



Rebecca Forsythe is a PhD student at Colorado State University, specializing in environmental sociology and inequality, with an emphasis on environmental justice and natural resource governance. Inspired by her upbringing on Aquidneck Island in Rhode Island and her summers on Swans Island, Maine, Rebecca became fascinated by the distinct social and cultural patterns within coastal and island communities, including environmental cooperation. Her dissertation explores formal and informal cooperation in the Maine lobster fishery as a model for cooperative natural resource governance in coastal natural resource dependent communities. She currently serves as a Diana Wall Sustainability Fellow and a graduate fellow for CSU's Climate Adaptation Partnership. Rebecca is also a two-time alumna of Campus Compact's VISTA program - and an avid scholar of community engaged teaching and learning. In her free time, she likes to cultivate climate hope through creative reuse of "waste" and objects that may otherwise end up in the landfill - including Barbie shoe earrings, taxidermized stuffed animals...the list goes on. Looking forward to facilitating "wicked" conversation among expert scholars of climate change and health!