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Curriculum vita

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. May, 2006, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland

Fields: Political Economy (2001), Resource and Environmental Politics (2002)

Dissertation: "**Distant Markets and the Invisible Hand: Principal-Agent Dynamics of Non-State Market-driven Environmental Policies**," on the systemic effects of delegation and information in the implementation of sustainable forest management certification in Chile.

Committee: Ken Conca (Chair), Virginia Haufler, Irwin Morris, Dennis Pirages, Matthias Ruth, and Miranda Schreurs.

M.A., Political Economy, University of Maryland, 2001

B.A., Political Science, University of Washington, 1998

B.A., Ecological Agriculture, minor in Computer Science, Evergreen State College, 1992

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Global, Comparative, and US Environmental Politics
- Political Economy of Natural Resources and the Environment
- International Political Economy
- Transnational Social Movements
- Political Economy of Technology
- The Craft of Political Science Research
- Technological Literacy for Social Science Research
- Social Network Analysis

RESEARCH

Faculty Researcher, NSF Law & Social Sciences Grant SES- 0519157, 2005-present.

Intercourt Relations in the American Legal System II. 2005-2007

Developed and co-directing a multi-year \$210,000 project on the extensive social network analyses of the communication of precedent within the American court system, on the issue of regulatory takings. Wayne McIntosh, Principal Investigator.

Research Assistant, NSF Law & Social Sciences Grant SES-0416455, 2004-2005. *Intercourt*

Relations in the American Legal System. 2004-2005

Developed and co-directed an initial \$120,000 project on the development of new tools and techniques to isolate a complete corpus of federal court decisions pertaining to regulatory takings; mapping references to legal precedent (i.e., citations) to investigate variations in prestige and authority among courts. Wayne McIntosh, Principal Investigator.

Research Assistant, Minorities at Risk Project, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, 2002, 1998

Coded event-level data for thirty-three minority groups throughout Latin America and the Caribbean for the years 1992-1997 and 1998-2002; summary risk assessments for each group.

Research Fellow, Forest Stewardship Council, Washington, DC, 2001-2002

Field research on private forestry in the United States; assessing programs for small-scale land owners, developing alternative policies to improve productivity and efficiency.

Program Assistant, Harrison Program on the Future Global Agenda, University of Maryland, 2000-2001

Planned twice-monthly lecture series and academic workshops; outreach to both academic and general public.

Research Assistant, Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA, 1996

Assistant to Professor Richard Parker for an undergraduate course on the history of economic thought; research support for an intellectual biography of John Kenneth Galbraith.

PUBLICATIONS

"Principals, Agents, and Public Goods: Information and Structural Complexity in Policy Implementation" Submitted to *International Organization* March 2007.

Ken Cousins, Steve Simons and Wayne McIntosh, "The Emergence of Regulatory Takings: Comprehensively Identifying Legal Precedent in the Federal Court System" submitted to the *Journal of Legal Studies* March 2007

Dennis Pirages and Ken Cousins (eds.) From Environmental Scarcity to Ecological Security: Exploring New Limits to Growth MIT Press (2005).

"Twenty-nine Days: Responses to a Finite World" in From Environmental Scarcity to Ecological Security: Exploring New Limits to Growth. Dennis Pirages and Ken Cousins (eds.), MIT Press (2005)

Ken Cousins and Wayne McIntosh, "More than Typewriters, More than Adding Machines: Integrating Information Technology into Political Research," *Quality and Quantity* 39: 581-614 (October 2005).

Trista Patterson, Tim Gulden, Ken Cousins, and Egor Kraev, "A Dynamic Model Of Tourism In Dominica," *Ecological Modeling* 175: 121-36 (2004).

TEACHING

Instructor, Visions of Power: Politics in Science Fiction Cinema (GVPT 388F), University of Maryland, Spring 2007

Colloquium on popular ideas about political power, as seen through 14 Science Fiction films.

Instructor, Environmental Ethics (CPSP 218E), University of Maryland, Fall 2006

Introduction to ideas about nature in human society and humans in the non-human world, the values guiding the actions of individuals, organizations, and governments.

Instructor, The Craft of Political Science Research (GVPT 399O), University of Maryland, Summer 2006

Introduction to the scientific process: research design, research ethics, archival research, survey design, interviewing, content analysis, process tracing, social network analysis.

Instructor, Introduction to Environmental Politics (GVPT 273), University of Maryland, Summer 2006

Historical overview of environmental problems, institutions, policies, practices, and remedies, with an emphasis on American public policy, both domestic and foreign.

Co-instructor, Graduate Technology Workshops, University of Maryland, 2006

Ongoing series of training workshops: reference management software; advanced text processing techniques to improve the efficiency and scope of social science research; .

Instructor, Policy in Context: Changing the Chesapeake (GVPT 399C), University of Maryland, Summer 2004

Online course on the relationships between politics, policy, and environmental systems, through a case study of the natural and social history of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Environmental Science, University of Maryland, Fall 2003, Fall 1999

Led discussions and presented lectures on Environmental Science to over one hundred students in this first of a two-semester introductory undergraduate course.

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Environmental Policy, University of Maryland, Spring 2004, Spring 2000

Led discussions and presented lectures on Environmental Policy and community-based solutions in this second of a two-semester introductory undergraduate course.

Instructor, Vocational Agriculture and ESL, Bolivian National Agriculture-Technical Institute and Peace Corps, Caraparí, Bolivia, January 1993 – October 1995

Taught agriculture, nutrition, and ESL; established basic curriculum; weekly lectures and practical exercises to over one hundred students. All classes taught in Spanish.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"If a Tree Falls on the Other Side of the World... Distance and Information in Global Markets" Exploratory Workshop on Research in Corporate Social Responsibility, Yale University, New Haven, CT (January 12-14, 2007)

"The Evolution of Law in the Federal Court System: a Citation Analysis of Federal Regulatory Takings Decisions, 1978-2005" with Wayne McIntosh, Michael Evans, Steve Simon, and John McTague Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA September 2006.

"Principals, Agents, and Public Goods: Information and Structural Complexity in Policy Implementation Systems." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA March 2006. Awarded Best Graduate Student Paper, Environmental Studies Section.

"Patterns of Judicial Influence: Tracking Regulatory Takings Policy in the Lower Federal Courts" with Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, Steve Simons, Mike Evans, Kimberly Karnes, John McTague, and Wayne McIntosh, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC September 2005.

"Using Information Technology to Examine the Communication of Precedent: Initial Findings and Lessons from the CITE-IT Project" with Wayne McIntosh, James Rose, Steve Simon, Mike Evans, Kimberly Karnes, John McTague and Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, CA March 2005.

"More than Typewriters, More than Adding Machines: Integrating Information Technology Into Political Research." with Wayne McIntosh, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada March 2004.

"Certification: an Insider's Perspective," 7th Annual Environmental Law & Institutions Colloquium, *Certification Institutions and Private Governance: New Dynamics in the Protection of Workers and the Environment*, Duke Center for Environmental Solutions, December 2001.

"Defining Responsibility: Control of Knowledge in Chilean Environmental Law," Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association Chicago, February 2001.

INVITED LECTURES

"Political Science in the 21st Century: Computers, the Internet and Shifting Baselines," Working Group on Qualitative and Mixed Methods, University of Maryland, March 2007

"Qualitative Research: Diverse Paradigms," Working Group on Qualitative and Mixed Methods, University of Maryland, November 2006

"Information, Non-State Environmental Policy, and Global Markets," Ecological Economics Group (MEES 608N), University of Maryland, April 2006

"Principals and Agents in Regulatory Networks: the Structural Complexity of Implementation Systems," University of Delaware, April 2006

"Introduction to Content Analysis," Qualitative Research Methods (GVPT888), University of Maryland, November 2006

Three-part series on "Population: Theoretical and Empirical Dynamics," Environmental Science and Policy (ENSP 101), University of Maryland, November 2004

"Ecology, Economics, Society: a dialogue about critical concepts," Ecological Economics Group (MEES 608N), University of Maryland, October 2003

"Twenty-nine Days: the History of Environmental Policy," Ecological Economics Group (MEES 608N), University of Maryland, October 2003

"Sustainable Forestry in Chile " Ecological Economics Group (MEES 608N), University of Maryland, September 2002

Three-part series on "The Strategy of the Commons: A Political Economics of the Environment," Environmental Science and Policy (ENSP 102), University of Maryland, April 2002

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

ICPSR Workshop on Social Network Analysis, University of Michigan, 2006 (Stanley Wasserman and Ann McCranie, instructors)

Fuzzy Sets and Case-Oriented Research, APSA 2005, Washington, DC (Charles Ragin, instructor)

Qualitative Research Methods (GVPT888), University of Maryland, 2002 (Miranda Schreurs, instructor)

Dynamic Modeling of Ecological and Economic Systems (PUAF744), University of Maryland, 2000 (Robert Costanza and Alexey Voinov, instructors)

Advanced Quantitative Methods in Political Science (GVP722), University of Maryland, 1999 (John Squire, instructor)

BLOGS

Augmentation (Editor) www.augmentation.blogspot.com

Surveys new information technology-based approaches to data collection and analysis; methodological, political, and policy issues arising from these emerging technologies.

AWARDS

Best Graduate Student Paper, Environmental Studies Section of the International Studies Association, for "Principals, Agents, and Public Goods: Information and Structural Complexity in Policy Implementation Systems," 2006

Graduate Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2006

Harrison Research Fellowship, Department Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2002-2003

University Merit Fellowship, Department Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2001-2002, 1998-1999

Excellence in Teaching Award, Environmental Science and Policy, University of Maryland, 2000

SERVICE

Coordinator and moderator, "Building Bridges: Environmental Education in the Classroom and in Practice," Earth Day Symposium, University of Maryland, April 2004

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Teaching Committee (2003-2004)

President, UM Ecological Economics Group (2003-2004)

Student Representative, GVPT Political Economy Field Committee (2002-2004)

UM Ecological Economics Planning Committee (2000-2005)

Student Member, GVPT Admissions Committee (2000-2001)

Co-Chair, GVPT Graduate Student Association (1999-2000)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Studies Association; Environmental Politics, Political Economy sections (from 1998)

American Political Science Association; Environmental Politics, Qualitative Methods, Political Economy, Information Technology and Politics sections (from 2004)

Western Political Science Association; Environmental Politics section (from 2004)

International Society for Ecological Economics (from 2002)

US Society for Ecological Economics (from 2002)

PERSONAL

- Proficient in Spanish (spoken and written); competent in Portuguese (written).
- Non-academic passions include swimming, sea kayaking, hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, cooking, drawing, and almost every form of music.