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## EDUCATION

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*Bren School of the Environment and Political Science, U.C. Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara, CA*, Sept. 2017 - Present  
Dissertation Committee: Sarah Anderson (Chair), Matto Mildenerberger, Peter Alagona, Eric Smith

Studying the drivers of conflict over public land and natural resource management in the American West. Specifically investigating the influence of identity, ideology, and public policy on public opinion and environmental outcomes.

Dissertation: "This Land was 'Our land': Land Management, Governance Nostalgia, and Constitutional Sheriffs in the American West"

Academic track

Fields: American Politics (with distinction), Environmental Politics

*Oregon State University Honors College; Corvallis, OR* 2014

H.B.S Environmental Economics, Policy & Management; H.B.S Biology; Minor Chemistry  
3.83 GPA, Undergraduate Research Fellow, Magna Cum Laude, Honors Baccalaureate Degrees

Honors College Thesis

March 2014 "Investigating Relationships between Outdoor Recreation Activities, Environmental Worldviews, and Place of Residence"

Committee: Edward Weber (Chair), Brent Steel, Lori Cramer

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Instructor of Record and Teaching Assistant** *University of California – Santa Barbara* Sept 2018 - Present

14 Quarters of Teaching experience. Instructor: Energy Politics and Policy (PS 176/ES 176)

TA: Introduction to Environmental Studies (ES1) (3X), Introduction to the Social and Cultural Environment (ES 3), Intro to American Politics (PS 12), Intro to Political Science Research and Methods (PS 15), Public Policy Analysis (PS170), Business and the Environment (ESM 210), and Environmental Politics and Policy (ESM 241, Masters Student Course) (5X). Redesigned course readings and problem sets for ESM 241.

**English Teaching Fellow** *Volunteers Colombia, Piedecuesta, Colombia* Jan - June 2017

Designed and taught English lessons to Colombian educators and students.

Mastered Spanish grammar and professional Spanish communication.

**Specialist in Training Program Leader** *YMCA of the Rockies, Fraser, Col.* May – Sept. 2014

Led leadership-training program for 16 and 17-year-olds. Taught backcountry camping skills through experiential learning, designed botany, biology, ecology, mycology and geology lessons.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed Papers

### Papers Delivered at Professional Conferences

**Finn, Elliott. 2023.** "This land was 'our' land: Governance nostalgia and constitutional sheriffs use." Presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA (August 31- September 3).

**Finn, Elliott. 2023.** "This land was 'our' land: Governance nostalgia and constitutional sheriffs use." Presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April 13-16).

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**Finn, Elliott. 2023.** “This land was ‘our’ land: Governance nostalgia and constitutional sheriffs use.”  
Presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco  
CA (April 6-9).

**Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting**

Presenter (2016, 2021, 2022, 2023) Discussant (2022, 2023)

**Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting**

Presenter (2016, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023) Discussant (2022, 2023)

**American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**

Presenter (2023) Discussant (2023)

**Conference Proceedings, Reports, and Other**

**Finn, Elliott** and Ed Weber. 2014. “Investigating the Connections Between Environmental Values,  
Outdoor Recreation Activities, and Place of Residence.” *The Catalyst* 4: 30-31.

**GRANTS**

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Multidisciplinary Research on the Corona Virus and its Impacts Grant (\$2000)	2020
Bren Summer Research Fellowship (\$4190)	2020
Dubach Endowed Funding (\$8000)	2014
Undergraduate Research, Innovation, Scholarship and Creativity Grant (\$2,000)	2013
ER Jackman Internship Assistantship Grant (\$650)	2011

**PRESENTATIONS/SEMINARS**

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***Invited***

**Policy and Power: Climate Legislation Discussion, 70 attendees, UC Santa Barbara** 2021  
Organized and participated on panel discussion on potential climate change legislation in the 117<sup>th</sup>  
Congress. Collated materials, campus experts and moderated discussion.

**Bren Research Symposium, 40 attendees, UC Santa Barbara** 2019, 2020  
“Partisan and place-based identity interact to amplify environmental opinions”—Presented research  
findings

**Multidisciplinary Research on the Corona Virus Impacts Symposium, UC Santa Barbara** 2020  
“MRCI Policy Group” – Discussed summer research projects focused on Corona Virus policy  
responses

**Environmental Studies 190 Guest Presentation, 150 attendees, UC Santa Barbara** 2019, 2020, 2021  
“Is graduate school for you?” - Discussed different pathways to graduate or professional school.

**Bren Ph.D. Panel Discussion, 50 attendees, U.C. Santa Barbara** 2020  
“What does a Bren School Ph.D. look like?”

**College of Science Scholarship Keynote Speech, 350 attendees, Oregon State University** 2013

**Powershift 2011, Personal Narrative Workshop, 600 attendees, Washington D.C.** 2010

***Given***

**Bren Research Symposium Co-Emcee, 50 people in attendees, UC Santa Barbara** 2018

**Honors College Thesis Defense, 50 attendees, Oregon State University** 2014

***Hosted***

Organized 2-day visit: travel, presentation and student/faculty meetings for **Dr. Tyler Scott**,  
Associate Professor, University of California-Davis 2020

Organized 2-day visit: travel, presentation and student/faculty meetings for **Dr. David Konisky**,  
Associate Professor, Indiana University 2019

“The US Energy Transition and the Ability of Vulnerable Communities to Adapt” and

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“Are All Electrons the Same? Evaluating support for local transmission lines through an experiment”

Organized Visit and Presentation by **Dr. Mary Collins**, Assistant Professor, SUNY-ESF and Dr. Simone Pulver, Associate Professor, University of California-Santa Barbara

"Disproportionality in Facility-Level Toxic Releases in the US Manufacturing Sector" 2018

### **Lectures**

**Environmental Policy and Politics, Framing Lecture** 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023  
78-86 students in attendance

**Intro to American Politics, Congress Lecture** 2019  
70 students in attendance

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Associate Editor:** *Journal of Environment and Development*

**Manuscript Referee:** *Climatic Change*

**Conference Discussant:**

2021-2023 Western Political Science Association, 2021-2023 Midwestern Political Science Association

#### **University of California at Santa Barbara**

**Honors College Thesis Advisor 2021-2022, Taylor Roe** “Sea Level Rise Adaptation Pathways Preferences Amongst University of California, Santa Barbara Stakeholders”

**Bren Graduate Development Committee,** March 2019 – Present

Help organize program PhD. retreat, bi-annual barbeques, social hours with other departments, specifically in charge of cooking for all events.

**Bren Ph.D. Coffee Hour Co-Host Santa Barbara, CA** Sept. 2017 – June 2018

Organize weekly coffee hour with snacks for department.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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Udall Scholar 2011, Undergraduate Research Fellow 2014, Presidential Scholarship (2009 – 2013), Honors Societies: Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board Service Society (2009 – 2013), Deans List College of Agriculture and Science (2009 – 2014) Spring Creek Project Great Works Writing Contest Winner (2012) Student Keynote at College of Science Scholarship Award Ceremony (2012), Waldo Cummings Outstanding Leader, Honorable Mention (2010, 2011)

### **RELEVANT LIFE/WORK EXPERIENCE**

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Helped distribute \$1.2 million budget for the *Student Sustainability Initiative*; ran Environmental Affairs Taskforce, interned in Senator Merkeley’s Washington D.C. office, studied in Chile for 5 months, and lived in tents for over 4 years of my life. Fluent in Spanish and grew up raising hogs.