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Climate justice is a discourse and social-movement that has attracted a diverse group of actors who recognize climate change as a deeply political and moral issue requiring immediate and ethical action. One form of collective action and engaged scholarship in this regard is the Climate Alliance Mapping Project (CAMP), a recently initiated collaboration between academics, environmental NGOs, and Indigenous organizations to address climate change at its roots. Adopting a public political ecology approach based on participatory action research and mapping, CAMP aims to build alliances for climate justice by providing visually powerful digital story maps that support organizations campaigning to keep fossil fuels underground in ecologically and culturally important areas. In this presentation, I discuss the opportunities and challenges of new forms of global counter-mapping when enacted on multiple scales and the work these maps do in furthering climate justice. While CAMP is still in its early stages, I argue that global counter-mapping makes visible climate injustices through data and stories and can therefore serve as a powerful tool for public education and engagement. It also strengthens scholar-activist collaborations and demonstrates a powerful role for academics in the climate justice movement.

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