

Liza Wood

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Environmental Policy emphasis in Ecology Graduate Group Concentration: Computational Social Science University of California Davis, Davis, CA, USA	2023
M.Sc., Organic Farming and Food Production Systems Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK	2015
M.Sc., Sustainability Science and Policy Maastricht University, Maastricht, NL	2014
B.A., Political Science B.A., Biology Honors College at the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, USA	2013

EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Research Fellow University of Exeter Business School, Sustainable Futures	2023 – present
Graduate Student Researcher and Teaching Assistant University of California Davis DataLab	2022 – 2023
Center for Environmental Policy & Behavior	2018 – 2022
Horticulture Innovation Lab & USAID	2019
Assistant Director of First-Year Experience College of Charleston, New Student Programs	2016 – 2018

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Wood, L., Vantaggiato, F.P., Scott, T.A. (2025) Tracing the path of knowledge on ‘environmental governance processes’ for theory-building. *Environmental Policy and Governance*, <https://doi.org/10.1002/eet.2151>.

Wood, L., Lubell, M. (2025) Resource constellations and institutional logics shape network-building processes in the organic seed niche. *Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions* 55, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eist.2025.100965>.

Wood, L., Scott, T. (2022) Transportation agencies as consumers and producers of science: The case of state, regional, and county transportation agencies in California. *Transport Policy* 128. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tranpol.2022.08.016>.

Wood, L., Lubell, M., Rudnick, J., Khalsa, S.D.S., Tatge, S., Sears, M., Brown, P. (2021) Mandatory information-based policy tools facilitate California farmers' learning about nitrogen management. *Land Use Policy* 114. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landusepol.2021.105923>.

Rudnick, J., Lubell, M., Khalsa, S.D.S., Tatge, S., **Wood, L.**, Sears, M., Brown, P. (2021). A Farm Systems Approach to the Adoption of Sustainable Nitrogen Management Practices in California. *Agriculture and Human Values* 38. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-021-10190-5>.

UNDER REVIEW

Wood, L. Mapping the spatial structure of the organic seed system: A network approach to the Global Innovation System framework. Revise and resubmit in *Research Policy*.

Scott, T., Kim, S., **Wood, L.** Open access, professional popularity, and agency involvement drive science referenced in U.S. EPA regulatory impact analyses from 2000 to 2022. Revise and resubmit in *Regulation & Governance*.

Wood, L., Zystro, J., Hubbard, K. Compliance in regulatory gray areas: The case of the organic seed standard. Revise and resubmit in *Policy Studies Journal*.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Wood, L. How public and private innovations shape environmental sustainability: Evidence from a century of plant patents. Research Policy 8th Online Conference for Early Career Researchers (2024).

Wood, L., Pascucci, S. Entanglements of ecological systems and organizational transformation in the organic seed niche. European Group for Organizational Studies (2024).

Wood, L., Pascucci, S. Mapping the research landscape of collaborative processes in sustainable business model innovation. King's College London Centre for Sustainable Business Short Paper Workshop: Unlocking pathways for a sustainable future (2024)

Wood, L., Struthers, C., Scott, T.A., Kim, S. Science politics: How political context shapes public agencies' use of science in environmental policymaking. Environmental Politics and Governance Conference (2023).

REPORTS FOR PRACTITIONERS

Wood, L., Pascucci, S., Foppe, A., Ashouri, S., Materia, V., Alerasoul, A. (2024). [How to design sustainable business models: A research integrated protocol](#). Deliverable 5.1 for InBestSoil: Monetary valuation of soil ecosystem services and creation of initiatives to invest in soil health.

Hubbard, K., Zystro, J., **Wood, L.** (2022). [State of Organic Seed](#). Port Townsend, Washington. | Data explorer: <https://organicseed.shinyapps.io/SOSData/>

Wood, L. Lubell, M. (2022). [Vina Subbasin Farmer Survey Report](#) | Data explorer: <https://liza-wood.shinyapps.io/Vina-interactive-survey/>

Wood, L. (2013). "Sowing sustainability: Rice commodity pathways, NGOs, and farmers' engagement with alternative agriculture in northeastern Thailand." [Growing Sustainable Communities: A Development Guide for Southeast Asia](#). (pp. 111-151). Ed. Brennan, L. et al. Australia: Tilde University Press.

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

European Forum for Studies of Policies for Research and Innovation Germany	2025
Atlanta Conference on Science and Innovation Policy Georgia USA	2025
International Sustainability Transitions Conference virtual, Netherlands, Portugal	2022, 2023, 2025

Research Policy 8th Online Conference for Early Career Researchers virtual	2024
European Group for Organizational Studies Italy	2024
Environmental Politics and Governance Conference United Kingdom, Canada	2023, 2024
King's College London Centre for Sustainable Business Short Paper Workshop United Kingdom	2024
Conference of Policy Process Research Colorado USA	2023
Duck Family Workshop on Environmental Politics and Governance Washington USA	2022
Atlanta Academy on Science and Innovation Policy Georgia USA	2022
American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting virtual	2020
International Association for the Study of the Commons Peru	2019

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

Politecnico di Bari, Management Group	2025
<i>Who innovates for climate adaptation? Evidence from plant variety development</i> <i>Policy-science-business interface for sustainability</i>	
Newcastle University School of Natural and Environmental Sciences Seminar Series	2022
<i>Supporting innovation for sustainable agriculture: The case of the organic seed system in the United States</i>	
Mars-Wrigley Cacao Research and Development Seminar Series	2022
<i>Mapping the seed innovation system</i>	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

DATA SCIENCE

Instructor Contracted by California State Water Board	
R for Water Resources Data Science	Spring 2023, 2024 & 2025
Teaching Assistant UC Davis – UC Davis DataLab	
IST 8x: Adventures in Data Science	Winter & Spring 2022 & 2023
Instructor UC Davis – Graduate Group in Ecology	
ECL 298: R Data Analysis for Visualization in Science	Fall 2020, 2021 & 2022

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE

Teaching Assistant UC Davis – Departments of Plant Sciences and Environmental Science and Policy	
PLS 49: Organic Crop Production Practicum	Fall 2019, Spring 2020
ESP 10: Current Issues in the Environment	Winter 2019
Instructor College of Charleston – Department of Environmental and Sustainability Science	
FYET 177: Sustainable Food in the Foothills of the Andes	Spring 2017, 2018 & 2019
FYSE 142: Farm to Fork: The Sustainable Food Movement in Charleston	Spring 2018

GRANTS & AWARDS

University of Exeter Department of Management Seed Funding	2024 – 2025
USDA Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Graduate Student Grant	2020 – 2022
Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarship to Newcastle, United Kingdom	2014 – 2015
Fulbright Maastricht University Award to Maastricht, The Netherlands	2013 – 2014

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

Fulbright Netherlands Research Award, Semi-finalist	2022
UC Davis Henry A. Jastro Student Research Fellowship	2019 – 2023
UC Davis Angela and Theodore Foin Graduate Fellowship	2020 – 2021
Ford Foundation Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention	2020
UC Davis Muir Institute Graduate Fellowship	2019 – 2020
UC Davis Graduate Group in Ecology Fellowship	2018 – 2020

SERVICE

Program Committee Member Atlanta Conference on Science and Innovation Policy	2025
Reviewer <i>Policy Studies Journal</i> , <i>Society & Natural Resources</i> , <i>Environmental Innovations and Societal Transitions</i>	2023 – 2025
Davis R Users Group Coordinator UC Davis	2021 – 2023
Ecology Graduate Group Graduate Student Mentor UC Davis	2019 – 2022
Data Carpentries Instructor The Carpentries	2021 – 2022
Admissions Committee Application Reviewer UC Davis	2019 – 2021
Sustainability Literacy Writing Committee Member College of Charleston	2017 – 2018
Faculty for Sustainable Living Workshop Coordinator College of Charleston	2016 – 2018
Internal Fellowship Interview Panelist College of Charleston	2016 – 2017