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Colin Hoag, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, focuses his research at the intersection of historical ecology and political anthropology. As a 2020 CEEDS Faculty Research Fellow, his research grapples with the erasure of our collective memory of built and natural landscapes. His research on shadow ecologies and legacies of empire on plant science and plant geography will inform our landscape master planning process as we reckon with our colonial past and imagine alternate futures.

Susan Sayre, Associate Professor of Economics, focuses her research on numerical simulation and optimization techniques that investigate the impact of environmental policies. As a 2020 CEEDS Faculty Research Fellow, her research will focus on scope 3 carbon emissions that result from food purchasing and the degree to which communicating food carbon footprint shifts student food preference. Research findings will shape Smith's food messaging strategies in order to further mitigate the impact of carbon emissions associated with Smith's campus operations.



Camille Washington-Ottombre, Associate Professor of Environmental Science and Policy, focuses her research on community adaptation to climate change, environmental justice, and the role of institutions of higher education as change agents. As a 2020 CEEDS Faculty Research Fellow, her research will guide Smith's ability to deepen organizational learning achieved through the practice of sustainability, assess the efficacy of campus-wide programming like the Year on Climate Change, and deepen climate resilience frameworks that engage our campus in collaboration with our community partners.

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