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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

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

North Florida, 2018-present

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

North Florida, 2014-2018

Education

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

**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 **Gellers, J.C.** *The Global Emergence of Constitutional Environmental Rights*. New York:

Routledge (Law, Justice and Ecology Series).

\* Reviewed in *Global Environmental Politics*, *Transnational Environmental Law*

**Refereed Journal Articles**

2019 **Gellers, J.C.** and Jeffords, C. “Environmental Rights in the Asia Pacific Region: Taking

Stock and Assessing Impacts.” *Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law*. 22(2): 190-

206.

2019 **Gellers, J.C.** and Jeffords, C. “Environmental Determinants of Chinese Development

Finance in Africa.” *Journal of Environment and Development*. 28(2): 111-141.

2018 **Gellers, J.C.** and Jeffords, C. “Towards Environmental Democracy? Procedural

Environmental Rights and Environmental Justice.” *Global Environmental Politics*. 18(1):

99-121.

\* Cited in UN General Assembly Report (2018)

2017 Jeffords, C. and **Gellers, J.C.** “Constitutionalizing Environmental Rights: A Practical

Guide.” *Journal of Human Rights Practice*. 9(1): 136-145.

2016 **Gellers, J.C.** “The Great Indoors: Linking Human Rights and the Built Environment.”

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

2016 **Gellers, J.C.** “Crowdsourcing Global Governance: Sustainable Development Goals, Civil Society, and the Pursuit of Democratic Legitimacy.” *International Environmental*

*Agreements*. 16(3): 415-432.

\* Cited in UNDP Report (2015), UNEP Global Environmental Outlook (2019),

UN Global Sustainable Development Report (2019)

2015 **Gellers, J.C.** “Environmental Constitutionalism in South Asia: Analyzing the Experiences of Nepal and Sri Lanka.” *Transnational Environmental Law*. 4(2): 395-423.

2015 **Gellers, J.C.** “Greening Critical Discourse Analysis: Applications to the Study of

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

2015 **Gellers, J.C.** “Explaining the Emergence of Constitutional Environmental Rights: A

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

97.

\* Cited in UNEP Report (2017)

2014 McLarty, D., Davis, N., **Gellers, J.C.**, Altenbernd, E., and Nasrollahi, N. “Sisters in

Sustainability: Municipal Partnerships for Social, Environmental, and Economic

Growth.” *Sustainability Science*. 9(3): 277-292.

2012 **Gellers, J.C.** “Greening Constitutions with Environmental Rights: Testing the

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

\* Cited in UNDP Report (2014)

**Non-Refereed Articles and Other Works**

2019 **Gellers, J.C.** and Cheatham, T.J. “Sustainable Development Goals and Environmental

Justice: Realization through Disaggregation?” *Wisconsin International Law Journal*.

36(2): 276-297.

2019 Jeffords, C. and **Gellers, J.C.** “Rights-based Approaches to Development in the Asia-

Pacific Region: The Role of Environmental Rights.” Technical background paper. Asia-

Pacific SDG Partnership. Available at: http://sdgasiapacific.net/download/Rights-based-

Approaches-to-Development-in-AP\_Jeffords\_Gellers.pdf.

\* Cited in UN ESCAP Report (2019)

2011 **Gellers, J.C.** “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**

2018 Jeffords, C. and **Gellers, J.C.** “Implementing Substantive Constitutional

Environmental Rights: A Quantitative Assessment of Current Practices Using Benchmark

Rankings.” In J.R. May & E. Daly (Eds.), *Implementing Environmental*

*Constitutionalism: Current Global Challenges*, pp. 34-58, Cambridge: Cambridge

University Press.

2018 **Gellers, J.C.** (as Civis). “No. 2: Other Defects of the Present Confederation.” In D.A.

Carrillo (Ed.), *The Icelandic Federalist Papers*, pp. 7-9, Berkeley: Berkeley Public Policy

Press.

2016 **Gellers, J.C.** “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**

2017 **Gellers, J.C.** “Review of Ben Boer et al., *The Mekong: A Socio-Legal Approach to River*

*Basin Development*, New York: Routledge, 2016.” *Global Environmental Politics*. 17(3):

149-151.

2012 **Gellers, J.C.** “Review of Kerri Woods, *Human Rights and Environmental*

*Sustainability*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2010.” *International Environmental*

*Agreements*. 12(2): 211-214.

2010 **Gellers, J.C.** “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**

*Rights for Robots: Artificial Intelligence, Animal and Environmental Law* (book under

contract with Routledge)

“The Effects of Experiential Learning Exercises on Student Attitudes Towards the Global Poor”

(with Robert Nyenhuis)

“Colombo International Financial City: An Example of Un-sustainability and In-justice?” (with

Lakshman Guruswamy and Sumudu Atapattu; forthcoming *Cambridge Handbook on*

*Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development*)

Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

**Visiting/Non-Residential Positions**

2015- Research Fellow, Earth System Governance Project, Utrecht University, Netherlands

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

2016 Short-Term Research Scholar, Shaanxi Normal University, China

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**

2020 Seed Grant, UNF Environmental Center, $8,000 (with Enrijeta Shino and Heather Truelove)

2019 Outstanding International Leadership Award, UNF International Center, $2,500

2018 Transformational Learning Opportunity Award for Study Abroad Program in Switzerland and France, $23,000 (with Sericea Stallings-Smith and Jeffrey Smith)

2018 Faculty Development Grant, Academic Affairs, $7,500

2018 Transformational Learning Opportunity Award for Study Abroad Program in Switzerland and France, $24,000 (with Emma Apatu and Sericea Stallings-Smith)

2017 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, UNF Faculty Association, $2,500

2017 Pre-Law Lecture Series Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, $1,500

2015 Research Enhancement Award, College of Arts and Sciences, $1,500

Invited Talks

2019 “Rights for Robots.” Lifelong Learning Lecture Series, Cypress Village, Jacksonville,

FL, Feb. 8.

2018 “The Nuts and Bolts of Climate Change Politics and Policy.” Speaker Series Luncheon, League of Women Voters of Jacksonville First Coast, Jacksonville, FL, May 2.

2018 “Sustainable Development Goals and Environmental Justice: Realization through Disaggregation?” Wisconsin International Law Journal Annual Symposium, Sustainable Development Goals and International Law: Intersections of Environmental Law, Human Rights and Environmental Justice. University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI, Apr. 6 (with Trevor J. Cheatham).

2018 “Climate Policy in the United States and the World.” Changing the Climate of Our

Conversation, Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, Jacksonville, FL, Mar. 3.

2018 “Whaling: International Law, Institutions, and Adaptation to Climate Change.” Climate

Change Impacts on Ocean and Coastal Law Seminar, FAMU College of Law, Orlando,

FL, Feb. 19.

2017 “Land Conservation and Climate Change Mitigation.” Explore Northeast Florida’s

Special Places: Natural History, Ecology and Scenic Beauty, Osher Lifelong Learning

Institute, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL, Nov. 17.

2017 “Sustainability in a Thriving Economy: Global Trends.” EPB/UNF Environmental

Symposium, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL, Oct. 4.

2017 “Global Environmental Politics.” BCIS Global Transformations Lecture Series,

Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Jul. 29.

2017 “Environmental Impact Assessment in Sri Lanka: State of Knowledge and New

Directions.” Verité Research, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Jul. 27.

2017 “Academic Expectations and Academic Integrity.” Fulbright Pre-Departure Orientation,

US-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Jul. 27.

2017 “Chinese Investment in the Developing World.” US-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission,

Colombo, Sri Lanka, Jul. 25.

2017 “Tweaks, Nudges, and Disruptions: How Innovation Can Help Solve Environmental

Problems.” Environmental Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series, Colgate University,

Hamilton, NY, Apr. 14.

2017 “Environmental Law: In Search of a Reformation.” Sustainability: Science and Analysis,

Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, Apr. 14.

2017 “A Crisis of Understanding.” Florida Coastal Law Review Symposium, Florida Coastal

School of Law, Jacksonville, FL, Feb. 17.

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.

Conference Activities

**Recent Papers Presented**

2019 “From Rights of Nature to Rights for Robots.” Earth System Governance Mexico Conference, Oaxaca, MX, Nov. 6-8.

2019 “Experiential Learning Exercises’ Effects on Students’ Attitudes Towards the Global Poor.” Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Commons Conference, Savannah, GA, Jan. 24-25 (with Robert Nyenhuis).

2019 “Sustainable Development Goals and Environmental Justice: Realization through Disaggregation?” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, Jan. 17-19 (with Trevor J. Cheatham).

2018 “State Capacity and the Implementation of Environmental Rights.” International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, Apr. 4-7 (with Chris Jeffords).

2017 “Towards Environmental Democracy? Procedural Environmental Rights and Environmental Justice.” Environmental Justice in the Anthropocene Symposium, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, Apr. 24-25 (with Chris Jeffords).

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

the Pursuit of Democratic Legitimacy.” International Conference of the Society for

Human Ecology, Santa Ana, CA, Apr. 12-15.

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.

**Invited Workshops/Conferences Attended**

2018 “Democratic Constitutional Design: The Future of Public Engagement.” University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland, Sep. 27-29.

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**

*Courses*\*

Comparative Politics: Frameworks for Analysis

Human Rights and International Politics†

International Environmental Politics†

International Relations: Frameworks for Analysis

International Relations Theory Graduate Seminar†

Introduction to Comparative Politics§

Introduction to International Relations§

Politics of Developing Countries

Senior Seminar in Political Science‡

\* Overall instructor rating exceeded department average in 27/33 classes taught

† Denotes courses new to UNF

‡ Awarded Affordability Counts medallion for course with low-cost materials

§ Distance learning courses designated “High Quality” under QM standards

*Directed Independent Study Projects*

Energy Policy Analysis

Environmental Justice in South Africa

Multiculturalism in South Korea

Poland’s Energy Transition

Refugees and Mental Health

Sustainable Development Goals

*Thesis Committees*

Danielle Browske, MAIA Graduate Thesis Committee (Chair)

Julia Rivera-Whalen, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee (Member)

Christopher Willis, MAIA Graduate Thesis Committee (Member)

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

*Course*

International Relations

Additional Training

2019 Developing More Culturally Responsive Practices and Organizations, University of

North Florida, Jacksonville, FL, Sep. 11.

2017 Strategic Framing for Ocean and Climate Change Communication, Jacksonville Zoo and

Gardens, Jacksonville, FL, Mar. 18.

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

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

Service to Profession

Member, Task Force on Novel Technologies in the Anthropocene, Earth System Governance

Project, 2019-present

Core Team: Emerging Scholars, Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the

Environment, 2017-present

Assistant Editor, *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, 2014-present

Book Review Editor, *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, 2014-17

International Review Panel, Lund Conference on Earth System Governance, Earth System

Governance Project, 2017

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

2015-17

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

Peer-Reviewed Journal Referee, *Environmental Politics*, *Transnational Environmental Law* (4x),

*Journal of Environmental Management*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *Policy Design*

*and Practice*, *Community Development*, *International Relations*, *Journal of*

*Environmental Policy & Planning*, *The Review of Communication*, *Journal of Cleaner*

*Production*, *Review of Policy Research*, *Environmental Sociology*, *Journal of*

*Environment and Development*, *International Environmental Agreements*, *International*

*Journal of Health Policy and Management*, *Kyklos*, *Policy Sciences*, *Journal of*

*Sustainable Development*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *International Journal of*

*Drug Policy* (2x)

Academic Press Referee, *Taylor & Francis* (2x), *Westview Press*

External Grant Referee, *Fulbright Program*, *Swiss National Science Foundation* (3x)

University Service

**University of North Florida**

*University Committees*

Bylaws/Operating Procedures Review Team, Faculty Association, 2019-present (Chair, 2019-

present)

Advisory Committee, UNF Digital Humanities Institute, 2015-present (Co-Chair, Development

Subcommittee, 2019-present)

Sustainability Committee, UNF Environmental Center, 2014-present (Chair, Education &

Research Subcommittee, 2019-present)

Faculty Development Grant Reviewer, Academic Affairs, 2019

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

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

*College Committees*

Curriculum Committee, 2016-present

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award Committee, 2017

*Departmental Committees*

Political Science Committee, 2014-present (Chair, 2018-present)

American Politics Search Committee, 2019-present

International Relations and Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2018-19

Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2018

Guidelines Revision Committee, 2015-16

Pre-Law Search Committee, 2015-16

*Presentations*

Guest Lecturer, “Robots, Rights, and Pop Culture,” Media and Pop Culture Undergraduate

Course, 2019

Guest Speaker, “Sustainable Development Goals: Origins, Impacts, and Prospects for a Greener

Future,” Science Café, UNF Library, 2019

Panelist, Digital Humanities and International Studies 2, Inaugural Conference of the Florida

Digital Humanities Consortium (FLDH), 2019

Guest Lecturer, “Introduction to Environmental Rights,” Introduction to Environmental Studies

Undergraduate Course, 2019

Panelist, Popcorn and Politics: The Environment and the 2018 Elections, UNF Library, 2018

Panelist, Civil Discourse Project: Should We Ban the First Amendment's Assault Weapon ...

Hate Speech?, OneJax, 2018

Panelist, Popcorn and Politics: Libraries and Fake News, UNF Library, 2017, 2018

Panelist, Intersections between International Studies and Digital Humanities, International

Studies/Digital Humanities Symposium, 2018

Panelist, Guns in America, UNF College Democrats, 2017

Guest Speaker, UNF Fulbright Lunch, 2017

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

Guest Lecturer, “Introduction to Environmental Law,” 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 and Technology: Prospects for Improving Global

Governance,” 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, “Sri Lanka: An Introduction,” UNF Model UN Team, 2016

Guest Lecturer, “Nepal: A Brief History,” UNF Model UN Team, 2015

Guest Lecturer, “Climate Refugees: Uncertainty and Insecurity,” International Studies Senior

Seminar Lecture Series, 2015

*Student Organizations*

Faculty Advisory Board, Generation Vote UNF, 2019-present

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

Faculty Sponsor, UNF College Democrats, 2016-present

Community Service

Member, Sustainability Committee, North Florida Green Chamber of Commerce, 2018-present

Great Decisions Leader, World Affairs Council of Jacksonville, 2015-present

Organizer, Science on Tap—Jacksonville, 2017-19

Presenter, “The Global Emergence of Constitutional Environmental Rights,” Author Talk, Jax Makerspace at the Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, FL, 2019

Panelist, “What are Human Rights?” TEDxFSCJ Salon, FSCJ-South Campus, Jacksonville, FL,

2019

Presenter, “Two Years Under President Trump: A Status Update on the United States,”

Southeast Regional Library, Jacksonville, FL, 2019

Panelist, “Climate and People: How Will Our Communities Survive?”, Museum of

Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, FL, 2018

Panelist, “Climate Change Conversation,” International Visitor Leadership Program, GlobalJax,

Jacksonville, FL, 2018

Presenter, “Media and Foreign Policy,” Southeast Regional Library, Jacksonville, FL, 2018

Panelist, “Lenten Environmental Series: Stewards of the Earth,” Church of the Good Shepherd,

Jacksonville, FL, 2018

Volunteer, Career Fair, Mill Creek Elementary School, St. Augustine, FL, 2017

Panelist, “Popcorn and Politics: Fake News,” Pablo Creek Regional Library, Jacksonville, FL,

2017

Presenter, “Fake or Fact? How to Tell What News is Fake,” Community Forum, Jacksonville

Public Library, Jacksonville, FL, 2017

Keynote Speakers Coordinator, Planning Team, March for Science – Jacksonville, Museum of

Science & History, Jacksonville, FL, 2017

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

North Florida, Jacksonville, FL, 2016, 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

International Studies Association (Environmental Studies Section), 2008-present

USGBC Florida (LEED Green Associate), 2014-present