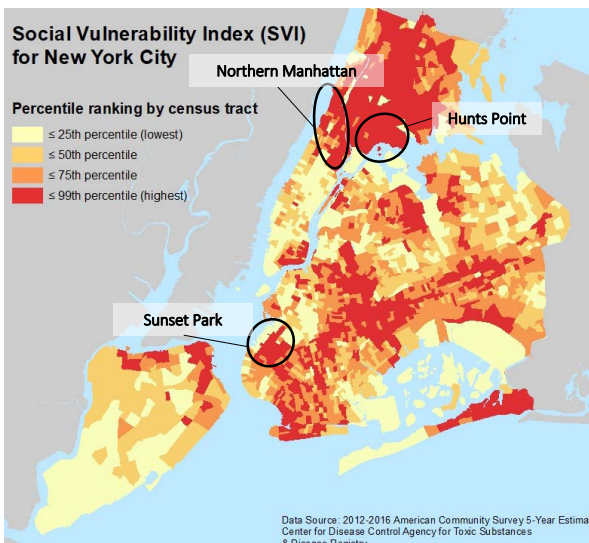




Bringing Equity into Climate Change Adaptation Planning in Cities

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Inequalities surrounding climate change impacts and vulnerabilities are widely recognized. These include inequalities across cities, communities, and social groups in exposure to climate shocks and stresses, as well as differential capacities to respond and recover. Less well-recognized are the potential equity implications of climate resiliency efforts including the possibility of increased housing costs, job losses, or population displacement within vulnerability communities. Drawing from the author's work with the New York City Panel on Climate Change, this study explores uneven vulnerabilities to climate change within urban communities and examines how equity concerns can be incorporated into urban adaptation planning efforts.

Robin Leichenko's current research explores economic vulnerability to climate change and the equity implications of climate change adaptation. Leichenko served as a Review Editor for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report and as a contributing author on the IPCC Special Report on Extreme Events.

Her book, *Environmental Change and Globalization: Double Exposures* (2008, Oxford University Press, co-authored with Karen O'Brien), won the Meridian Book Award for Outstanding Scholarly Contribution in Geography. Her forthcoming volume, titled *Climate and Society: Transforming the Future* (2019, Polity Press, co-authored with Karen O'Brien), is a textbook for undergraduate courses on the human and social dimensions of climate change.

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