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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

Additional Training

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

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

Publications

**Refereed Journal Articles**

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

Law” (Forthcoming in *Critical Discourse Studies*)

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

and Sri Lanka” (Forthcoming in *Transnational Environmental Law*)

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.

**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.

**Works in Progress**

“Climate Change and Environmental Security: Bringing Realism Back In” (under review)

“The Great Indoors: Integrating the Built Environment into Environmental Rights”

“Crowdsourcing Sustainable Development Goals from Global Civil Society: A Content Analysis” (under review)

Fellowships and Awards

**University of North Florida**

2015 Research Fellow, Earth System Governance Project, Lund University

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

School of Law

**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

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

Distinguished Speaker Series, Widener School of Law, Wilmington, DE, Mar. 16.

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

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.

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: Explaining

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

26-27.

Conference Participation

**Recent Papers Presented**

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

Analysis.” International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, Feb.

19-21.

2014 “A Rose by Any Other Name? Explaining the Absence of Constitutional Environmental

Rights in Sri Lanka.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle,

WA, Apr. 17-19.

2014 “Constitutional Environmentalism in South Asia: Analyzing the Experiences of Nepal

and Sri Lanka.” Symposium on Global Environmental Constitutionalism, Widener

School of Law, Wilmington, DE, Apr. 11.

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.

**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.

Teaching Experience

**University of North Florida**

Assistant Professor

Introduction to International Relations (spring 2015, fall 2014)

Third World Politics (spring 2015)

International Environmental Politics (spring 2015)

Human Rights and International Politics (fall 2014)

**Cal Poly Pomona**

Instructor

Politics of Developing Areas (spring 2014, winter 2013)

**UC Irvine**

Instructor

International Environmental Politics (summer I 2014)

Human Rights (summer I 2014)

Introduction to International Relations (summer II 2012, 2011)

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

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

2015-present

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, 2014

Book Review Editor, *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, 2015

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

Referee, *Policy Sciences*, *Westview Press* (2x), *Taylor & Francis*, *Journal of Sustainable*

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

University Service

**University of North Florida**

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

Sustainability Committee, UNF Environmental Center, 2014-present

**UC Irvine**

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

Faculty Marshall Scholarship Committee, Scholarship Opportunities Program, 2008-2012

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

Professional Affiliations

American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies

American Political Science Association (Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics)

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences

International Studies Association (Environmental Studies Section)

USGBC-North Florida