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***Malo Hutson, Ph.D. joins Center for Ecoliteracy Board***

**BERKELEY, CALIF., FEBRUARY 23, 2016 ...** The Center for Ecoliteracy announced that Malo Andre Hutson, Ph.D. has been elected to the Center for Ecoliteracy board of directors.

Dr. Hutson is an academic scholar and practitioner with a wide range of interests, including community development and urban sustainability, racial and ethnic equity, urban policy, and health. He has nearly 20 years of experience working nationally and internationally on numerous research, policy, and community-centered projects.

"The Center for Ecoliteracy has a great history of committing resources, time, and energy to addressing important issues and making a difference in the world," says Dr. Hutson. "We share an understanding that issues such as access to healthy food, overcoming inequities, promoting environmental justice, and facing climate change are interrelated, and require systems-level change."

Dr. Hutson holds a Ph.D. in urban and regional planning from MIT. He is an assistant professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning and assistant director of the Institute of Urban and Regional Planning at UC Berkeley. He was invited by the White House to participate as an expert in the first-ever Environmental Justice Forum. His new book, *The Urban Struggle for Economic, Environmental, and Social Justice: Deepening Their Roots* (Routledge, 2016), is attracting widespread attention and praise.

"We got to know Malo when he and colleagues in his consulting firm conducted the community engagement process for Oakland Unified School District's Central Kitchen, Urban Farm, and Education Center," said Zenobia Barlow, Center for Ecoliteracy Cofounder and Executive Director. "He is a sensitive, informed, energetic practitioner as well as scholar, with deep commitments to education and healthy communities. We are honored to welcome him to the board."

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The **Center for Ecoliteracy** is a Berkeley-based nonprofit dedicated to education for sustainable living and a pioneer in school lunch reform. For more information, visit [www.ecoliteracy.org](http://www.ecoliteracy.org).