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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of Washington (2013)
Fields: Political Theory, Global Environmental Politics, Comparative Public Law
- M.A. Political Theory, University of Washington (2004)
Thesis: Cultural Geographies of the Future – Globalization and Justice
in Nussbaum, Young and Benhabib
- B.A. Political Philosophy, Carleton College, magna cum laude with distinction (1994)
Thesis: Fear and Hope – Arendt and Tocqueville on Democratic Despotism
Study Abroad: University of Limburg, Maastricht, The Netherlands (1993)

DISSERTATION

Title: The Politics of the Extinction Predicament – Democracy, Futurity, and Responsibility
Committee: Christine Di Stefano (Chair), Karen Litfin, Jamie Mayerfeld, Steve Herbert

My dissertation demonstrates how the “extinction predicament” – the inseparable connection between species loss and issues of social justice and development – benefits from the critical resources of environmental political theory. Species loss is a quiet and cumulative crisis that will sharply increase in the coming decades unless biodiversity conservation is deeply democratized by a politics of futurity that expands our ethical imagination and increases the scope of responsibility to future generations of human and nonhuman life. Beginning with the premise that issues in biodiversity conservation are best framed as a democratic project, I investigate the challenges and opportunities of linking environmental justice, social equity, and democratic governance in a world with vast differences in wealth and power, and where novel connections between the global and the local are increasingly relevant. Combining readings of Jonas on responsibility to preserve ecological legacies, Arendt on care for the earth, and contemporary environmental political theorists such as Douglass Torgerson, Robyn Eckersley, and Steven M. Meyer, I engage arguments that emphasize accountability to future generations, deliberative and participatory democracy, and creative forms of individual and social agency. A politics of the extinction predicament should reflect unique local conditions and contribute to cross-cultural dialogue, particularly regarding the meaning and status of wildness and human relationships to wildness, place, and otherness. In doing so, green politics should mirror the diversity it seeks to preserve.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- “Extinction & Democracy: Wildness, Wilderness, and Global Conservation.” *Interdisciplinary Environmental Review*, Vol. 18, Nos 3/4, pp. 325-349 (2017).
- “Freedom: The Limits of Freedom and the Freedom of Limits.” *The Oxford Handbook of Environmental Political Theory*, Oxford University Press (2016).
- “Nesting Cranes: Envisioning a Russo-Japanese Peace Park in the Kuril Islands.” *Peace Parks: Conservation and Conflict Resolution*, Saleem Ali (Ed.), MIT Press (2007).

BOOK REVIEWS

- Robyn Eckersley, *The Green State – Rethinking Democracy and Sovereignty*, *Global Environmental Politics* volume 4, number 4 (2004).

CURRICULUM: CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FOR TEACHERS

- “Justice, Power, and Activism: What the Goldman Environmental Prize Winners Teach Us About Resilience and Democracy.” Curriculum for the Bioregion, Evergreen State College (2017).
<https://serc.carleton.edu/bioregion/examples/184952.html>

IN PREPARATION

- “Politics of Ecological Nostalgia” (submission to *Green Thought & Praxis*, March 2017)
- “Teaching About Walking to Sedentary Computer Scientists”
- “Political Comedy and Satire in Dark Times”

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT AND TEACHING

Lecturer, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington Bothell, 2014 to present

- Art & Politics of Walking (first year course, autumn 2017, 2018)
- Environmental Ethics (autumn 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018; spring 2015 & 2016)
- Globalization (winter 2017, 2019)
- International Relations (autumn 2018, winter 2015, spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
- Democracy, Politics, and Freedom (first year course, spring 2017, 2018)
- Contemporary Political Ideas & Ideologies (winter 2015, 2016)
- Global Justice, Activism & NGOs (autumn 2015, summer 2016, winter 2019)
- Individuality & Individualism (first year course, winter 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
- Introduction to Philosophy (spring 2016)
- American Government & Politics (autumn 2016, 2017)
- Global Environmental Politics (autumn 2014)
- Independent Study Advisor: Deforestation and Human Rights in Cambodia (winter 2016)
- Independent Study Advisor: Environmental Apartheid at Standing Rock (autumn 2016)
- Independent Study Advisor: Becoming Animal: An Exploration of the Human Senses (spring 2017)
- Independent Study Advisor: Food Politics & Health (winter 2018)
- Senior Thesis Advisor: Political Economy of Japan, China, and the United States (autumn 2019)
- Senior Thesis Advisor: Politics of American Drone Warfare in Yemen (autumn 2016-winter 2017)
- Peer Facilitator Advisor (spring 2015, autumn 2016, winter 2016)

Postdoctoral Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Washington Seattle (UW), 2013

- Concepts of Power (autumn 2013)
- Early Modern Political Theory (autumn 2013)
- Global Environmental Politics (winter 2014)
- Introduction to Political Theory (spring 2014)
- Environmental Political Theory, senior seminar (spring 2014)
- Independent Study Advisor (ISA): Globalization, Feminism, and Latina Identity Politics (spring 2014)
- ISA: Globalization and Immigrant Labor Rights in the Alaskan Fishing Industry (spring 2014)

Visiting Instructor, Department of Political Science, Haverford College, 2011-2012

- The Politics of Globalization (autumn 2011)
- Global Environmental Politics, senior seminar (autumn 2011)
- Global Civil Society (spring 2012)
- Environmental Political Thought, senior seminar (spring 2012)
- Senior Thesis Advisor (autumn 2011–spring 2012)
 - Sovereignty, Deforestation, and Indigenous Rights in Ecuador & Canada
 - International Relations and Chinese Currency Markets
 - Gilles Deleuze on Capitalism and Culture
- Independent Study Advisor: U.S. Politics and Renewable Energy (autumn 2011-spring 2012)

Instructor, Department of Political Science, UW, 2007-2011

- Global Environmental Politics – Evening Degree Program (winter 2009)
- Global Environmental Politics (summer 2009, 2010, 2014)
- Introduction to Political Theory (summer 2007, 2008, 2011, 2015)
- TRIG – Transfer Student Interest Group (autumn 2013)
- FIG – Freshman Interest Group (autumn 2004, autumn 2010)

Instructor, English & Political Science Departments, UW, 2004-2008, 2012-2013

- IWP – Interdisciplinary Writing Program

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, UW, 2001-2004, spring 2008, 2010-2011

- Introduction to Political Theory
- Politics of Immigration
- Law and Society
- Global Environmental Politics
- Religion and World Politics
- Concepts of Power

Reader, Department of Political Science, UW, winter 2004

- Philosophies of Feminism

Undergraduate Mentor in Political Theory, UW, autumn 2003, winter 2006

- Center for Learning and Undergraduate Enrichment (CLUE)

CONFERENCES

PAPERS

- “The Politics of Ecological Nostalgia,” Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, B.C. (April 2017)
- “How Do We Address the Political Ecology of Education for Sustainability?” Washington Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WAHESC), Spokane, WA (February 2017). With Rob Turner (UW Bothell) and Jean MacGregor (Evergreen State College)
- “Wilderness, Wildness, and Cross-cultural Dialogue,” Just Sustainability: Hope for the Commons, Seattle University (August 2016)
- “Critical Discourses of Freedom: Limits of Freedom and Freedom of Limits,” Western Political Science Association, Seattle (April 2014)
- “Is it Only Wild in Winnipeg? The Globalization of Conservation and Wildness as a Cross-Cultural Encounter.” Western Political Science Association, San Francisco (April 2010)
- “Limits of Freedom and the Freedom of Limits: Responding to the Extinction Predicament with Social Creativity,” American Political Science Association, Toronto (September 2009)
- “Toward Responsible Freedom: Ecological Limits, Fear, and Joyful Restraint,” Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, B.C. (March 2009)
- “When Good Neighbors Make Great Ancestors: Green Civic Republicanism and Hannah Arendt,” Western Political Science Association, San Diego (March 2008)
- “Prospects for a Peace Park in the Kuril Islands,” Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park 75th Anniversary – Academic Conference, Waterton, Alberta (September 2007)
- “Beyond Anthropocentrism and Ecocentrism in Biodiversity Promotion,” Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas (March 2007)
- “Envisioning a Russo-Japanese Peace Park in the Kuril Islands,” International Studies Association, Honolulu (March 2005)

ATTENDANCE

- “Teaching in An Age of Climate Consequences,” Curriculum for the Bioregion, University of Washington Bothell, Bothell, WA (March 2017)
- “Teaching in An Age of Climate Consequences,” Curriculum for the Bioregion, Whidbey Island, WA (November 2016)
- “An Ethic of Place,” Curriculum for the Bioregion, at Evergreen State College, Tacoma, WA (February 2016)
- “Sustainability and Contemplative Practices,” Curriculum for the Bioregion, at Whidbey Institute, Whidbey Island, WA (November 2012, 2014)
- “Parks for Peace or Peace for Parks? Issues in Practice and Policy,” Environmental Change and Security Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C. (September 2005)

UW SEATTLE AND UW BOTHELL DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- UW Bothell Welcome Week instructor: Walking History of Lake Union (autumn 2018)
- UW Bothell Welcome Week instructor: Conservation and the Woodland Park Zoo (autumn 2016)
- Discussant and host for UWB Earth Week film screening of Racing Extinction (spring 2016)
- Global Studies Portfolio Review Committee (spring 2016)
- Research Assistant, University of Washington Learning Goals Project (spring 2009)
- Interdisciplinary Writing Program Search Committee (winter 2008)
- Graduate Student Representative, visit to UW from Chinese university students (autumn 2007)
- Political Theory Search Committee, Graduate Student Representative (autumn 2006)
- Political Science Ultimate Frisbee Team, Captain (spring 2002-2007)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SERVICE

- Reader, Honor's Program thesis defense for James Wilson (with Professor Christine Ingrebritsen) Honor's The Idea of Sustainable Development (May 2011)
- Local media liaison and host for UW seminar (with Muslim Association of Puget Sound) for public talk by Saleem Ali (Vermont/Brown/U.N. University of Peace), Talk title: "The Greening of Islam: Education, Environment, and Counter-extremism (April 2011)
- University of Washington Truman Scholarship Nominee Recommendation Letter Writer for Reece Johnson (Winter 2010)
- "Balancing Work and Life as a Graduate Student," UW Political Science Orientation (autumn 2006, 2008)
- Organizer and Host for visit of Saleem Ali (Vermont/Brown/U.N. University of Peace), UW Campus talk: "Peace Parks: Conservation and Conflict Resolution" (spring 2007)
- "Giving Feedback on Student Work," UW Interdisciplinary Writing Program Orientation (autumn 2006)
- "Working as a Teaching Assistant." UW Department of Political Science Orientation (autumn 2004, 2013)
- "Grading and Giving Feedback," UW College of Arts and Sciences TA Orientation (autumn 2004)

AWARDS

- Graduate Student Teaching Award – "Best TA," UW Department of Political Science (2010-2011)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- Western Political Science Association
- International Journal of Wilderness

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

- Program/Educational Design Coordinator, American Cultural Exchange, Seattle (2000-2012)
- ESL Instructor, American School of International Training, Seattle (winter 2000)
- International Operations Coordinator, Asian Emergency Assistance International, Seattle (1999-2000)
- English Teacher, Japan Exchange and Teaching Program, Fukushima, Japan (1995-1998)
- Office Assistant/Receptionist, KUOW Public Radio, Seattle (winter-summer 1995)
- ESL Instructor/Homework Tutor, Refugee Women's Alliance, Seattle (1994-1995)
- Copy Editor, *Asia-Pacific Economic Review*, Seattle (1994-1995)

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