

Biography

Dr. Elena Craft is a Senior Health Scientist at Environmental Defense Fund. For a decade, she has strategized to identify, monitor, and mitigate risk from environmental pollution from the industrial sector as well as from within the transportation sector, most specifically around port areas and freight corridors. In addition, she has facilitated development of initiatives to support public health research, including helping to establish the Hurricane Harvey Environmental Health and Housing Registry in Houston, the first registry established after a major flood event. Dr. Craft's other scientific research focuses on understanding health disparities associated with living in pollution hotspots. She holds a B.S. degree in biology from UNC Chapel Hill, a M.S. degree in toxicology from NC State University, and a Ph.D. from Duke University. She also holds an adjunct assistant professorship at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center and is a Kinder Fellow at Rice University.