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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Connecticut College August 2024 - Present
Visiting Assistant Professor of Government and Environmental Studies

Brown University August 2022 - July 2024
Postdoctoral Research Associate
Affiliations: Institute at Brown for Environment and Society, Climate Social Science Network
Supervisor: J. Timmons Roberts

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, George Washington University August 2022
Fields: American Politics, Public Policy
Dissertation: "Partisanship and the Environmental Policy Decisions of Public Utility Commissions and Implications for Climate Change"
Committee: Sarah Binder (Chair), Eric Lawrence, Chris Warshaw

B.A., Political Science, Truman State University May 2017
Minors: Environmental Studies, Biology
Summa Cum Laude, High Distinction in the Liberal Arts and Sciences

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Utility Commissions and Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Politics and Policy, Legislative and Executive Branch Policymaking, State Politics, Partisanship, Interest Groups

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Heern, Jared. 2023. "Who's Controlling Our Energy Future? Industry and Environmental Representation on United States Public Utility Commissions." *Energy Research & Social Science* 101: 103091.

WORKING PAPERS

“Partisan Climate Appointments: U.S. Governors and State Public Utility Commissions, 2000-2020.” (Invited to Revise and Resubmit at *Environmental Politics*).

“Where’s the Public in Public Utility Commission Decisions? Public Influence in Rooftop Solar Conflicts.” With Anthony Bishop-Gyls and J. Timmons Roberts (Invited to Revise and Resubmit at *Utilities Policy*)

“Regulatory Capture at Public Utility Commissions.” With Michelle Graff and Gabe Chan

“Partisanship and the Environmental Policy Decisions of Public Utility Commissions.”

“Legislative Control of State Public Utility Commission Climate Policy.”

ONGOING PROJECTS

“Public Utility Commission Reform, Equity, and Climate Change in New England.” with Timmons Roberts

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Industry Capture and Your Electric Bill.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 2023. With Scott Corsi, Gabe Chan, and Michelle Graff

“Who Gets Their Way in Public Utility Commission Decisions? Strategies and Outcomes in Net Metering Conflicts.”

- Political Economy of Climate and the Environment Conference. Los Angeles, CA. August 2023.

- Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2023.

“Legislative Control of State Public Utility Commission Climate Change Decisions.” Eastern Sociological Society, Environmental Mini-Conference, Baltimore, MD. February 2023.

“Partisanship and Environmental Policy-Making at State Public Utility Commissions.” State Politics and Policy Conference. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. April 2022. (Poster Presentation)

“Local Dependencies on the Fossil Fuel Industry and Distinct Public Preferences for Energy Policies.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference. April 2020. (Conference Cancelled)

“Net Metering and Other Solar Energy Incentives: A Multivariate Synthesis of a Disparate Literature.” Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS. April 2017.

“Red, White, Blue, and Green Federal Buildings: Public Policy Model Testing Through Title IV of the *Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007*.” Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA. March 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Connecticut College

Visiting Assistant Professor

GOV 111: Intro to U.S. Government	F2024, F2025
ES 100B: Intro ES: Environmental Politics	Spr2025, Spr2026
GOV/ES 251: Environmental Activism & Political Impact	Spr2026
GOV/ES 258: U.S. Environmental Policy & Politics	F2024, Spr2025, Spr2026
GOV/ES 494B: Climate Politics and Equity Seminar	Spr2025, F2025
GOV 492: Independent Study Advisor	F2025

Brown University

Assistant Instructor

ENVS 1574: Climate Policy Research	F2022, F2023
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Guest Lecturer

ENVS 1925: Energy Policy and Politics	March 2023
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George Washington University

Instructor of Record

PSC 2101: Scope and Methods in Political Science (Online)	Summer 2021
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Head Instructor

Incoming PhD Cohort Math Camp	Summer 2019, Summer 2020
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ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Brown University

Senior Researcher, Climate and Development Lab	Fall 2022 - Present
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George Washington University

Research Assistant, Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum	Summer 2018
Subject: Americanization of politics abroad through American media exports	

Truman State University

Research Assistant, Dr. Margaret Edwards	2014 - 2017
Subject: International relations teaching simulations	

Student Worker, Dr. Margaret Edwards	2014 - 2015 & 2016 - 2017
Courses: Introduction to Political Science, International Relations, Model United Nations/ Country Studies, Political Science Methodology, Comparative Political Institutions, Latin American Politics	

Student Worker, Dr. Paul Parker	Fall 2015
Courses: Constitutional Government, American National Government, Politics and Film	

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Policy Studies Endowment Fellowship, George Washington University, 2017 (through 2022).

Outstanding Undergraduate in Political Science, Truman State University, 2017.

Departmental Honors, Truman State University Department of Political Science, 2017.

Best Paper Award for “Net Metering and Other Solar Energy Incentives: A Multivariate Synthesis of a Disparate Literature”, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Pittsburg State University, 2017.

Second Best Paper Award for “Public Policy Model Testing Through Title IV of the *Energy Independence and Security Act*”, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Wartburg College, 2016.

Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell Fellowship, Supreme Court of Missouri, 2016.

General John J. Pershing Full-Tuition Fellowship and Study Abroad Stipend, Truman State University, 2013 (through 2017).

MEDIA COVERAGE & APPEARANCES

Connecticut College Department of Government Panel. 2025. “The Politics of the Second Trump Administration.” February 3.

Hall, Megan, Juliana Merullo, and Janek Schaller. 2023. “What does a Public Utilities Commission have to do with climate change?” *NPR Possibly Podcast*. October 10.

Prevost, Lisa. 2023. “Who decides where we get electricity and how much we pay? Mostly White, politically connected men.” *Energy News Network*. July 5.

Taft, Molly. 2023. “The Fossil Fuel Industry Veterans Who Regulate Your Electricity: A closer look at the people in power who control your power.” *New Republic*. June 16.

Walton, Robert. 2023. “Utility regulators with environmental experience more than double; industry experience also jumps: study.” *Utility Dive*. June 9.

Roth, Sammy. 2023. “The revolving door at public utilities commissions? It’s alive and well.” *Los Angeles Times*. June 8.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R, Stata, LaTeX, SPSS, ArcGIS

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Pi Sigma Alpha, Climate Social Science Network

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Reviewer: *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Environmental Politics*, *Energy Research & Social Science*, *Utilities Policy*

Conference Chair/Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (April 2023), Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference (February 2018)

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Director May 2016 - Aug. 2016
Education Assistant
Jefferson City, MO

Missouri State Senate, Senator Ryan Silvey Jan. 2016 - May 2016
Legislative Intern
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy, and the Environment
Jefferson City, MO

Supreme Court of Missouri Jan. 2016 - May 2016
Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell Fellow
Jefferson City, MO

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