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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Spring 2025 (expected)

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Graduate Fellow, Center for Environmental Politics

- Thesis: Perceptions of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Southeast Asia
- Committee: Aseem Prakash (Chair), Rachel Cichowski, Caitlin Ainsley, Sabine Lang
- This three-paper dissertation explores public and media perceptions about non-governmental organizations (NGOs) through survey data analysis, machine learning techniques, and an experimental conjoint survey. Using the Asian Barometer data, the first paper investigates public trust in NGOs and governmental institutions. The second paper implements a conjoint experiment to understand the determinants of public willingness to donate to NGOs with different characteristics. The third paper uses machine learning techniques on a large corpus of Southeast Asian newspaper articles to explore their sentiments about two important NGOs, Greenpeace and the WWF.

University of Washington, Seattle

Spring 2018

MA in Political Science

- Thesis: Leaders and Laggards: Civil Society and Environmental Treaty Ratification
- Committee: Aseem Prakash (chair), Victor Menaldo, Christopher Adolph

University of Washington, Seattle

Spring 2015

BA in Political Science

- Honors Thesis: Civil Society Discourses and Women's Movements in Malaysia
- Committee: Michael McCann (chair) and Charles Hirschmann
- Summa Cum Laude, Certificate of High Scholarship, Annual Dean's List

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- **Christianna Parr**, "Public Support for Environmental NGOs: A Conjoint Experiment in Southeast Asia". R and R (*Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*)
- **Christianna Parr**, "Advocacy Under Quasi-Authoritarianism: Civil Society's Impact on Environmental Treaty Ratification in Southeast Asia". R and R (*Global Policy*)
- **Christianna Parr**, "The Impact of Social Media on Trust in NGOs and the government: A Southeast Asian Perspective". Under Review (*Journal of Public Policy*)

WORKING PROJECTS

- **Christianna Parr**, "Media Perceptions of Environmental NGOs: A Machine Learning Approach," – conference paper, in preparation for publication
- **Christianna Parr**, Aseem Prakash and Nives Dolsak, "Resentment and Refugees: Survey Experiment on the Willingness to Help the Rohingya" – survey project with on attitudes towards Rohingya persons in Malaysia.

- **Christianna Parr**, “The Social Media Manager: Social Media usage by Civil Society” – construction of dataset of social media accounts of NGOs across Southeast Asia to analyze their communication strategies
- **Christianna Parr** and Aseem Prakash, “Public Perceptions of NGO usage of AI” – survey project on the preferences of donors towards NGOs who use AI in their communications.

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

- **Christianna Parr**, Nives Dolsak, Aseem Prakash. “The Amazon isn’t the only forest that’s burning. Can consumer pressure stop the destruction?” [Link] *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*. October 14, 2019.
- **Christianna Parr**, Nives Dolsak, Aseem Prakash. “The Oxfam scandal shows that, yes, non-profits can behave badly. So why aren’t they overseen like for-profits?” [Link] *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*. Feb 19, 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Fall 2016 - present

Teaching Assistant

- Awarded Department Teaching Award 2017-2018
- Led discussion sections of 30 students, graded exams, and final papers, created lesson plans, drafted exams with primary instructor and provided comments on papers.
- Experience teaching in undergraduate students political methodology (research methods, inferential statistics, regression techniques), comparative politics, political economy, international politics, world politics, environmental politics, religion in politics, and international law.
- Guest Lecturer: Palm Oil and Environmental Policy in World Politics (Spring 2019), # Me Too in Global Politics in World Politics (Spring 2019), International and Regional Organizations in World Politics (Winter 2023, Winter 2024)
- Mentor for UW Honor’s Program: mentored students through the UW Honor’s Program and was a committee member and reader for their final theses.

Eway Learning Center, Bellevue, WA

2017 - 2023

Primary Instructor and College Advisor

- Administered foreign exchange program with South Korean high school students.
- Designed curriculum for ESL students that focused on writing skills and communication.
- Advisor and mentor for college admissions.

Hilla School for Afghan Refugees, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2013 - 2014

Volunteer Instructor and Aid Worker

- English instruction for refugees from Afghanistan and Iran, providing basic social services, building skills for integration, and helping with job searches and placement.
- Aided refugees in the process of UNHCR identity management and advocated for refugee education.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

US COVID-19 Distancing Policy Tracking Project, Seattle, WA [I]

Summer 2020

Research Assistant

- Project supervisors: Professor Christopher Adolph and Professor John Wilkerson.
- University of Washington project that tracks changes in US state policies regarding COVID-19 policies and restrictions.
- Responsible for coding new policies, updating policies regularly, and managing new project needs with team members.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Center for Environmental Politics grant, University of Washington (\$330) *2024*
- Graduate Travel Grant, University of Washington *2024*
- Kizhanatham Jagannathan Graduate Research Grant for International Relations, University of Washington (\$3000) *2021*
- Richard B. Wesley Fellow in Environmental Politics and Graduate Chair of UW Center of Environmental Politics, Duck Family Colloquia Series *2019 - 2020*
- Linden Mander Award for Best Graduate Paper in International Relations (\$500) *2019*
- University of Pennsylvania Social Impact Doctoral Program (\$3000) *2019*
- Henry Luce Foundation SEAREG Travel Award (\$500) *2019*
- ARNOVA 2019, Diversity Scholar and Leader Award *2019*
- ARNOVA 2018, Diversity Scholar and Leader Award *2018*
- University of Washington Teaching Award (\$300) *2018*

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- *Forthcoming* ISA 2025. Paper panel presentation: "A Conjoint Experiment on Public Support for Environmental NGOs in Southeast Asia". Chicago, IL. *2025*
- ARNOVA 2024. Paper panel presentation: "Do Donors Reward or Punish? Evidence on ENGO Donor Preferences in Southeast Asia". Washington D.C., *2024*
- ARNOVA 2024. Paper panel presentation: "Contentious Civil Society: Trust Determinants in NGOs". Washington D.C. *2024*
- UW Center for Environmental Politics Retreat 2023: "Media Perceptions of Environmental NGOs: A Southeast Asia Study", Seattle WA *2023*
- APSA 2021. Poster presentation for virtual conference: "Effect of Civil Society on Environmental Treaties". Online Conference, *2021*
- WPSA 2021. Panel paper presentation: "What are they saying? Environmental NGO Dialogues at the International Organization Level". Online Conference, *2021*
- *Postponed due to COVID-19*: ISA 2020. Panel paper presentation: "What are they saying? Non-State Actor Dialogues at the International Organization Level" and "Leaders and Laggards: Civil Society and Environmental Treaty Ratification". Honolulu, HI *2019*

- *Postponed due to COVID-19*: MPSA 2020. Panel paper presentation: “Revised Statutes and Native Nations Legal Outcomes: A Text as Data Analysis”. Project with Jeffrey Grove. Chicago, IL 2020
- ARNOVA 2019. Panel paper presentation: “Women’s Rights Movements and Discourse Strategies”, San Diego, CA 2019
- SEAREG 2019. Poster presentation: “ASEAN Environmental Treaties”, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC 2019
- MPSA 2019. Panel paper presentation: “Environmental Treaties and Implementation in ASEAN” in Models of Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis in Environmental Politics. Chicago, IL 2019
- ARNOVA 2018. Panel paper presentation: “Leaders and Laggards: Civil Society Effects on Environmental Treaty Ratification”. Austin, TX 2018
- Duck Family Graduate Workshop, Center for Environmental Politics and Governance. Panel paper presentation: “Leaders and Laggards: Environmental Treaty Ratification in ASEAN”. University of Washington. 2018
- Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) Conference: Envisioning Global Asia. Panel paper presentation: “The Language of Women’s Rights: The Malaysian Case”. Washington State University. 2018

DISCUSSANT AND CHAIR ROLES

- ISA discussant: Organizations, Institutional Complexity, and Environmental Governance 2025
- UW Center for Environmental Politics Retreat Conference Discussant, Whidbey Island 2023
- UW Duck Family Graduate Workshop Discussant: Political Economy of Climate Change. 2023
- WPSA panel chair and discussant: Environmental Politics in Asia. 2021
- UW Severyn’s Ravenholt Comparative Politics Discussant: Ceci Cruz 2021
- UW Duck Family Graduate Workshop Discussant and Chair, Center for Environmental Politics and Governance. 2020
- UW Duck Family Graduate Workshop Discussant, Center for Environmental Politics and Governance: Global Governance Panel. 2019
- UW International Security Colloquium Discussant: Aila Matanock, 2019. 2019
- UW Severyn’s Ravenholt Comparative Politics Discussant: Tom Pepinsky, 2019. 2019
- UW International Security Colloquium Discussant: Ellen Ahlness, 2018. 2018

SKILLS

- Programming Languages and Software: R, Python, SPSS, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, GitHub, Adobe Suite (Illustrator), Microsoft Office Suite
- Certifications: Center for Statistics and Social Sciences (CSSS) certificate in Quantitative Methodology (2019)
- Languages: French (Intermediate Speaking and Reading), Bahasa Melayu (Beginner’s Speaking and Reading), Thai (Beginner’s Speaking).

SERVICE POSITIONS

- Graduate Chair, UW Center of Environmental Politics and Governance 2019 - 2020

- Equality Initiative in Political Science (EIPS) committee member *2017 - 2018*
- UW Political Science first-year program: peer-to-peer graduate mentor to Jihyeon Bae (2019) and Anna Nyugen (2022)
- UW Honors Mentor for undergraduate students: Benjamin Rineheart (class of 2018), Batoul Al-Sadi (class of 2022), Trisha Binwade (class of 2024)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Foreign Aid after the Oxfam Scandal. Polskie Radio (Polish National Radio) Interview. *2018*

AFFILIATED CENTERS AND MEMBERSHIP

- ARNOVA (Association for Research on Non-Profit Organizations and Voluntary Associations)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- Western Political Science Association (WPSA)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- SEAREG (Southeast Asia Research Group)

REFEREES

- Prof. Aseem Prakash: aseem@uw.edu
- Prof. Rachel Cichowski: rcichows@uw.edu
- Prof. Caitlyn Ainsley: cainsley@uw.edu