

ELLIOTT C. FINN

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EDUCATION

Bren School of the Environment and Political Science, U.C. Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara, CA, Sept. 2017 - Present
Fields: *American Politics (with distinction), Environmental Politics*

Dissertation: "This Land was 'Our land': Policy Feedback, Governance Nostalgia and Anti-Establishment Beliefs and Behaviors"

Dissertation Committee: Sarah Anderson (Chair), Matto Mildenberger, Peter Alagona, Eric Smith

My research addresses the institutional roots of anti-establishment beliefs and behaviors by clarifying how interest groups and historical policy change shape particular identity groups and communities. This research identifies broad institutional drivers and solutions to group conflict and environmental problems using specific cases of public lands management in the American West.

Certificate in College and University Teaching 2023

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

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Papers:

Academic Publications:

Finn, Elliott. 2023. Montana: the Magazine of Western History Review: *George Melendez Wright: The Fight for Wildlife and Wilderness in the National Parks*. By Jerry Emory. (Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press, 2023. Pp. 254. ISBN 9780226824949.) (Forthcoming)

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.

Papers Delivered at Professional Conferences

Finn, Elliott. 2023. "This land was 'our' land: Governance nostalgia and the policy roots of anti-establishment beliefs." 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 the Far-Right" Presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April 13-16).

Finn, Elliott. 2023. "Autonomy nostalgia and constitutional sheriffs" 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)

RESEARCH GRANTS

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Bren Summer Research Fellowship (\$2000)	2023
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

Invited or Organized

Bren Research Symposium , 20-40 attendees, <i>UC Santa Barbara</i>	2020, 2021, 2022
Policy and Power: Climate Legislation Discussion , 70 attendees, <i>UC Santa Barbara</i>	2021
Organized and participated on panel discussion on potential climate change legislation in the 117 th Congress. Collated materials, campus experts and moderated discussion.	
MCRI Symposium , 100 people <i>UC Santa Barbara</i>	2020
“Multidisciplinary Research on Corona Virus Impacts” – Presented summer research project results.	
Environmental Studies 190 Guest Presentation , 150 attendees, <i>UC Santa Barbara</i>	2019, 2020, 2021
“Is graduate school for you?” - Discussed different pathways to graduate or professional school.	
Bren Ph.D. Panel Discussion , 50 attendees, <i>U.C. Santa Barbara</i>	2020
“What does a Bren School Ph.D. look like?”	
College of Science Scholarship Keynote Speech , 350 attendees, <i>Oregon State University</i>	2013
Powershift 2011, Personal Narrative Workshop , 600 attendees, <i>Washington D.C.</i>	2010

Given

Bren Research Symposium Co-Emcee , 50 people in attendees, <i>UC Santa Barbara</i>	2018
Honors College Thesis Defense , 50 attendees, <i>Oregon State University</i>	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 “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

Advising:

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

Discipline:

Associate Editor: *Journal of Environment and Development* 2019-2022

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Manuscript Referee: *Climatic Change*

Conference Discussant:

Western Political Science Association (2021, 2022, 2023), Midwestern Political Science Association (2021, 2022, 2023)

Department:

Bren Graduate Development Committee,

March 2019 – Present

Help organize program Ph.D. 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

UCSB Certificate in College and University Teaching (CCUT) 2023

Completed various courses and trainings in latest pedagogical methods. Collated and developed a teaching portfolio which included analyzing past courses, sections, and lectures, and implementing new activities and assessments, serving as instructor of record, and developing a teaching philosophy.

Community of Practice on Course Design for Equity 2022-2023

UCSB's Center for Innovative Teaching, Research, and Learning facilitated a community of practice for graduate students to learn the best practices for equitable courses and we worked to implement them within our classrooms.

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.

AWARDS AND HONORS

GSA Excellence in Teaching Award Honorable Mention 2022-2023, 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)

REFERENCES

[Sarah Anderson](#), Professor, Bren School of the Environment and Political Science, University of California-Santa Barbara

[Matto Mildenerberger](#), Professor, Political Science, University of California- Santa Barbara

[Eric Smith](#), Professor, Emeritus, Political Science, University of California- Santa Barbara

[Peter Alagona](#), Professor, Environmental Studies, University of California- Santa Barbara

[Edward Weber](#), Professor, Political Science, Oregon State University

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SKILLS/RELEVANT LIFE/WORK EXPERIENCE

Skills: R, IBM SPSS, Minitab, Excel (Statistics), LATEX, Microsoft Office Suite (Mac/PC), Internet Quorum, Voter Activation Network (VAN Database).

Other: Fluent Spanish speaker after living in Central and South American Countries for over 2.5 years. Interned in Senator Merkeley's Washington D.C. office. Grew up raising hogs and have lived in tents for over 4 years of my life.