

# SHALINI GUPTA

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## PROFILE

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Bringing a historic and international lens to my life's work - I center ecological sustainability, community health, and social justice. I have over 20 years of experience encompassing research, policy advocacy, community education, facilitation, writing, and nonprofit startups/management. My work is intersectional, with specific expertise in the fields of energy, climate policy, and environmental justice. I work with foundations, funder networks, city and state government agencies, nonprofits, artists, and community-based organizations to integrate a justice lens into environmental and climate programmatic work.

## EDUCATION & AWARDS

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**YALE UNIVERSITY:** Masters in Environmental Management (MEM), School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO:** Bachelor of Science (BS), Geology & Geophysical Sciences

Loft Literary Center Mirrors and Windows Fellow

Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow

National Environmental Leadership Program Fellow

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### SGUPTA CONSULTING, LLC

#### **Principal (Jan 2018 - present), Minneapolis, MN**

*Work: Strategic advising; policy research/planning; facilitation; speaking; stakeholder engagement design*

*Core areas: energy/climate; environmental justice; cumulative pollution; Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (ED&I) assessments; air pollution; land use; municipal, state, federal policy; nonprofit startup and management/grants*

*Recent Clients: McKnight Foundation, Health and Environmental Funders Network; City of Minneapolis; Surdna Foundation; National Audubon Society; City of Providence, City of Boston (One Square World Team); CMEJ (CBO in Minneapolis)*

### CENTER FOR EARTH, ENERGY AND DEMOCRACY (CEED)

#### **Co-Founder and Executive Director, 2008 - 2017, Minneapolis, MN**

*Nonprofit strategic leadership & management; advising agencies on environmental justice; community-based policy trainings across the country; City of Minneapolis Climate and Green Zones policy work; philanthropic and donor engagement*

### INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURE AND TRADE POLICY (IATP)

#### **Fellow and Director, (2008 - 2011), Minneapolis, MN**

*Rural energy burden design work; Rural Climate Dialogues expert testimony; United Nations COP15 engagement; Kellogg Foundation Food & Community Fellows Program racial equity advising; CEED incubation*

### IZAACK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA (IWLA)

#### **Senior Energy Associate, (2006 - 2008), St. Paul, MN**

*Utility policy; conservation-agriculture coalition building; GHG, renewable energy & biomass legislative work; waste policy*

### THE GREEN INSTITUTE

#### **Community Energy Project Manager (2004 - 2006), Minneapolis, MN**

*Community scale energy system design; wood waste procurement assessment; solar legislative work*

### KIEL INSTITUTE FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY

#### **Environment and Natural Resources Research Associate (2002 - 2003), Kiel, Germany**

*U.S. Farm Bill review and analysis of impact on global biofuels market*

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY

#### **Policy Analyst (1999 - 2000), Argonne, IL**

*Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Black Carbon emissions in China; emissions calculations and data analysis*

## **POLICY & BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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- Urban Bird Collective, Board Chair, 2019-present
- National Climate Adaptation Forum, Program and Equity Committee, 2016-2017
- Midwest Environmental Justice Network, Leadership Team, 2009-2017
- Climate Justice Alliance, National Steering Committee Member, 2015-2016
- RE-AMP Steering Committee, At-large member, 2014-2015
- Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission (appointed by City Council) 2013-2015
- Headwaters Foundation for Justice Board Member & co-Chair, Nov 2006-2011 (co-Chair 2008-2009)
- Next Generation Energy Board Member (appointed by Minnesota Governor), June 2007-2008
- Rock Tenn Energy Source Community Advisory Panel (appointed by St. Paul Port Auth.), Aug 2007-2008
- Technical Working Group member, Agriculture, Forestry and Waste, Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group (Appointed by Governor's Office), August 2007-February 2008
- Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota (EJAM) Board Member, Jan 2006-2008

## **SELECT WRITING & PUBLICATIONS**

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Gupta, S., [Climate Change, Health, And Equity Survey Findings: Gaps, Needs, And Opportunities](#). Joint report for Health and Environmental Funders Network (HEFN), Biodiversity Funders Group (BFG) / Climate and Energy Funders Group (CEFG), Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA), Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities (TFN), Grantmakers In Health (GIH), and Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF). March 2020.

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Contributor, [City of Providence Climate Justice Plan](#), Fall 2019.

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Gupta, S., Minneapolis Climate Action Plan Environmental Justice Working Group Recommendations (drafting and facilitation), City of Minneapolis, February 2013.

Gupta, S., The Greater Milan Initiative's Sustainable Energy Utility: Reducing the Rural Energy Burden, 2010.

Contributing Author, Xcel Energy 2007 Integrated Resource Plan Joint Comments of Izaak Walton League of America-Midwest Office, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Fresh Energy, Docket No. E002/RP-07-1572, submitted June 16, 2008.

Gupta, S., Comments to Proposed Stakeholder Process to Achieve Greenhouse Gas Reduction, Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection through Integrated Solid Waste Management, submitted to MPCA, May 13, 2008.

Gupta, S. and K. Butcher, 2007 Minnesota Efficiency & Renewable Energy Standard Policy and CO2 Analysis, on behalf of Izaak Walton League of America and Center for Energy and Environment, November 6, 2007.

Gupta, S., Plant Power: Biomass-to-Energy for Minnesota Communities, published by Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Environmental Assistance, and Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy, 2004.

Klimont, Z., D. Streets, S. Gupta, J. Cofala, F. Lixin and Y. Ichikawa, 2002, "Anthropogenic emissions of non-methane volatile organic compounds in China, Atmospheric Environment, Volume 36, Issue 8, March 2002, Pages 1309-1322.

Streets, D., S. Gupta, S. Waldhoff, M. Wang, T. Bond and B. Yiyun, "Black Carbon emissions in China," Atmospheric Environment, Volume 35, Issue 25, September 2001, Pages 4281-4296.