

# MARY E. WITLACIL

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## EDUCATION

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### Colorado State University

Ph.D. Candidate (ABD), Political Science

Advisor: Bradley Macdonald

Fort Collins, CO

Expected: May 2023

### Northern Arizona University

M.A., Politics and International Affairs

Thesis: *The Devil's Advocate: The Paradox of Reserved Rights for Indian Nations*

Advisor: Sean Parson

Flagstaff, AZ

May 2017

### University of Colorado, Denver

B.A., Dual Major: Political Science and French

Denver, CO

December 2009

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Graduate Teaching Instructor

Department of Political Science

Colorado State University

Fall 2022–Present

### Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science

Colorado State University

Fall 2017–Spring 2022

### Graduate Assistant

Politics and International Affairs

Northern Arizona University

Fall 2015–Spring 2017

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Articles

Mary Witlacil. "The Critical Pessimism of Theodor Adorno," *New Political Science* 44, no. 2 (2022): 248-264

Frederic I. Solop, Haley N. Anderson, Christina Barsky, Emily Schnurr, **Mary Witlacil**. 2022. "Introducing Client-Focused Research (CFR) Projects into the Research Methods Curriculum: Key Considerations for Political Science Instructors," *Journal of Political Science Education* 18, no. 3 (2022): 284-300.

### Encyclopedia Entries

*Forthcoming*: Mary Witlacil. "Reification." *Encyclopedia of Critical Political Science*, Editor: Clyde W. Barrow.

### Book Reviews

Mary Witlacil, “*The Politics of Rights of Nature: Strategies for Building a More Sustainable Future*, by Craig M. Kauffman, and Pamela L. Martin (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2021),” *Global Environmental Politics* 22, no. 2 (2022): 201-203.

## Manuscripts in Preparation

Mary Witlacil, “Hope, and the Case for Critical Pessimism”

Mary Witlacil, “Decolonizing Environmental Political Theory Pedagogy,” for a book with Palgrave MacMillan

Mary Witlacil, “Climate Pessimism,” for a symposium in *Environmental Politics*

## AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS

SoGES Sustainability Leadership Fellow, Colorado State University	2022-2023
Summer Research Fellowship, School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University	2022
Best GTA, Department of Political Science, Colorado State University	2021-2022
Graduate Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Colorado State University	2020
Fulbright Fellowship Alternate (New Zealand)	2020
WPSA: Nominated for Best Paper in Environmental Political Theory	2018
Dean’s List: University of Colorado, Denver	2009
Gilman Scholarship for International Studies	2007

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>Colorado State University</b>	Department of Political Science
<b><i>Instructor of Record</i></b>	
Current World Problems	Fall 2022
History of Political Thought	Summer 2020, Summer 2021
<b><i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i></b>	Department of Political Science
Contemporary Political Theory	Spring 2022
Comparative Politics	Fall 2017, Fall 2020, Spring 2021
International Relations	Spring 2019, Spring 2020
State and Local Politics	Fall 2019
Current World Problems	Spring 2018, Fall 2018
<b>Northern Arizona University</b>	Politics and International Affairs
<b><i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i></b>	
Social Movements Capstone	Spring 2017
Research Methods	Fall 2016
State and Local Politics	Fall 2016
Contemporary Revolutions	Spring 2016
Global Village	Fall 2015

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<b>Colorado State University</b>	Fort Collins, CO
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<i>Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Dr. Macdonald</i>	Summer 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frankfurt School, democracy, and authoritarianism post-2015</li> </ul>	
<i>Graduate Research Assistant, Strayer Center for Public Service Leadership, Sam Houghtelling</i>	Fall 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundations and funding opportunities; communications strategies; and development of operations manual.</li> </ul>	
<i>Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Dr. Macdonald</i>	Summer 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frankfurt School, fascism, and antifascism.</li> </ul>	
<b>Northern Arizona University</b>	Flagstaff, AZ
<i>Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Dr. Solop</i>	Spring 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counterfactual rhetoric &amp; the 2016 Presidential Election</li> </ul>	
<i>Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Dr. Lenze</i>	Fall 2015-Spring 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Syrian Civil War &amp; conflicts in the Middle East</li> </ul>	

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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### Presentations

“The Case for Pessimistic Hope”	2022
American Political Science Association	Montreal, Canada
“Critical Hope in the Anthropocene”	2022
Western Political Science Association	Portland, OR
“Pessimism and the Frankfurt School, Toward a Theory of Radical Ecopessimism”	September 2021
American Political Science Association	Online
“Resistance without Certainty, Nietzschean Pessimism in the Anthropocene”	2021
Western Political Science Association	Online
“Decolonizing Place: Recognition and Environmental Personhood”	2019
Western Political Science Association	San Diego, CA
“Ecopessimism, & Climate Change: ...green consumerism...ecological disaster”	2018
Western Political Science Association	San Francisco, CA
“The Navajo Nation, Water Scarcity, and the Paradox of Climate Justice in the Southwest”	2017
Western Political Science Association	Vancouver, Canada
“The Devil’s Advocate: Water Scarcity and the Navajo Nation”	2017
CSU Environmental Justice Symposium	Fort Collins, CO
“Climate Change, Water Policy, and the Navajo Nation”	2016
Society for Human Ecology	Santa Ana, CA

### Roundtables

Rethinking Environmental Political Theory Pedagogy in a Time of Crisis	2022
“Decolonizing the EPT Canon”	Montreal, Canada

### **Panels Organized**

“The Utopian Turn and the Détournement of the Real” American Political Science Association	2022 Montreal, Canada
“Adorno, Benjamin, and Querying the Unreason in Contemporary Politics” American Political Science Association	2021 Online
“Nietzschean Subjectivities and Subjecting Nietzsche to Ecology” Western Political Science Association	2021 Online

### **Panels Chaired**

“Contestation or Obstruction? Resistance, Democracy, and Green Oligarchy” American Political Science Association	2022 Montreal, Canada
“Environmental Publics” Western Political Science Association	2022 Portland, OR
“Shop ‘til You Drop: Green Capitalism, Climate Managerialism, and Extinction” American Political Science Association	2020 Online
“Decolonizing Knowledge” Western Political Science Association	2016 San Diego, CA

### **INVITED LECTURES**

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CSU, Contemporary Political Theory: “Anarchism”	Spring 2022
CSU, Contemporary Political Theory: “Critical Theory”	Spring 2022
CSU, Contemporary Political Theory: “Feminism”	Spring 2022
CSU, Contemporary Political Theory: “Environmental Political Theory”	Spring 2022
Colorado College, Global Environmental Policy: “Environmental Justice”	Spring 2020
CSU, International Relations: “Theories of IR – Feminism”	Spring 2020
CSU, CSU, International Relations: “Theories of IR – Postcolonialism”	Spring 2020
CSU, State and Local Politics: “Gerrymandering: The Case of San Juan County, UT”	Fall 2019
CSU, Global World Problems: “Climate Change”	Fall 2018
NAU, Social Movements Capstone: “Social Movement Repression”	Spring 2017
NAU, Comparative Revolutions: “The Cuban Revolution”	Spring 2016
NAU, Global Village: “Climate Change”	Fall 2015

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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Executive Council Environmental Politics and Theory Related Group, APSA	2021-Present
Committee: Critical Political Science, Charles A McCoy Career Achievement Award, APSA	2022
Committee: Best Paper in Environmental Political Theory, WPSA	2021
Peer Reviewer, Colorado State Political Science Journal, CSU	2018
Organized Speaking Event: George Ciccarello-Maher	2017
Co-President for Graduate Association for Political Science, NAU	2017-2018
Hiring Committee, Politics and International Affairs, NAU	2016

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Political Science Association, Member	2020-Present
Environmental Politics and Theory, Program Co-Chair	2020-Present
Critical Political Science, Member	2020-Present
Foundations in Political Theory	2020-Present
Marxist Reading Group, Member	2020-Present
Feminist Ecological Research Network, Member	2019-Present
Theory and Politics Group, Member	2017-Present
Environmental Political Theory Working Group, Member	2016-Present
Western Political Science Association, Member	2016-Present
Graduate Association of Political Science, Northern Arizona University	2015-2017

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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Cornell School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University	2022
“Marxism and the Problem with History” with Dr. Amy Allen	
The Institute for Teaching and Learning, Colorado State University	2019-Present
Graduate Teaching Certificate	

## LANGUAGE ABILITIES

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Native: English  
Advanced Proficiency: French (reading, writing, speaking)  
Novice: Spanish

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Outdoor Gear Lab</b>	Online; South Lake Tahoe, CA
Review Editor	2020-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Writes, edits, and maintains reviews for seven categories of outdoor gear.</li></ul>	
<b>Colorado Outward Bound School</b>	Leadville, CO
<i>Assistant Instructor</i>	2012-2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Managed risk, taught backcountry survival and climbing skills</li></ul>	
<b>English Teaching Assistant in France</b>	Yssingeaux, France
<i>High School Teaching Assistant</i>	2011-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Co-facilitated English learning at a French High School and Middle School</li></ul>	

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request