



# MEET THE FELLOWS

The Uproot Project is very excited to announce the selections for our  
inaugural Environmental Justice Fellowship program





# FARHA AKHTAR

Farha Akhtar is a former CBC Radio Producer with the award-winning show The Current in Toronto, Canada.



Over the years she has worked as a freelance contributor for a variety of other CBC programs and has worked in Calgary, Singapore, Toronto and New York.

Currently, Farha is a Podcast Producer for What About Water with Jay Famiglietti. The podcast connects water science with the stories that bring about solutions, adaptations and actions for the world's water realities. Her Uproot Fellowship will focus on the ways large-scale dams impact Indigenous Communities in Canada and the Americas.





# MARK ARMAO

Mark is a Diné (Navajo) journalist who hails from the high desert in northern Arizona.



Now based in California, his recent work includes covering environmental issues facing Indigenous communities for Grist. In his free time, he practices sustainable fishing in that he never catches anything.

As an environmental justice fellow for Uproot, Mark will explore the impacts of oil and gas extraction near Native communities (but that's all he's willing to give away for now).



# ELEANORE CATOLICO

Eleanore Catolico (she/her/hers) is the environment and energy fellow for Planet Detroit and the Energy News Network.



Eleanore covers how environmental policies impact communities of color as well as local environmental justice movements. She previously covered Detroit schools for Chalkbeat Detroit and served as the civic reporter for WDET 101.9 FM, Detroit's NPR station. Her project will focus on the asthma crisis in Detroit.

She has also won reporting grants from The Pulitzer Center and The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to cover education issues. Follow her on Twitter: @e\_catolico.





# HANNAH CHINN

Hannah Chinn (they/she) currently works as an associate producer at Gimlet's How to Save a Planet.



Hannah got her start in audio at WHYY, NPR's affiliate station in Philadelphia. They're passionate about stories that reveal structural injustice, and highlight the people working to change it; she believes in the power of coastal hikes, collective action, and climate optimism.

For their fellowship project, Hannah will report on noise pollution, including its connections with public health and environmental justice.



# CAMERON OGLESBY

Cameron Oglesby is an environmental justice advocate, ecologist, artist, and multi-media storyteller who is passionate about the integration of community-driven, place-based perspectives in conservation, environmental policy solutions, and corporate decision-making.



She is a 2022 Public Voices Fellow on the Climate Crisis, a 2021 McKinsey Achievement Award recipient, a Memorial Foundation Social Justice Fellow, and a Doris Duke Conservation Scholar alumna who has written for Grist, Southerly, Scalawag, Environmental Health News, The Wilderness Society, and the 9th Street Journal/INDY Week. Cameron is currently a graduate student at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy, and serves as Associate Editor at Earth in Color and Project Coordinator/Creative Lead for The Environmental Justice Oral History Project.

Cameron will be working with the Environmental Justice Community Action Network (EJCAN) and Sampson County residents to report on the under-covered impacts of the Sampson County landfill — one of the largest solid waste dumps in North Carolina — coming up on its 50th anniversary.





# SHANTAL RILEY

Shantal Riley is a freelance health and science writer.



Her reporting has been featured by Washington Post Magazine, Frontline PBS, NOVA PBS, Vice, Gothamist / WNYC and Chemical and Engineering News.

During her fellowship, she'll report a story about mining waste that threatens fish in Lake Superior. The fish are a staple food in the diets of local Ojibwe tribes.



# NAHIMA SHAFFER

Nahima Shaffer is a video journalist located in California.



As a second-year master's student at UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism, her recent work has focused on the intersections of public health and human interest.

Through the fellowship, Nahima will be completing a short experimental film on the environmental impacts of noise pollution in the Yucatán Peninsula of Mexico.