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EDUCATION

- 2019** PhD, Politics (Comparative Politics & Political Theory) - New School for Social Research
Dissertation: *Social Movements and Earthbound People: Towards a New Politics of the Earth in the Anthropocene*
- 2010** MA, Politics - New School for Social Research
Thesis: *Student Power and Student Politics: A Case Study of Academics in Action*
- 2007** Women's Studies Certificate - Ohio University
- 2007** MA, Political Science - Ohio University
Thesis: *Fortress of Fear and Borders of Control: How the U.S. Media Constructs Mexican Immigrants as a National Security Threat*
- 2000** BA, Specialized Studies (Social Movements), Minor, Classics - Ohio University

PAST EMPLOYMENT

- 2021-Now** Visiting Asst. Professor: Denison University, International Studies & Writing Program
- 2021** Faculty Fellow: CSU, Chico, Office of Faculty Development
- 2019-2021** Lecturer: CSU Chico, Comparative Religion and Humanities
- 2018-2019** Visiting Asst. Professor: Grand Valley State University, Area and Global Studies
- 2018** Teaching Fellow: The New School, Environmental Studies/International Affairs
- 2012-2018** Research Associate: India China Institute
- 2017** Adjunct Professor: Seton Hall, Political Science and Public Policy
- 2011-2013** Adjunct Professor: Fordham University, Politics
- 2007-2009** Environmental Educator and Naturalist: Nature's Classroom
- 2003-2005** Campaign Coordinator: Buckeye Forest Council
- 2002-2003** Co-founder and Executive Editor: *Athens Town Crier* newspaper
- 2001-2002** Program Coordinator, AmeriCorps Vista: Community Food Initiatives

TEACHING

Denison University

Making of the Modern World (INTL 100); Freshman Writing: Power, Justice, and Ethics (W 101); Themes & Approaches in International Studies (INTL 200); Indigenous Rights, Black Liberation and Eco-Justice (INTL 250/BLST 246/ENVS 290); Refuse and Resist: A Global History of Popular Uprisings (INTL 250/WGST 250); Indigenous Politics and Decolonial Imaginaries (INTL 250)

California State University, Chico

Religion and Nature; The End of the World; Religion, Ethics, Ecology; Religion and Global Issues (*Online)

Grand Valley State University

(Dis)Order and (In)Justice: Introduction to Global Studies; History of Global Change; Diversity in the United States; Changemakers and Social Innovation

The New School

Indigenous Environmental Politics; The Left; Global Environmental Politics

Seton Hall

Western Political Thought; American Politics

Fordham University

Intro to Politics (general & honors); Ethnic and Racial Politics; Environmental Politics

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025** Transformative Pedagogies: Integrating Religious Studies and the Environmental Humanities to Address Climate Anxiety. *Resistance: A Journal of Radical Environmental Humanities*. (*Co-authored paper under review).
- 2024** [Glimpses of Hope: The Rise of Industrial Labor at the Urban Margins of Nepal](#) (Book Review). *European Bulletin of Himalayan Research*, 62.
- 2023** [The Far Right Culture War on ESG](#). *Religions*, 14:10.
- 2023** '[Environmental Justice Movements and the Rights of Nature](#).' Chapter in *The Palgrave Handbook on Environmental Politics, Activism, and Theory*, pgs 467-501.
- 2023** [After Extinction and Anthropocene Poetics](#) (Book Reviews). *SubStance*, 51:3.

- 2022 [Religion, Covid-19, and Biocultural Evolution: Introducing a Special Issue focusing on Religion and the Coronavirus Pandemic](#). *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*, 16:1.
- 2020 [Death of an Industry: The Cultural Politics of Garment Manufacturing during the Maoist Revolution in Nepal](#) (Book Review). *Pacific Affairs*, 93:2.
- 2020 [Transitional Justice In Nepal: Interests, Victims and Agency](#) (Book Review). *Pacific Affairs*, 93:1.
- 2019 [Earthbound Social Movements and the Anthropocene](#). *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*, 13:3.
- 2015 [The Fundamentalist Plurality Problem](#). *E-International Relations*.
- 2014 [Divestment and Responsible Investment: Part II](#). *New School Economic Review*, 6:1.
- 2010 [And Say the Bakemono Responded: Animism, Derrida and the Question of the Animal in Hayao Miyazaki's Princess Mononoke](#). *The Journal for Critical Animal Studies*, 8:4.
- 2010 [Patriotic Penetration: Gay Bombs, Queer Times and Homonationalist Assemblages](#). *Canon Magazine*, Spring Issue.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- 2025- *The Woke Wars* (book manuscript)
- 2024- *Middle East in Crisis: Voices from Denison* (documentary film)
- 2023- Co-investigator on a multi-year, collaborative research project - "Evaluating Religious Studies Pedagogies for Promoting Civic Engagement and Environmental Understanding among Undergraduates"

OTHER PUBLISHED WORKS

- 2019 [Death by Omission: Power and Politics in the Amazon](#). Public Seminar.
- 2017 [A Pagan Reflects on Thomas Merton, Politics, and Christian Grace](#). State of Formation.
- 2016 [What to Do After the Election?](#) Public Seminar.

- 2016 [The Life of a Gorilla](#). State of Formation.
- 2016 [The Passion and Ritual of the Pilgrims](#). State of Formation.
- 2016 [A Night with the Mexican Virgin – Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe](#). State of Formation.
- 2015 [Laudato Si’ - Becoming Painfully Aware](#). State of Formation.
- 2015 [When the Anthropocene Came to Halji](#). State of Formation.
- 2014 [A Landscape of Lived Religion in Nepal](#). State of Formation.
- 2014 [A Crowd of Whites, A Sea of Blue](#). Public Seminar.
- 2014 [The Struggle for Dalit Rights in South Asia](#). State of Formation.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2024 Faculty Speaker: TEDxDenisonU
- 2020 Faculty Fellow: CSU, Chico Office of Faculty Development
- 2015 Contributing Scholar: State of Formation
- 2014 Social Justice Campus Champion Award: The New School
- 2013 Eberstadt Dissertation Fellowship: New School for Social Research
- 2011 Chiune Sugihara PhD Fellowship: New School for Social Research
- 2007 Outstanding Graduate Assistant: Ohio University, Department of Political Science

PUBLIC TALKS & WORKSHOPS

- 2025 Make Fascism Great Again?: Confronting the Dangers of Historical Amnesia - Global Studies Seminar (*Upcoming - April 7th)
- 2025 The Attack on DEI in Ohio Public Universities - Freedom To Learn Teach-In
- 2025 From Chaos to Collective Action: Building Resistance in an Era of Reactionary Politics - Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Action Teach-In

- 2024** Christian Nationalism, Anti-Globalism, and the 2024 Elections - Public Lecture
- 2024** Teaching Matters: Navigating Current Events in the Classroom - Faculty Presenter
- 2024** The Woke Wars - TEDxDenisonU Public Talk
- 2024** Aldo Leopold, Indigenous Peoples, and Land Ethics - Otterbein Senior Living Center
- 2024** Teaching Matters: Teaching with AI - Faculty Presenter
- 2023** Is the US Headed Towards Civil War? - Global Studies Seminar
- 2023** Shift: Adapting with Change and Resilience - Denison Museum Faculty Roundtable
- 2023** The Far-Right's Culture War on the Environment - International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture
- 2023** Foul Play, Futbol Hooligans, and the Politics of Justice - Geopolitics of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Panel
- 2022** How We Think and Teach about the Global: Faculty Roundtable - Global Studies Seminar
- 2022** COVIDenial: Race, Religion, and Conspiracy Theories - Global Studies Seminar
- 2022** The Battle over Critical Race Theory in Ohio Schools - Western Political Science Association
- 2022** Climate and Decarbonization Roundtable - Western Political Science Association
- 2021** Climate Emergency: Roundtable on IPCC's AR6 Report and COP26 - Denison University
- 2021** The Battle over Critical Race Theory in Ohio Schools - Global Studies Seminar
- 2021** Green & Black: Analyzing Environmental Responses to Black Lives Matter and Juneteenth in 2020 - Western Political Science Association
- 2020** Of Kith and Kin: Politics of Belonging and Earthbound Solidarities in the Anthropocene - Western Political Science Association
- 2019** Rethinking Social Movements and the Anthropocene - Western Political Science Association
- 2018** What About Postcolonial Politics in Nepal? - Western Political Science Association
- 2016** Earthbound Cosmopolitics, Anthropocene Environmentalism and the Rights of

- Pachamama - International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture
- 2015** Sumak Kawsay, Pachamama, and Cosmopolitics: The Rights of Nature, Earthbound People and Global Indigenous Struggles - American Academy of Religion
- 2015** Sumak Kawsay, Pachamama and Cosmopolitics: Indigenous Struggles and the Rights of Mother Earth in Bolivia and Ecuador - Observatory on Latin America
- 2014** The End of Nature, Rise of the Anthropocenes - Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences
- 2013** What if Gliese 581d had Life? Young Earth Creationism and the Politics of Astrobiology - American Academy of Religion

SERVICE & ENGAGEMENT

Academic Service

- 2024-Now** Secretary, International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture
- 2024** Faculty Co-Leader, First-Year Student Experience - Denison Service Orientation
- 2024** Member, Ungrading Faculty Learning Group - Denison University
- 2023-Now** Co-Chair, Academics, Faculty Recruitment and Retention Group - Denison Forward
- 2023-Now** Member, Writing Committee - Denison University
- 2020-2024** Co-Chair, Climate Action Committee - Western Political Science Association
- 2023** Faculty Coordinator, Global Studies Seminar - Denison University
- 2023** Member, Inclusive Learning Faculty Working Group - Denison University
- 2023** Member, Sustainability Faculty Working Group - Denison University

Student Research Supervision

- 2025** Student Independent Study - Economic Justice and Refugee Policy in South Asia
- 2024** Lisska Summer Scholars Program - Campus Activism in the 1960s
- 2024** Student Research Assistant Project - NATO and the Russia-Ukraine Conflict

Academic Affiliations

Western Political Science Association

International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture

American Academy of Religion

Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

Political Ecology Network

Feminist Environmental Research Network

Denison Faculty for Justice in Palestine

Community Service

2023-2024 Assistant Coach, Granville Blue Aces (U12 Girls Club Soccer)

1999- Webmaster, Appalachian Peace and Justice Network