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EDUCATION

- (2025) **Ph.D. in Sustainability, Arizona State University, School of Sustainability**
Concentration: Complex Adaptive Systems Science
Dissertation: *Designing Climate-Ready Institutions for Public Infrastructure Investment*
Committee: John M. Anderies (Chair), Margaret Garcia, Elizabeth Koebele
- (2020) **B.S. in Environmental Engineering, University of Notre Dame**
B.A. in Political Science, University of Notre Dame

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- (2025-) **Postdoctoral Research Associate, High Meadows Environmental Institute, Princeton University.** Mentors: Simon Levin and Elke Weber
- (2022-2025) **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, Arizona State University**
- (2021-2022) **Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Sustainability, Arizona State University**
- (2020-2021) **Graduate Research Assistant, Arizona State University**
Urban Water Transitions. PI: Margaret Garcia and John M. Anderies
Colorado River Visualization Enterprise. PI: Kathryn Sorensen
- (2018-2020) **Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Notre Dame**
Refugee Migration and Distribution of Water Stress. PI: Marc F. Müller
- (2019) **Water Engineering Manager, Fundación Ingenieros en Acción (Quito, Ecuador)**
- (2018) **U.S. Municipal Water Industry Analyst, Bluefield Research (Boston, MA)**
- (2017) **Policy Research Analyst, North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (Raleigh, NC)**

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

6. **Wiechman, A.**, Koebele, E., Garcia, M., Anderies, J.M. (2026). The Inclusion Trade-off: Comparing the Design and Functionality of Collaborative Governance Forums. *Policy Studies Journal*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.70099>
5. Deslatte, A., Koebele, E. A., & **Wiechman, A.** (2025). Embracing the ambiguity: Tracing climate response diversity in urban water management. *Public Administration*, 103(1), 250–272.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/padm.13017>
4. **Wiechman, A.**, Alonso Vicario, S., Anderies, J. M., Garcia, M., Azizi, K., & Hornberger, G. (2024). Institutional Dynamics Impact the Response of Urban Socio-Hydrologic Systems to Supply Challenges. *Water Resources Research* 60(2), e2023WR035565.
<https://doi.org/10.1029/2023WR035565>
3. Deslatte, A., Koebele, E., Bartels, L., **Wiechman, A.**, Alonso Vicario, S., Coughlin, C, Rybolt, D. (2023) Institutions, Voids, and Dependencies: Tracing the Designs and Robustness of Urban Water Systems. *International Review of Public Policy* 5:2.

2. **Wiechman, A.**, Alonso-Vicario, S., Koebele, E. (2023) The Role of Intermediate Collaborative Forums in Polycentric Environmental Governance. *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory* 34(2), 196-210. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jopart/muad017>
1. Bertassello, L., Muller, M.F., **Wiechman, A.**, Penny, G., Tuninetti, M., Muller-Itten, M. (2023) Food demand displaced by global refugee migration influences water use in already water stressed countries. *Nature Communications* 14, 2706. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-023-38117-0>

Under Review

- Wiechman, A.**, Anderies, J.M., Garcia, M. Politics, Inequality, & Robustness of Shared Infrastructure Systems in the Anthropocene
- Wiechman, A.**, Deslatte, A., Koebele, E., Garcia, M., Anderies, J.M. Organizational Choice and System Robustness: A Mixed-Method Investigation of the Institutional Architecture Managing Complex Systems.
- Alonso Vicario, S., Hornberger, G.M., **Wiechman, A.**, Mazzoleni, M., Garcia, M. Urban Water System Vulnerability under Climate Change, Demand Growth, and Institutional Friction

In Progress

- Wiechman, A.**, Deslatte, A., Bizyaeva, A., Levin, S., Sustainable Infrastructure Transitions in Polycentric Governance Systems Facing Uncertainty: A General Modeling Approach.
- Kumar, A., Perri, S., **Wiechman, A.**, Zajdela, E., Levin, S. Navigating Path Dependence in Institutional Design.
- Garcia, M., Deslatte, A., Koebele, E.A., Hornberger, G.M., **Wiechman, A.**, Anderies, J.M., Barnes, J., Alonso Vicario S., Azizi, K., Design for Dynamic Fitness: Archetypes of urban water systems.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- (2025) Outstanding Graduating Student & Convocation Speaker, College of Global Futures, ASU
- (2024) Beijer Young Scholar, Beijer Institute of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
- (2024) Conference Fee Waiver, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- (2022) Second Place, Central Arizona Project (CAP) Award for Water Research
- (2020) Guillermo O'Donnell Prize, Best Senior Thesis in Comparative Politics
Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame
- (2020) Reverend Thomas A. Steiner Award, Top Senior Student
College of Engineering, University of Notre Dame
- (2019) Dr. Raymond C. Gutschick Award, Most Promise in Research
Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering & Earth Sciences, Notre Dame
- (2019) John J. Reilly Prize, Recognized Rising 5th Year Scholar
John J. Reilly Dual-Degree Program, University of Notre Dame

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

(2020-2025) National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)	\$159,000
(2024) Culminating Experience Grant, ASU School of Sustainability	\$2,000
(2024) Individual Travel Grant, Graduate Professional Student Association, ASU	\$950
(2024) Graduate College Travel Award, ASU	\$300
(2024) University Graduate Fellowship (UGF), ASU School of Sustainability	\$265
(2023) University Graduate Fellowship (UGF), ASU School of Sustainability	\$1,200
(2022) Individual Travel Grant, Graduate Professional Student Association, ASU	\$950
(2022) Graduate College Travel Award, ASU	\$100
(2021) Individual Travel Grant, Graduate Professional Student Association, ASU	\$950

(2021) Career Development Grant, Graduate Professional Student Association, ASU	\$125
(2021) Graduate Research Grant, Earth System Science for the Anthropocene (ESSA), ASU	\$10,000
(2019) Conference Presentation Grant, University of Notre Dame	\$700
(2018) Downes Summer Internship Program in Public Service Grant, University of Notre Dame	\$2,500
(2017) DeSalvo Family Undergraduate Internship Fund Grant, University of Notre Dame	\$3,500

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Presentations

- (Dec 2025) **American Geophysical Union.** Modeling Adaptive Polycentric Infrastructure Governance Under Financial, Social, and Climate Uncertainty.
- (Oct 2025) **National Sustainability Society.** Uncertainty and Sustainable Infrastructure Governance.
- (Dec 2024) **American Geophysical Union.** Can the Politics of Infrastructure Investment Adapt to Environmental Change? A General Dynamical Systems Approach.
- (Sept 2024) **National Sustainability Society.** Institutions and the Robustness of Urban Water Systems.
- (June 2024) **Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop.** The Inclusion-Consensus Trade-off for Collaborative Forums in Polycentric Environmental Governance: A Comparison of Arizona Water User Associations.
Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop. Connecting Institutional Design to Infrastructure System Robustness: A Mixed Methods Story of Collective Inference.
- (April 2024) **Midwest Political Science Association.** A General Model of the Political Dynamics and Institutional Trade-offs in Large Public Infrastructure Systems.
- (Mar 2023) **International Association for the Study of the Commons Spring Workshop.** Institutional Information Processing, Feedback Control, and Dynamic Modeling.
- (Jan 2023) **Conference on Policy Process Research.** Capturing the Policy Process in Dynamic Models of Coupled Infrastructure Systems: An Urban Water Example.
- (Sept 2022) **Arizona Hydrological Symposium.** Using Soft Infrastructure to Manage Uncertainty: Collaboration in Phoenix Surface Water Governance.
- (June 2022) **Institutional Grammar Research Institute.** Institutional Grammar & Dynamic Coupled Infrastructure System (CIS) Modeling: An Urban Water Example.
- (May 2022) **Public Management Research Conference.** Using Soft Infrastructure to Manage Uncertainty: Collaboration in Phoenix Surface Water Governance.
- (Sept 2021) **Arizona Hydrological Symposium.** Incorporating Institutional Dynamics in Models of Urban Water Coupled Infrastructure Systems.
- (Sept 2021) **Sociohydrology Conference.** Modeling Urban Water Coupled Infrastructure Systems.
- (May 2021) **International Association for the Study of the Commons.** Modeling Urban Water Coupled Infrastructure Systems.
- (Feb 2020) **Human Development Conference.** The Case for a Third Party: Modeling the Effect of Mediation on Collaborative Water Governance in Rural Ecuador.

Organized Sessions

- (Dec 2025) **American Geophysical Union.** Advances in Modeling and Governing Interacting Shocks in the Anthropocene.
- (Dec 2025) **American Geophysical Union.** Multisector Dynamics: Preparing the Next Generation of Researchers to Meet Transdisciplinary Environmental Challenges
- (Sept 2025) **Santa Fe Institute Postdocs in Complexity Conference.** Robust Institutional Design in Expert-Decision Maker Systems Under Uncertainty.
- (April 2021) **Center for Behavior, Institutions, and the Environment Colloquium Series.** A Discussion on the Role of Institutional Scientists in Research & Beyond.

Posters

- (Dec 2021) **American Geophysical Union.** Crossing the “Policy Process Gap” & Modeling Urban Water Coupled Infrastructure Systems.
- (Dec 2019) **American Geophysical Union.** Implications of the Syrian Civil War and Refugee Crisis on Virtual Water.

INVITED TALKS

- (Nov 2025) **Aspen Global Change Institute.** The Institutional Dynamics that Shape Climate-Adaptive Infrastructure Investment. Workshop on Human Behavior in Global Change Models.
- (June 2021) **Gonzaga Debate Institute.** Protecting Water Resources in the United States. Gonzaga University (Virtual, Spokane, WA)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Systems Thinking, SOS 220 (Summer 2024), Instructor
Sustainable World, SOS 110 (Spring 2022), Co-Instructor

Guest Lectures

Understanding Political Systems with Computational Modeling. (March 2024) Systems Thinking

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Applied Mathematics for the Social Sciences, SOS 101 (Fall 2021)
Lectured: Exponential Growth Models, Logistic Growth Models, Predator-Prey Models
Developed and administered final project, “Arizona Groundwater & Model-Informed Policy”
Calculus and Probability, SOS 211 (Fall 2021)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Journal Reviewer

Policy Studies Journal, Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory, Public Management Review, Policy & Politics, Environmental Policy and Governance, International Review of Administrative Sciences, Journal of Hydrology, iScience

Leadership

- (2025-) Early Career Working Group, Multi-Sector Dynamics Research Community
(2024) Conference Volunteer, National Sustainability Society
(2023-2024) Graduate Student Writing Group Coordinator, Conference on Policy Process Research

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY

Advising and Mentoring

Distinguished Advisor (2020-2024), NSF GRFP, Office of Distinguished Graduate Fellowships, ASU
Emmalyn Meyer (2024-2025), Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member, Barrett Honors College, ASU
Aurora Cossairt (2023-2025), Research and Graduate Program Mentor, School of Sustainability, ASU

Leadership

Graduate Student Representative (2024), School of Sustainability, ASU
Graduate Student Writing Group Coordinator (2023-2024), School of Sustainability, ASU
Assembly Member At-Large (2021-2022), Graduate Professional Student Association, ASU

Committees: Wellness, Graduate Student Advocacy, Graduate College Student Representative (2018), Energy & Emissions Working Group, Notre Dame

ADDITIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

(2025) Postdocs in Complexity Conference, Santa Fe Institute (SFI)
(2024) Clean Energy and Equitable Transportation Solutions (NSF-UKRI Global Center) Fall School
(2023) Joint Modeling Spring School Arizona State University and Math+ Cluster Berlin
(2022) Graduate Student Workshop, Institutional Grammar Research Institute (IGRI)
(2021) Participatory Modeling Field School, Michigan State University
(2021) International Winter School: Agent-Based Modeling of Social-Ecological Systems, CoMSES Net

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Research Affiliations

(2025-) Behavioral Science for Policy Lab, Princeton
(2025-) Levin Lab, High Meadows Environmental Institute, Princeton
(2024-) Beijer Young Scholars (BYS) Program, Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics, Stockholm, Sweden
(2020-2025) Graduate Affiliate, Center for Behavior, Institutions, and the Environment (CBIE), ASU
(2022-2025) Student Affiliate, Koebele Group, Department of Political Science, University of Nevada, Reno

Association Memberships

Public Management Research Association
American Political Science Association – Section: Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy
Midwest Political Science Association
Conference on Policy Process Research
National Sustainability Society
American Geophysical Union - Sections: Hydrology, Global Environmental Change, Science & Society
International Association for the Study of the Commons

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Software

Julia, R, Python, NetLogo, XPP-Aut, NVIVO, MatLab, GIS, AnyLogic, Microsoft Office

Languages

Spanish (reading & writing proficient, intermediate conversational)