

# MARY E. WITLACIL

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## EDUCATION

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### Colorado State University

Fort Collins, CO

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Expected: May 2023

Subfields: Political Theory, International Relations, Environmental Politics and Policy

Advisor: Bradley Macdonald

### Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, AZ

M.A., Politics and International Affairs

May 2017

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

Advisor: Sean Parson

### University of Colorado, Denver

Denver, CO

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

December 2009

## 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 Review

Mary Witlacil "CRITICAL HOPE TITLE," *Contemporary Political Theory*?

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Colorado State University

Department of Political Science

### ***Instructor of Record***

Current World Problems Fall 2022  
History of Political Thought Summer 2020, Summer 2021

### ***Graduate Teaching Assistant***

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

### **Northern Arizona University**

#### ***Graduate Teaching Assistant***

Politics and International Affairs  
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**

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### **Colorado State University**

Fort Collins, CO  
*Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Dr. Macdonald* Summer 2022

- Researched the intersection between democracy and authoritarianism post-2015

*Graduate Research Assistant, Strayer Center for Public Service Leadership, Sam Houghtelling* Fall 2021

- Researched foundations and funding opportunities; communications strategies; and began development of operations manual.

*Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Dr. Macdonald* Summer 2019

- Researched the intersection between the Frankfurt School, fascism, and antifascism.

### **Northern Arizona University**

Flagstaff, AZ  
*Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Dr. Solop* Spring 2017

- Researched counterfactual rhetoric & the 2016 Presidential Election

*Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Dr. Lenze* Fall 2015-Spring 2016

- Researched Syrian Civil War & conflicts in the Middle East

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

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### **Refereed Papers**

“Critical Hope in the Absence of Progress” *Expected 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 *Expected 2022*  
“Decolonizing the EPT Canon” Montreal, Canada

### **Panels Organized**

“The Utopian Turn and the Détournement of the Real” *Expected 2022*  
American Political Science Association Montreal, Canada

“Adorno, Benjamin, and Querying the Unreason in Contemporary Politics” 2021  
American Political Science Association Online

“Nietzschean Subjectivities and Subjecting Nietzsche to Ecology” 2021  
Western Political Science Association Online

### **Panels Chaired**

“Contestation or Obstruction? Resistance, Democracy, and Green Oligarchy” *Expected 2022*  
American Political Science Association Montreal, Canada

“Environmental Publics” 2022  
Western Political Science Association Portland, OR

“Shop ‘til You Drop: Green Capitalism, Climate Managerialism, and Extinction” 2020  
American Political Science Association Online

“Decolonizing Knowledge” 2016  
Western Political Science Association 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

## **HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS**

SoGES Sustainability Leadership Fellow, Colorado State University	2022-2023
Summer Research Fellowship, School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University	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

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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**

American Political Science Association, Member	2020-Present
Environmental Politics and Theory, Program Co-Chair	2020-Present
New Political Science, Member	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**

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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### **Outdoor Gear Lab**

Online; South Lake Tahoe, CA

Review Editor

2020-Present

- Writes, edits, and maintains reviews for seven categories of outdoor gear.

### **Colorado Outward Bound School**

Leadville, CO

*Assistant Instructor*

2012-2013

- Managed risk, taught backcountry survival and climbing skills

### **English Teaching Assistant in France**

Yssingeaux, France

*High School Teaching Assistant*

2011-2012

- Co-facilitated English learning at a French High School and Middle School

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request