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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

**Ph.D. Political Science**,University of California, Irvine, Expected 2014

Dissertation: Global Norms and Green Constitutions: Explaining the Emergence of

Constitutional Environmental Rights

Committee: Richard Matthew (co-chair), Wayne Sandholtz (co-chair), David Feldman,

Diana Kapiszewski

**M.A. Political Science**,University of California, Irvine, Sep. 2009

**M.A.** **Climate and Society**,Columbia University, Oct. 2007

**B.A.** **Political Science**, University of Florida, Honors Program, Dec. 2005

Additional Training

2011 Empirical Legal Scholarship Workshop: The Advanced Course, Northwestern Law

School, Chicago, IL, Feb. 3-6.

Publications

**Refereed Journal Articles**

2012 “Greening Constitutions with Environmental Rights: Testing the Isomorphism Thesis.”

*Review of Policy Research*. 29(4): 522-542.

2005 “Here Comes the Rain Again: Flooding and Disaster Mitigation in Peru, A Case Study

from the ’97-’98 El Niño.” *The Florida Geographer*. 36: 99-106.

**Non-Refereed Journal Articles**

2011 “Righting Environmental Wrongs: Assessing the Role of Legal Systems in Redressing

Environmental Grievances.” *Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation*. 26(2):

461-492.

**Book Reviews**

2012 “Review of Kerri Woods, *Human Rights and Environmental Sustainability*, Cheltenham:

Edward Elgar, 2010.” *International Environmental Agreements*. 12(2): 211-214.

2010 “Review of Oran R. Young, Leslie A. King, and Heike Schroeder (Eds.), *Institutions and*

*Environmental Change: Principal Findings, Applications, and Research Frontiers*,

Cambridge: MIT Press, 2008.” *International Environmental Agreements*. 10(1): 85-87.

**Encyclopedia Entries**

2008 “University of Florida.” In J. Golson & S. Philander (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Global*

*Warming and Climate Change*. Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications.

**Manuscripts Under Review**

“Sisters in Sustainability: Municipal Partnerships for Social, Environmental, and

Economic Growth” (Revise and resubmit at *Sustainability Science*; with Dustin McLarty,

Nora Davis, Erik Altenbernd, and Nasrin Nasrollahi)

“Explaining the Emergence of Constitutional Environmental Rights”

“Greening Critical Discourse Analysis: Applications to the Study of Environmental Law”

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

“A Rose by Any Other Name? Explaining the Absence of Constitutional Environmental

Rights in Sri Lanka”

“Expecting the Elephant but Getting the Mouse: Analyzing the Adoption of a

Constitutional Environmental Right in Nepal”

“Toward a World Cultural Theory of Constitutional Environmental Rights”

Fellowships and Awards

**UC Irvine**

2013 Center in Law, Society, & Culture Collaborative Travel Grant, $500

Human Security Fellowship, Center for Unconventional Security Affairs, $500

Political Science Department Research Award, $1,500, $2,000

UCI Public Impact Fellowship, $1,000

Graduate Student Paper Award, Environmental Studies Section, International Studies

Association, $100

2012 Honorary Fellow, Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (5 years)

Associate Dean’s Fellowship, $5,500

Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Graduate Student Grant, $1,000

Political Science Department Research Award, $1,500

2011Sustainability Science Team Fellowship, Environment Institute, $12,800

EPA P3 (People, Prosperity, and the Planet) Grant, $15,000 (with 13 others)

Political Science Department Research Award, $1,500

2010 Center in Law, Society & Culture Project Grant, $900 (with 3 others)

Associate Dean’s Fellowship, $5,500

2009 Debbie Davis Graduate Student Award (Advocacy and Leadership), $300

Political Science Department Research Award, $1,200

2008 Center for Research in International and Global Studies Grant, $500

2007Social Science Tuition Fellowship, award covering non-resident tuition

Social Science Merit Award, teaching assistantship for tuition and stipend (5 years)

**Columbia University**

2006 Climate and Society Merit Award, partial tuition scholarship

Invited Talks

2013 “Survival of the Greenest: A Statistical Analysis of Constitutional Environmental

Rights.” Yale/UNITAR Workshop on Rights in Environmental Governance: Explaining

their Emergence, Examining their Effectiveness, Yale University, New Haven, CT, Apr.

26-27.

Conference Participation

**Papers Presented**

2013 “A Rose by Any Other Name? Explaining the Absence of Constitutional Environmental

Rights in Sri Lanka.” International Studies Association-West Annual Conference,

Pasadena, CA, Sep. 27-28.

2013 “Expecting the Elephant but Getting the Mouse: Analyzing the Adoption of a

Constitutional Environmental Right in Nepal.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Apr. 11-14.

2013 “Survival of the Greenest: A Statistical Analysis of Constitutional Environmental

Rights.” International Studies Association Convention, San Francisco, CA, Apr. 3-6. 2012 “Survival of the Greenest: A Statistical Analysis of Constitutional Environmental

Rights.” Workshop on Constitutional Environmental Rights, Widener School of Law,

Wilmington, DE, May 31.

2012 “City Mouse and Country Mouse: Sustainability Beyond the City Limits, Opportunity for

a Local Partnership.” American Psychological Association Convention, Orlando, FL, Aug. 2-5 (with Nora Davis).

2012 “Constitutional Environmental Rights: A Quantitative Analysis of Intra-Regional

Influences.” International Studies Association Convention, San Diego, CA, Apr. 1-4.

2012 “Constitutional Environmental Rights: A Quantitative Analysis of Intra-Regional

Influences.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, Mar.

22-24.

2011 “Greening Constitutions with Environmental Rights: Testing the Isomorphism Thesis.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, Sep. 1-4.

2010 “Climate Change and Environmental Security: Bringing Realism Back In.” International

Studies Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, Feb. 17-20.

2010 “Green Standing and Environmental Justice: A Comparative Study of Judicial Access in

Environmental Litigation.” International Studies Association Convention, New Orleans,

LA, Feb. 17-20.

2009 “A Standing (Inn)Ovation: The Globalizing Norm of Increased Judicial Access in

Environmental Litigation.” Negotiating Legal Boundaries Conference, UC Santa

Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, May 14-16.

2009 “Rational Choice Institutionalism and Environmental Policy: A Case Study of Cap-and-

Trade Proposals in the 110th Congress.” PhD Workshop in International Climate Policy,

Columbia University, New York, NY, Apr. 17-18.

2009 “Markets or Maple Trees? Constructing a Sustainable Environmental Ethic.”

International Studies Association Convention, New York, NY, Feb. 15-18.

2008 “U.S. Congressional Conceptions of Climate Change: An Interpretivist Approach.”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, Aug. 28-31.

2008 “U.S. Congressional Conceptions of Climate Change: An Interpretivist Approach.”

International Conference on Interpretive Policy Analysis III, University of Essex,

Colchester, UK, Jun. 19-21.

**Chaired Sessions**

2013 “Issues in Comparative Environmental Politics.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Apr. 11-14.

**Organizer**

2011 “a3[Assemble.Advocate.Act]: A Conference on Climate Justice.” UC Irvine School of

Law, Irvine, CA, Apr. 1.

Campus Talks

2013 “Expecting the Elephant but Getting the Mouse: Analyzing the Adoption of a

Constitutional Environmental Right in Nepal.” Center for Global Peace and Conflict

Studies Workshop, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA, May 13.

2013 “The Legal Perspective on Sustainability.” Sustainability Lecture Series, UC Irvine,

Irvine, CA, Feb. 27.

Teaching Experience

**Cal Poly Pomona**

Instructor

Politics of Developing Areas (winter 2013)

**UC Irvine**

Instructor

Introduction to International Relations (summer II 2012, 2011)

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to International Relations (winter 2013, 2008)

US/World Geography (fall 2013)

Federalism, Courts, & the Regulatory State (spring 2013, 2012, 2011)

Cyberspeech and Gaming Law (winter 2012)

Introduction to Law (fall 2011)

Law & Markets (winter 2011)

Contemporary Constitutional Rights (fall 2010)

International Law and the U.S. Legal System (winter 2010)

International Law (fall 2009)

Global Issues and Institutions (spring 2009, 2008)

Economic Development (winter 2009)

Global Economy (fall 2008)

Introduction to Political Science: Micropolitics (fall 2007)

Research Experience

**UC Irvine**

2010 Courts and the globalization of law project under Wayne Sandholtz

2009 Book project on Russian environmental civil society under David Feldman

**The Earth Institute at Columbia University**

2007 NSF project on decision making under uncertainty at the Center for Research on Environmental Decisions under Nicole Peterson

2006-7 Report on social vulnerability and heat wave mortality under John Mutter

2006 Reports on public opinion and consensus statements on climate change at the Global

Roundtable on Climate Change under David Downie

Service to Profession

Guest Editor, *New Angle: Nepal Journal of Social Science and Public Policy*

Referee, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *International Journal of Drug Policy*

University Service

Assistant Director, Focused Research Group in International Environmental Cooperation, 2009-

present

Faculty Marshall Scholarship Committee, Scholarship Opportunities Program, 2008-present

Co-Chair, Subcommittee on Education, Research, and Outreach Efforts, UC Irvine Sustainability

Committee, 2008-2011

Extracurricular University Service

2008 Social Sciences Representative and Legislative Liaison, Associated Graduate Students of

UC Irvine (2 years)

Campus Sustainability Campaign Commissioner, Associated Students of UC Irvine

Professional Affiliations

American Branch of the International Law Association

American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies

American Political Science Association

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences

International Studies Association