

# MDOCS

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## The Empire's Backyard: Power & Pollution in Sheridan Hollow

Exhibition Open: March 05—March 22, 2020  
Stage 1 Gallery  
46-48 N. Swan Street, Albany, NY

### [Project HAL exhibit opening](#)

On March 6, [Climates of Inequality](#) opens in the Stage One Gallery at the Albany Barn. Organized by [Project HAL](#), this nationally touring exhibition was built collectively by over 500 educators, students and environmental advocates across the U.S., sharing stories of environmental injustices from over 20 U.S. cities across the nation. Included in this exhibit is the work of Environmental Studies Prof. AJ Schneller's 2019 MDOCS course, in collaboration with residents of Sheridan Hollow, a designated Environmental Justice neighborhood in Albany, as they fight the Governor's initiative to expand on a fracked oil burning power plant that has caused health issues for nearby residents for decades. Prof. Schneller, MDOCS, and various community organizations, including the Sheridan Hollow Alliance for Renewable Energy (SHARE), will be hosting a variety of private and public programming throughout the month. [For more details and a full list of events, click here.](#)



### [Storytellers' Institute Receives Ford Grant!](#)

The MDOCS Storytellers' Institute is thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to expand the number of artists in residence during the 2020 Storytellers' Institute and Forum. In line with our theme, Co-Creation and its discontents, the grant enables us to host additional collaborative pairs and collectives for long and short-term residencies during the institute.

### [MDOCS Forum Keynotes Prove there are no Borders in Co-Creation](#)

[Another Kind of Girl Collective](#) is a media arts collective through which young women living in displaced, migrant or transitory communities around the world connect and co-create. Members from Syria and Peru will debut their new film [Cross Border Film](#) at Forum, which chronicles their transition from childhood to motherhood and the bonds of support, understanding and solidarity that form across great distance and cultural difference.



### [Storytellers' Institute Fellows Announced](#)

We are thrilled to announce an incredibly talented group of [Visiting Fellows](#) working in diverse mediums and approaches to Co-Creation. Additionally, our inaugural cohort of [Skidmore MDOCS Forum grantees](#) has been selected to experience and write about Forum. This year, college librarian Marta Brunner will be our [Skidmore faculty/staff fellow](#) for the duration of the Storytellers' Institute and Haley Hnatuk, recent Muhlenberg College graduate, will join our student cohort as a [Visiting Student Fellow](#)!

