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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of

North Florida, Aug. 2014-present

Education

**Ph.D. Political Science**,University of California, Irvine, Jun. 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

Publications

**Book**

2017 *The Global Emergence of Constitutional Environmental Rights* (forthcoming Routledge)

**Refereed Journal Articles**

2017 “Constitutionalizing Environmental Rights: A Practical Guide.” *Journal of Human Rights*

*Practice*. (Online first; with Christopher Jeffords)

2016 “The Great Indoors: Linking Human Rights and the Built Environment.” *Journal of*

*Human Rights and the Environment*. 7(2): 243-261.

2016 “Crowdsourcing Global Governance: Sustainable Development Goals, Civil Society, and

the Pursuit of Democratic Legitimacy.” *International Environmental Agreements*. 16(3):

415-432.

2015 “Environmental Constitutionalism in South Asia: Analyzing the Experiences of Nepal

and Sri Lanka.” *Transnational Environmental Law*. 4(2): 395-423.

2015 “Greening Critical Discourse Analysis: Applications to the Study of Environmental

Law.” *Critical Discourse Studies*. 12(4): 482-493.

2015 “Explaining the Emergence of Constitutional Environmental Rights: A Global

Quantitative Analysis.” *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*. 6(1): 75-97.

2014 “Sisters in Sustainability: Municipal Partnerships for Social, Environmental, and

Economic Growth.” *Sustainability Science*. 9(3): 277-292 (with Dustin McLarty, Nora

Davis, Erik Altenbernd, and Nasrin Nasrollahi).

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.

\* Reprinted in J.R. May and E. Daly (Eds.), *Environmental Constitutionalism*,

Cheltenham: Edward Elgar (2016).

**Chapters in Edited Volumes**

2016 “Crowdsourcing Sustainable Development Goals from Global Civil Society.” In R.

Matthew, C. Harron, K. Goodrich, B. Maharramli, & E. Nizkorodov (Eds.), *The WSPC*

*Reference on Natural Resources and Environmental Policy in the Era of Global Change:*

*The Social Ecology of the Anthropocene: Continuity and Change in Global Environmental Politics*, pp. 415-438, Singapore: World Scientific Publishers.

**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.

**Works in Progress**

“The Developing World as the Dragon’s Den: Assessing the Role of Environmental Factors in

Chinese Development Finance”

“Implementing Substantive Constitutional Environmental Rights: A Quantitative Assessment of

Current Practices Using Benchmark Rankings” (with Chris Jeffords; under review)

“Towards Environmental Democracy? Procedural Environmental Rights and Environmental

Justice” (with Chris Jeffords; revise and resubmit at *Global Environmental Politics*)

Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

**Visiting/Non-Residential Positions**

2015- Research Fellow, Earth System Governance Project, Lund University

2012- Honorary Fellow, Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies, Kathmandu, Nepal

2016 Short-Term Research Scholar, Shaanxi Normal University

2015 Visiting Scholar-in-Residence in Global Environmental Constitutionalism, Widener

University Delaware Law School

**National Awards**

2016 Travel Grant, International Studies Association, $100

2016 Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar Award to Sri Lanka, U.S. Department of State (IIE)

2013 Graduate Student Paper Award, Environmental Studies Section, International Studies

Association, $100

2011 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency P3 (People, Prosperity, and the Planet) Grant,

$15,000 (with 13 others)

**University of North Florida**

2017 Pre-Law Lecture Series Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, $1500

2015 Research Enhancement Award, College of Arts and Sciences, $1500

**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

2012 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

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)

Invited Talks

2016 “The Study and Practice of Environmental Law.” UF Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law,

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, Nov. 1.

2016 “Poverty, Environmental Degradation, and Human Rights: Exploring the Nexus.”

Sustainability II, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA, Apr. 13.

2015 “Whaling and International Relations: Challenges and Prospects for Cooperation.”

Animal Law and Policy Seminar, FAMU College of Law, Orlando, FL, Oct. 5.

2015 “Environmental Rights, Environmental Justice, and Democracy.” Environmental Law

Distinguished Speaker Series, Widener University Delaware Law School, Wilmington,

DE, Mar. 16.

2015 “Indoor Environmental Quality, Human Rights, and Green Buildings.” NE Florida Environmental Summit, Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, FL, Feb. 26.

2014 “Sustainability and the Law: Foundations, Manifestations, and the Challenges of Collaboration.” Facets of Sustainability, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, Sep. 23.

2014 “The Great Indoors: Integrating the Built Environment into Environmental Rights.” 3rd UNITAR-Yale Global Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy, Yale University, New Haven, CT, Sep. 5-7.

2014 “Introduction to Constitutional Environmental Rights.” Introduction to Environmental Policy, Chapman University, Orange, CA, Apr. 30.

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

Rights.” Yale/UNITAR Workshop on Rights in Environmental Governance, Yale University, New Haven, CT, Apr. 26-27.

Conference Activities

**Recent Papers Presented**

2017 “The Developing World as the Dragon’s Den: Assessing the Role of Environmental Factors in Chinese Development Finance.” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, Feb. 22-25.

2016 “Procedural Environmental Rights and Environmental Justice: Assessing the Impacts of

Environmental Constitutionalism.” International Studies Association Annual Convention,

Atlanta, GA, Mar. 16-19 (with Chris Jeffords).

2016 “Constitutional Environmentalism in South Asia: Analyzing the Experiences of Nepal

and Sri Lanka.” American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, NY,

Jan. 6-10.

2015 “Crowdsourcing Sustainable Development Goals from Global Civil Society: A Content

Analysis.” UF CAIRES Social Media and Sustainability Conference, Gainesville, FL,

Apr. 17-18; International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA,

Feb. 19-21.

2015 “Indoor Environmental Quality, Human Rights, and Green Buildings.” 16th NE Florida

Environmental Summit, Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, FL, Feb. 26.

2014 “The Great Indoors: Integrating the Built Environment into Environmental Rights.” 3rd UNITAR-Yale Global Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy, Yale University, New Haven, CT, Sep. 5-7.

**Workshops Attended**

2016 “Transformative Sustainability Governance Workshop.” Balsillie School of International Affairs, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada, Nov. 22-23.

2016 “Winter Workshop on Conservation and Equity.” Strategic Environmental Research

Initiative, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of

California, Santa Barbara, Goleta, CA, Feb. 29-Mar. 1.

**Sessions Chaired**

2017 “China and Environmental Governance: Domestic and International Effects of Environmental Performance and Policy.” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, Feb. 22-25.

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

**Panels Discussed**

2017 “What Does ‘Global Environmental Politics’ Look Like from the Global South?” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, Feb. 22-25.

**Conferences Organized**

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

Law, Irvine, CA, Apr. 1.

Teaching Experience

**University of North Florida**, *Assistant Professor*

Directed Independent Study (Energy Policy Analysis, Environmental Justice)

International Relations: Frameworks for Analysis

Comparative Politics: Frameworks for Analysis

Human Rights and International Politics

International Environmental Politics

International Relations Theory Graduate Seminar

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Introduction to International Relations

Politics of Developing Countries

**Shaanxi Normal University (Xi’an, China)**, *Visiting Lecturer*

International Relations

**Cal Poly Pomona**, *Adjunct Faculty*

Politics of Developing Areas

**UC Irvine**, *Adjunct Faculty*

International Environmental Politics

Human Rights

Introduction to International Relations

Additional Training

2015 Teaching Online Seminar (Online Instructor and Course Developer Certification),

University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL, May-Jun.

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

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

Service to Profession

Book Review Editor and Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*,

2015-present

Sprout Award Committee, Environmental Studies Section, International Studies Association,

2015-17

Guest Editor, *New Angle: Nepal Journal of Social Science and Public Policy*, 2013

Referee, *Transnational Environmental Law* (2x), Taylor & Francis (2x), Swiss National Science

Foundation, *Journal of Environment and Development*, *International Environmental*

*Agreements*, *International Journal of Health Policy and Management*, *Kyklos*, *Policy*

*Sciences*, Westview Press, *Journal of Sustainable Development*, *Publius: The Journal of*

*Federalism*, *International Journal of Drug Policy* (2x)

University Service

**University of North Florida**

*Committees*

Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2016-present

Advisory Committee, UNF Digital Humanities Initiative, 2015-present

Political Science Committee, Dept. of Political Science and Public Admin., 2014-present

Sustainability Committee, UNF Environmental Center, 2014-present

Seed Grant Selection Committee, UNF Environmental Center, 2015, 2016

Jax Climate Change Policy Steering Committee, UNF Environmental Center, 2016

Bylaws Revision Committee, Dept. of Political Science and Public Admin., 2015-16

Pre-Law Advisor Search Committee, Dept. of Political Science and Public Admin., 2015-16

*Presentations*

Panelist, Fulbright U.S. Student Program Information Session, 2017

Guest Lecturer, St. Johns River Experience Undergraduate Course, 2017

Faculty Presenter, Digital Humanities Initiative Digital Projects Showcase, 2016

Faculty Leader, Presidential Debate Watch Party and Discussion, UNF Library, 2016

Guest Lecturer, Global Civil Society Graduate Course, 2016

Facilitator, Jacksonville Sustainability Workshop, UNF Environmental Center, 2016

Panelist, Technology and Society, International Studies Senior Seminar Lecture Series, 2016

Guest Lecturer, UNF Model UN Team, 2015, 2016

Guest Lecturer, International Studies Senior Seminar Lecture Series, 2015

*Student Organizations*

Faculty Sponsor, Leaders and Activists for the Disabled, 2017-present

Faculty Sponsor, UNF College Democrats, 2016-present

**UC Irvine**

Assistant Director, Focused Research Group in Int’l Environmental Cooperation, 2009-2014

Co-Chair, Subcommittee on Education, UC Irvine Sustainability Committee, 2008-2011

Community Service

Great Decisions Leader (Educational outreach program coordinated by the World Affairs

Council), Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, Jacksonville, FL, 2015-present

Volunteer, International Crisis Management Exercise, World Affairs Council, University of

North Florida, Jacksonville, FL, 2016, 2017

Panelist, Emerging Tolerance of Cultural Bias and Phobia in Today’s Society, Florida Coastal

Law Review 2017 Symposium, Compelling Diversity: Minorities and Higher Education,

Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, FL, 2017

Panelist, The Climate is Changing. Are You?, Jax Makerspace at the Jacksonville Public

Library, Jacksonville, FL, 2017

Panelist, Environment Session, Florida Young Democrats Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency

Jacksonville Waterfront, Jacksonville, FL, 2016

Moderator, Community Forum on Solar, Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL, 2016

Panelist, Green Carpet Film Series (*Chasing Ice* documentary), USGBC-North Florida, Corazon

Cinema and Café, St. Augustine, FL, 2015

Professional Affiliations

American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies, 2013-present

American Political Science Association, 2008-present

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, 2013-present

International Studies Association, 2008-present

USGBC Florida (LEED Green Associate), 2014-present