaca High School

### **ORGANIZED CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

#### **2026**

-“Indonesia and Political Ecology: Past, Present, Future.” Panel. American Association of Geographers. March 19<sup>th</sup>, San Francisco, CA.

#### **2024**

- “Epistemologies and Ontologies of Soil: Towards New Politics of Soil Knowledge.” Centennial Celebration of the International Union of Soil Science. May 20<sup>th</sup>, Florence, Italy.

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## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

### 2025

- “Navigating the PhD” Panel: Graduate Study in the US, 2025 Fulbright Awards Pre-Departure Orientation, June 25, Jakarta, Indonesia

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### 2026

- “The Rush to Repair: Environmental Potential in Indonesia’s Shifting Amphibious Landscapes” Panel: Decarbonization Finance II: Shifting Landscapes, Investment Pathways, and Climate Futures. American Association of Geographers. March 19<sup>th</sup>, San Francisco, CA.

### 2025

- “Mangroves for the Future: A Political Ecology of Mangrove Restoration and Blue Carbon Governance in Indonesia” Panel: Environment. Fulbright Indonesia Research Conference. February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jakarta, Indonesia.

### 2024

- “Grounding Climate Solutions: The Micro-biopolitics of Soil Health” Panel: Epistemologies and Ontologies of Soil: Towards New Politics of Soil Knowledge. Centennial Celebration of the International Union of Soil Science. May 20<sup>th</sup>, Florence, Italy.
- “Making Restoration Work: Coastal Lives and Climate Futures in Blue Carbon Development” Panel: Water and Work. Graduate Symposium on Agrarian Change, Climate and the Future of Work. April 19<sup>th</sup>, Ithaca, NY.
- “Amphibious Land Repair: Restoration, Infrastructure and Accumulation in Southeast Asia’s Wetlands” Panel: New Financial Frontiers: Reimagining Risk, Nature, and Economies in a Financialized World, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, February 22-24, Lexington, Kentucky.

### 2023

- “Mangroves for the future: The Scalar Politics of Mangroves Restoration.” Panel: Knowledge needs and prospects for just and sustainable forest and landscape restoration at the crossroad of global goals and local needs. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, March 27-March 31. Denver, CO

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- “Bathopolitics: Depth, Affect and Materiality in the Subterranean.” Panel: Practicing the subsurface. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, March 27-March 31. Denver, CO.

### **2022**

- Soil As Climate Bio-Infrastructure: The Micro-Biopolitics of Soil Health.” Panel: Infrastructural Life and the More Than Human: Ontologizing Infrastructure. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, February 25-March 1. Online due to COVID-19.

### **2021**

- “Climate Solutions are Grown in Soil”: Envisioning Soil as Lively Bioinfrastructure for Climate. Panel: Soil Sensing: Methods, politics and experience. 4S Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, October 6-9 2021. Online due to COVID-19.
- Considering Artists with Evidence: Art, Science, and the Environment, Chair (with Dr. Hannah Star Rogers). SLSA Society for Literature, Science and the Arts, September 30<sup>th</sup>-October 1<sup>st</sup>. Online due to COVID-19.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Spring 2024, Teaching Assistant, Environmental Decision Making**

*Global Development, Cornell University*

Teach weekly lessons on writing. Co-designed lesson plans, course assignments, and assessments with lead faculty member. Facilitate student queries, group projects and grade written work.

### **Fall 2023, Teaching Assistant, Theories of Society and Development**

*Global Development, Cornell University*

Co-designed lesson plans, course assignments, and assessments with lead faculty member. Facilitated student queries and graded written work.

### **Fall 2016, Teaching Assistant, Indigenous Ecological Knowledge**

*Natural Resources, Cornell University*

Co-designed lesson plans, course assignments, and assessments with lead faculty member. Facilitated student queries and graded written work.

## **WORKSHOPS**

### **Presenter**

“Setting a STS Climate Change Agenda.” Evansville, Illinois. Funded by the NSF. 2022 Invited topic: Climate Change Futures. Presentation Title, “The Politics and Futures of Blue Carbon in Indonesia.”

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“Natural Climate Solutions in Southeast Asia: Positioning Local Carbon Solutions within Global Frameworks.” National University Singapore, Singapore. May 8-9, 2025. Presentation Title, “Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue: The Scalar Politics of Mangrove Restoration in Indonesia” Panel: NCS Technologies and Technological Fixes. Natural Climate Solutions in Southeast Asia: Positioning Local Carbon Transitions within Global Frameworks. May 9<sup>th</sup>, Singapore.

## **Organized**

“From Field to Print: A Workshop on Enhancing Qualitative Research Methods and Publishing Abilities on Socio-Environmental Relations.” Funded by Fulbright. August 2025. Organizer.

“Abolition Ecology.” Ithaca, NY. Funded by the Polson Institute. October 2023. Organizer.

“Critical Development Studies.” Ithaca, NY. Funded by the Polson Institute. February 2023. Organizer.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2023-Present, President, Development Studies Graduate Collective  
2023-2024 Lead Organizer, Critical Development Studies Research Working Group  
2024-Present, Organizer, Indonesian Language Club  
2023-2024 Graduate Co-Chair, Southeast Asia Program  
2022-2023 Lead Organizer, Critical Development Studies Seminar  
2021-2023 Lead Organizer, Critical Soil Studies Research Group

## **REVIEWER**

Forest and Society

## **LANGUAGES AND SKILLS**

Indonesian: Advanced Intermediate  
Spanish and French: Beginner oral and written proficiency  
Qualitative Research Software (Atlast.ti)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2018-Present, American Association of Geographers  
AAG Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group  
AAG Development Geography Specialty Group

2018-Present, 4S, Society for the Social Studies of Science  
2024-Present, Association for Asian Studies