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### APPOINTMENTS

Professor, *Department of Politics*, and programs in *Environment and Community* (graduate),  
*Environmental Science* (undergraduate), *Humboldt State University*, 2008 - .

Chair, *Department of Politics*, 2006 – present.

Member, *School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study*, Princeton (in residence 2004 – 2005).

### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, 1997.

M.A., Political Science, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, 1991.

B.A., Political Science, *cum laude*, *The Colorado College*, 1984.

### PAST ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, *Department of Government and Politics, Humboldt State University*, 2003 – 2008.

Coordinator, *Environment and Community Graduate Program, Humboldt State University*, 2000 – 2004.

Assistant Professor, *Department of Government and Politics, Humboldt State University*, 1998 – 2003.

Visiting Lecturer, *Department of Politics, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand*, AY1997.

Visiting Lecturer, *Department of Political Science, Northwestern University*, 1995.

Lecturer, *Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison*, 1994.

Teaching Assistant, *Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison*, 1991 – 1994.

### NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director, *Ohio Public Interest Research Group*, 1987 – 1990.

Outreach Director, *Colorado Public Interest Research Group*, 1986 – 1987.

Outreach Director, *U.S. Public Interest Research Group*, Summer 1986.

Organizer, *Colorado Public Interest Research Group*, 1984 – 1986.

Campaign Organizer, *Vote Colorado! Ballot Initiative Committee*, Summer 1984.

Aide, *Office of Alderman David Orr*, Chicago, Summer 1983.

### BOOKS

*Political Nature: Environmentalism and the Interpretation of Western Thought*. MIT Press, 2001.

A critical exploration and reconstruction of the relationship between western conceptions of nature and politics and its importance to contemporary environmental politics. Sustained attention to the ideas and interpretation of Aristotle, Hobbes, and contemporary environmental thinkers. [“*Choice Outstanding Academic Title for 2002*,” American Library Association. Reviewed in: *Alternatives*, *American Political Science Review*, *Australian Journal of Political Science*, *Choice*, *Contemporary*

*Political Theory, The Ecologist, Electronic Green Journal, Environment, Environmental History, Environmental Politics, Global Environmental Politics, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Political Ecology, Organization and Environment, Political Science, Philosophy and Geography, Philosophy in Review]*

*American Indians and U.S. Politics*. Foreword by David Wilkins. Praeger, 2002.

Editor. Wrote general and section introductions, selected contributions, and organized material. Chapters examine tribal sovereignty, property, citizenship, constitutional interpretation, and intergovernmental relations.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

*Environmentalism as Social Criticism*. Single-authored book project.

*The Environmental Politics of "Sacrifice."* Co-editing book with Michael Maniates, Allegheny College. Co-author of introductory and concluding chapters. Under contract with MIT Press.

"Democracy, Sacrifice, and Environmentalism." Book chapter; magazine article.

## **PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

"The Concept of Private Property and the Limits of the Environmental Imagination," *Political Theory*, forthcoming, 2008.

"Populism, Paternalism, and the State of Environmentalism in the U.S." *Environmental Politics*, Vol. 17, No. 2, April 2008.

[Reprinted in: David Schlosberg and Elizabeth Bomberg, eds., *Environmentalism in the United States: Changing Patterns of Action and Advocacy*, Routledge, forthcoming 2008]

"Nature, Property, and Democracy in the Debate over Genetically Modified Organisms." Occasional Papers, School of Social Science, *Institute for Advanced Study*, January 2006.

"Rights to Life?: On Nature, Property and Biotechnology." *Journal of Political Philosophy*, Vol. 8, No. 2, June 2000.

[Reprinted in: Susan J. Armstrong and Richard G. Botzler, *Environmental Ethics: Divergence and Convergence*, third edition. McGraw-Hill, 2003.]

"Interpreting Nature and Politics in the History of Western Thought: The Environmentalist Challenge." *Environmental Politics*, Vol. 8, No. 2, Summer 1999.

"Property, Environmentalism, and the Lockean Myth in America: The Challenge of Regulatory Takings." Special Issue: "Humans and the Environment," *Proteus: A Journal of Ideas*, Vol. 15, No.2, Fall 1998.

"Gifford Pinchot, John Muir, and the Boundaries of Politics in American Thought." *Polity*, Vol. 30, No. 2, Winter 1997.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

"Beyond "Postmaterialism": Building a foundation for popular environmental action." In *Post-Environmentalism: Scholars Consider the Death of Environmentalism Thesis*, edited by William Chaloupka, Jim Proctor, and Jay Odenbaugh. MIT Press, forthcoming 2009.

“Political Theory and the Environment.” In *Oxford Handbook of Political Theory*, edited by John Dryzek, Bonnie Honig, and Anne Phillips. Oxford University Press, 2006.

“Global Liberalism, Environmentalism, and the Changing Boundaries of the Political: Karl Polanyi’s Insights.” In *Nature, Justice, and Governance: Environmental Values in a Globalizing World*, edited by Jouni Paavola and Ian Lowe. Routledge, 2005.

### **MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

“Another Inconvenient Truth.” *Dissent*, Fall 2006.

“The Afterlife of Environmentalism.” In “Special Report: Toward a Greener Politics,” *The American Prospect*, Vol. 16, No. 10, October 2005.

“Does Environmentalism Have a Future?” *Dissent*, Spring 2005.

### **REVIEW ESSAYS**

“Environmental Political Theory,” core article (3000 words) in the *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, ed. George Kurian. Congressional Quarterly Press, forthcoming 2008.

“Whose Nature?” *Theory & Event*, Vol. 8, No. 3, 2005. (Discussion of the relationship between nature, culture, indigeneity, and race).

“Green Liberalism and Beyond.” *Organization and Environment*, Vol. 18, No. 1, March 2005. (Analysis of liberalism, environmentalism, and citizenship).

“Review Essay on Dobson and Luke.” *Political Theory*, Vol. 29, No. 2, April 2001. (First review essay on environmental political thought to be published in a major political science journal).

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

*The Landscape of Reform: Civic Pragmatism and Environmental Thought in America* by Ben A. Minteer, in *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 5, No. 2, June 2007.

*Constitutional Environmental Rights* by Tim Hayward, in *Organization and Environment*, Vol. 19, No. 4, December 2006.

*Native Waters: Contemporary Indian Water Settlements and the Second Treaty Era* by Daniel McCool, in the *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 66, No. 3, August 2004.

*A Companion to Environmental Thought* by Peter Hay, in *Organization and Environment*, Vol. 16, No. 1, March 2003.

*The Promise of Green Politics: Environmentalism and the Public Sphere* by Douglas Torgerson, in *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 94, No. 1, March 2000.

*Requiem for Modern Politics: The Tragedy of the Enlightenment and the Challenge of the New Millennium* by William Ophuls, in *Political Science*, Vol. 51, No. 1, July 1999.

*Machiavelli, Leonardo and the Science of Power* by Roger D. Masters, in the *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 60, No. 1, February 1998.

*Environmental Politics and Institutional Change* by Elim Papadakis, in *Political Science*, Vol. 49, No. 2, December 1997.

*The Third World in Global Environmental Politics* by Marian A.L. Miller, in *AntePodium: An Antipodean*

*electronic journal of world affairs*, February 1997.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- “Climate Change and the Politics of Sacrifice.” Climate Change and Ethics Lecture Series, *Ohio University*, October 2008.
- “The Environmental Politics of Sacrifice.” Building Sustainable Futures Lecture Series, *Humboldt State University*, April 2008.
- “The Politics of Sacrifice” Panelist. Also co-organizer and co-facilitator of workshop. *Allegheny College*, September 2007.
- “Populism, Paternalism, and the Future of U.S. Environmentalism.” Environmental Ethics and Policy Lecture Series, *University of Washington-Seattle*, January 2007.
- “The Paradox of Property and Environmentalism.” Environmental Studies Department Seminar Series, *University of California-Santa Cruz*, January 2006.
- “The Death and Life of Progressive Politics.” Panelist. Co-sponsored by *The American Prospect Magazine*, *dropping knowledge*, *Nathan Cummings Foundation*, *Wallace Global Fund*. Allaire Studios, Woodstock, NY, September 2005.
- “Does Environmentalism Have a Future?” (seminar) and “Nature, Property and Democracy in the Debate over Genetically Modified Organisms” (public lecture). *Southwestern University*, April 2005.
- “Nature, Property, and Democracy in the Debate over Genetically Modified Organisms.” Thursday Seminar, School of Social Science, *Institute for Advanced Study*, Princeton, December 2004.
- “Connecting Theory and Practice in Environmental Conflict.” 2001 Environment: Land, Air, Water (E-LAW) Conference, School of Law, *University of Oregon*, March 2001.
- “How Do Property Rights Relate to Sovereignty? Conflicting American Indian and European-American Views.” Institute on American Indian Civics, sponsored by W.K. Kellogg Foundation, *Humboldt State University*, June 1999.
- “Rights to Life? Nature, Property and Biotechnology.” Selected via national competition. Trinity Center for Collaborative Teaching and Research, *Trinity College*, March 1999.
- “On Relating Nature and Politics: Environmentalism and Western Political Thought.” Humanities and Social Sciences Interdisciplinary Seminar, *Victoria University of Wellington*, September 1997.
- “Environmentalism and the Boundaries of Politics.” Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research, *Northwestern University*, October 1995.

## **CONFERENCES**

### **Presentations**

- “Popular environmentalism(s) and Materialist Concerns: Is there a Trade-Off?” Presented at the *Western Political Science Association* conference, San Diego, March 2008.
- “Can Sacrifice be Democratic? Reflections on an Environmentalist Dilemma.” *American Political Science Association* conference, Chicago, August 2007.

- “Populism, Paternalism, and the State of Environmentalism in the U.S.” *Western Political Science Association* conference, Las Vegas, March 2007.
- “Pedagogical Strategies and Syllabus Construction for Teaching Environmental Political Theory.” Presenter and Facilitator, Workshop on Environmental Political Theory, Las Vegas, March 2007.
- “Populism and Environmentalism.” *International Conference on Globalization, Environmental Ethics, and Environmental Justice*, Michigan State University, August 2006.
- “Sacrifice, Hope, and the Future of Environmentalist Social Criticism.” *International Studies Association* Conference, San Diego, March 2006 and *Western Political Science Association* conference, Albuquerque, March 2006.
- “Theorizing American Environmentalism.” Roundtable. *Western Political Science Association* conference, Albuquerque, March 2006.
- “The Paradox of Property Rights and Environmentalism: Rethinking the Lockean Myth.” *Western Political Science Association* conference, Oakland, March 2005.
- “The Environmentalist Turn toward Liberalism and the Possibilities for Social Criticism.” *Southern Political Science Association* conference, New Orleans, January 2005.
- “What Is Environmental Political Theory (and what should it be)? Preliminary Reflections.” *Western Political Science Association* conference, Portland, March 2004.
- “Global Liberalism, Environmentalism, and the Changing Boundaries of the Political.” Workshop on “Reconceiving Environmental Values in an Globalising World,” *Oxford Centre for Environment, Ethics & Society*, Mansfield College, Oxford University, July 2002.
- Author presentation on *Political Nature* for panels on “New Books in Environmental Politics” *American Political Science Association* conference, Boston, September 2002 and *Western Political Science Association* Meeting, Long Beach, March 2002.
- “Grounding Political Theory: On nature, place, and the foundations of political ideas.” *American Political Science Association* conference, Atlanta, September 1999.
- “Rights to Life?: Nature, Property and Biotechnology.” *American Political Science Association* conference, Boston, September 1998.
- “Dualism and Derivation: Interpreting Nature and Politics in Western Thought.” International Conference on *Environmental Justice: Global Ethics for the 21st Century*, Melbourne, October 1997.
- “The Character and Scope of Ecological Politics.” *Northeastern Political Science Association* conference, Newark, November 1995.
- “A Critical Examination of the Conceptual Relationship between Nature and Politics in Environmental Argument.” *Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World* Meeting, Estes Park, Colorado, August 1995.
- “The Politics of Nature: Environmental Philosophy and the Evasion of Political Judgment.” *Midwest Political Science Association* conference, Chicago, April 1995.

### **Participation**

- Invited discussant, “Exploring Breakthroughs in Entrepreneurship and Public Policy,” Conference Series in Public Policy, Risk Analysis, and the Law, *Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment* and *Montana State University*, Bozeman, June 2008.

Faculty Development Workshop on “Integrating Ethics into Environmental Studies: Ethics, Science, and Civic Responsibility.” Co-sponsored by *Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs; Center for Humans and Nature; New York University*. New York, May 2004.

Panel Discussant, *American Political Science Association* conference, 2001; 2006.

Panel Discussant, *Western Political Science Association* conference, 2001; 2002; 2006.

Panel Chair, *Western Political Science Association* conference, 2000; 2004; 2005; 2006; 2007; 2008.

Panel Chair, *International Conference on Environmental Justice*, Melbourne, October 1997.

## **COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH**

History of Western Political Thought  
(Ancient to Modern)

Contemporary Political Theory

Environmental Political Theory

Nature and Politics in Western Thought

Ethics and Values in Policymaking

Property and Political Theory

Democratic Theory

Introduction to Political Theory

Liberalization and Resistance

Environmental Politics

Introduction to American Politics

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Member, *School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study*.

Student Organization Advisor of the Year Award, *HSU*, 2006.

*Political Nature* recognized as an “Outstanding Academic Title for 2002” by *Choice*.

President Alistair McCrone Promising Faculty Scholar Award (first annual), *HSU*, 2002.

*Marquis Who's Who in America; Marquis Who's Who in American Education*.

Outstanding Faculty Award, Student Disability Resource Center, *HSU*, 2002.

First Runner-Up, *American Political Science Association's Strauss Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in Political Philosophy*, 1998.

Department of Political Science Award for Teaching Excellence, *UW-Madison*, 1993.

“Distinguished Teaching Assistant,” *UW-Madison*, 1992.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Executive Council, *Western Political Science Association*, 2006-2009.

Organizer, Environmental Political Theory workshop, Albuquerque, March 2006.

Section Chair, *Western Political Science Association* conference, 2004.

Founder and facilitator, International Environmental Political Theory e-discussion list  
<env-pol-theory@redwood.humboldt.edu>.

Co-founder, Organizer, first annual Environmental Political Theory workshop, Long Beach, 2002.

## **REFEREE**

- Books: *Duke University Press; MIT Press (6); Oxford University Press (2); Routledge (3); Rowman and Littlefield; University of North Carolina Press; University of Toronto Press.*
- Journals: *Environmental Politics; Environmental Values; Global Environmental Politics; Law and Social Inquiry; Political Research Quarterly; Political Theory; Publius.*
- Other: *Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia; Carleton College Faculty Grant Proposal.*

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE - HUMBOLDT**

- Convenor, Ad Hoc Committee to Create an Environmental Studies Major, 2007- .
- Humboldt Energy Independence Fund Committee, 2007- .
- Mentor for New Faculty Member, 2006- .
- Faculty Advisor and Steering Committee, Campus Center for Appropriate Technology, 1999- .
- Chair, Dean Search Committee, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, 2005-2006.
- Chair, Personnel Committee, Department of Government and Politics, 2005-2006.
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Government and Politics, 2003-2004.
- University Strategic Planning Groups on Research and Graduate Education, 2003-2004.
- Committee on the General Faculty Constitution and Academic Senate Bylaws, 2002-2004.
- Graduate Council, 2000-2004.
- Academic Senate Appointments Committee, 2001-2002.
- Strategic Planning Task Force for Graduate Education, 2001.
- Chair, Admissions Committee, Social Science Graduate Program, 1999.
- Planning Committee, Social Science Graduate Program, 1998.

## **REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**