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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.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor, [Department of Politics](#), *Humboldt State University*, 2008 – present.
Affiliated Professor: [Environment and Community Program](#); [Environmental Science Program](#).
Member, [School of Social Science](#), *Institute for Advanced Study*, Princeton (in residence 2004 – 2005).
Chair, *Department of Politics*, *Humboldt State University*, 2006 – 2011.
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.
Lecturer, *Department of Politics*, *Victoria University of Wellington*, *New Zealand*, 1997 Academic Year.
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.

BOOKS

[The Environmental Politics of Sacrifice](#). MIT Press, 2010.

Co-Editor with Michael Maniates. Lead chapter author. Co-authored introductory and concluding chapters; section introductions. First book to examine the constraints and opportunities afforded by the contested concept of “sacrifice” in contemporary environmental politics, policymaking, and theory. Interdisciplinary contributions from political theory, environmental studies, international relations, communications, religious studies. [Reviews include: *Choice*, *Environmental Politics*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *Organization and Environment*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Hot Topic*, *Worldwatch: Transforming Cultures*]

[Political Nature: Environmentalism and the Interpretation of Western Thought](#). MIT Press, 2001.

Author. A critical exploration and reconstruction of the relationship between western conceptions of nature and politics and its importance to contemporary environmental politics and policymaking. Sustained engagement with the ideas of Aristotle, Hobbes, and contemporary environmental thinkers. [Honored as a “*Choice Outstanding Academic Title for 2002*” and a “Great Work in Environmental Political Thought,” *WPSA*, 2012. Reviews include: *Alternatives*, *American Political Science Review*, *Australian Journal of Political Science*, *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.

“Automobility and Freedom,” article-length manuscript.

“Sacrifice and a New Politics of Sustainability,” essay for *State of the World 2012: A New Architecture for Sustainable Prosperity*, edited by Erik Assadourian.

“Relating Nature and Politics in Thomas Hobbes’ Philosophy,” book chapter for *Greening the Canon*, edited by Joe Lane and Peter Cannavò, under contract.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

[“We Have Never Been Liberal: The Environmentalist Turn to Liberalism and the Possibilities for Social Criticism.”](#) *Environmental Politics*, Vol. 20, No. 3, May 2011.

[“The Concept of Private Property and the Limits of the Environmental Imagination.”](#) *Political Theory*, Vol. 37, No. 1, February 2009.

[“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 Activism and Advocacy*](#). Routledge, 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.” Written for *Post-Environmentalism*, edited by William Chaloupka, Jim Proctor, and Jay Odenbaugh.

"A Democratic Politics of Sacrifice?" In *The Environmental Politics of Sacrifice*, edited by Michael Maniates and John M. Meyer. MIT Press, 2010.

"Must We Sacrifice? Confronting the Politics of Sacrifice in an Ecologically Full World." With Michael Maniates. In *The Environmental Politics of Sacrifice*, edited by Michael Maniates and John M. Meyer. MIT Press, 2010.

"Sacrifice and a New Environmental Politics." With Michael Maniates. In *The Environmental Politics of Sacrifice*, edited by Michael Maniates and John M. Meyer. MIT Press, 2010.

"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 *Environmental Values in a Globalizing World: Nature, Justice, and Governance*, edited by Jouni Paavola and Ian Lowe. Routledge, 2005.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

["Rethinking Personal Sacrifice."](#) *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, November/December 2008.

["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; COMMENTARIES; ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

["Hypocrisy, NIMBY, and the Politics of Everybody's Backyard,"](#) *Ethics, Place, and the Environment*, Vol. 13, No. 3, Fall 2010.

"Environmental Political Theory," core article (~3000 words) in *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, ed. George Thomas Kurian, et.al., CQ Press, 2010.

"Anarchism," interpretive essay (~1000 words) in *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, ed. George Thomas Kurian, et.al., CQ Press, 2010.

["Whose Nature?"](#) *Theory & Event*, Vol. 8, No. 3, 2005. (Review essay of two books examining the relationship between nature, culture, indigeneity, and race).

["Green Liberalism and Beyond."](#) *Organization and Environment*, Vol. 18, No. 1, March 2005. (Review essay of two books analyzing the relationship of liberalism, environmentalism, and citizenship).

["Review Essay on Dobson and Luke."](#) *Political Theory*, Vol. 29, No. 2, April 2001. (First review essay – three books -- on environmental political thought to be published in a major disciplinary 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

- “The Art of Problem-Driven Theorizing: Writing Dissertations that Engage with the World,” workshop for D.C.-area Ph.D students, and “Sacrifice and a New Environmental Politics,” panel discussion and book launch, *School of International Service, American University*, Washington D.C., September 2010.
- “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.” Invited 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

"Automobility and Freedom." *American Political Science Association*, Seattle, September 2011.

"Hobbes, Nature, and Environmental Political Thought," with Justin Williams. *Western Political Science Association*, San Antonio, April 2011.

"On the Possibilities for a Democratic Politics of Sacrifice." *Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences*, Portland, June 2010.

"Environmental Politics in a Time of Economic Crisis," roundtable participant. Environmental Political Theory workshop, San Francisco, March 2010.

"We Have Never Been Liberal: Possibilities for Effective Environmental Social Criticism." *American Political Science Association*, Toronto, September 2009.

"Popular environmentalism(s) and Materialist Concerns: Is there a Trade-Off?" *Western Political Science Association*, San Diego, March 2008.

"Can Sacrifice be Democratic? Reflections on an Environmentalist Dilemma." *American Political Science Association*, Chicago, August 2007.

"Populism, Paternalism, and the State of Environmentalism in the U.S." *Western Political Science Association*, Las Vegas, March 2007.

"Pedagogical Strategies and Syllabus Construction for Teaching Environmental Political Theory." Presenter and Facilitator, Environmental Political Theory Workshop, 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*, San Diego, March 2006 and *Western Political Science Association*, Albuquerque, March 2006.

"Theorizing American Environmentalism." Roundtable. *Western Political Science Association*, Albuquerque, March 2006.

"The Paradox of Property Rights and Environmentalism: Rethinking the Lockean Myth." *Western Political Science Association*, Oakland, March 2005.

"The Environmentalist Turn toward Liberalism and the Possibilities for Social Criticism." *Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans, January 2005.

“What Is Environmental Political Theory (and what should it be)?” *Western Political Science Association*, 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*, Boston, September 2002 and *Western Political Science Association*, Long Beach, March 2002.

“Grounding Political Theory: On nature, place, and the foundations of political ideas.” *American Political Science Association*, Atlanta, September 1999.

“Rights to Life?: Nature, Property and Biotechnology.” *American Political Science Association*, 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*, Newark, November 1995.

“A Critical Examination of the Conceptual Relationship between Nature and Politics in Environmental Argument.” *Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, Estes Park, Colorado, August 1995.

“The Politics of Nature: Environmental Philosophy and the Evasion of Political Judgment.” *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 1995.

Participation

Panel Discussant, *Western Political Science Association*, 2001; 2002; 2006; 2009-2012.

Panel Chair, *Association for Political Theory*, 2010.

Panel Chair, *Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 2010.

Panel Chair, *Western Political Science Association*, 2000; 2004 - 2010.

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.

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

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

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*, 1986.

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

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

Intern and Aide, *Office of Alderman David Orr*, Chicago, 1983.

COURSES TAUGHT

Contemporary Political Theory	Democratic Theory
Environmental Politics	Environmental Political Theory
Ethics and Values in Policymaking	History of Western Political Thought
Introductory Seminar in Political Science	Introduction to Political Theory
Liberalization and Resistance	Nature and Politics in Western Thought
Politics of Sustainability	Property and Politics

HONORS AND AWARDS

Political Nature selected as one of three books for anniversary panel on “Great Works in Environmental Political Thought,” *Western Political Science Association*, Portland, 2012.
Student Organization Advisor of the Year Award (CCAT), *HSU*, 2006.
Member, *School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study*.
Political Nature recognized as an “Outstanding Academic Title for 2002” by *Choice*.
President Alistair McCrone Promising Faculty Scholar Award (first annual), *HSU*, 2002.
Outstanding Faculty Award, Student Disability Resource Center, *HSU*, 2002.
First Runner-Up, *APSA’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

Award committee, “Outstanding Environmental Political Theory Paper,” *WPSA*, 2011.
Executive Council, *Western Political Science Association*, 2006-2009.
Organizer, fifth annual Environmental Political Theory workshop, Albuquerque, March 2006.
Section Chair, *Western Political Science Association*, 2004.
Co-founder and Organizer, first Environmental Political Theory workshop, Long Beach, 2002.
Founder and Facilitator, Environmental Political Theory international listserv.

REFEREE

Books (# of reviews): *Ashgate*; *Duke University Press*; *MIT Press* (9); *Oxford University Press* (3); *Routledge* (3); *Rowman and Littlefield*; *University of North Carolina Press*; *University of Toronto Press*.
Journals (*= multiple reviews): *Cultural Critique**; *Environmental Politics**; *Environmental Values*; *Ethics, Policy, and the Environment*; *Global Environmental Politics*; *Human Ecology Review*; *Journal of Political Science*; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *Political Research Quarterly**; *Political Theory*; *Publius*; *Social Theory and Practice**.
Other: *Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia*; *Carleton College*; *Hamilton College*; *Lehigh University*; *St. Joseph’s University*.

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE AT HUMBOLDT

Sustainability Steering Committee, 2011- .
Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) Committee, 2007- .
Steering Committee, Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT), 1999- .
Chair, University Change Implementation Steering Committee, 2010-2012.
Convener, Committee to Create an Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies Major, 2007-2011.

Cabinet for Institutional Change, 2009-2010.

Faculty Advisor, Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT), 2000-2009.

Chair, Dean Search Committee, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, 2005-2006.

Chair, Faculty Search Committees, Department of Government and Politics, 2002-2003; 2003-2004.

University Strategic Planning Groups on Research and Graduate Education, 2003-2004.

Ad Hoc Committee on the General Faculty Constitution and Academic Senate Bylaws, 2002-2004.

Founder and Co-organizer, "Building Sustainable Futures" Speaker Series, 2001-2004.

Graduate Council, 2000-2004.

Strategic Planning Task Force for Graduate Education, 2001.

Planning Committee, Social Science Graduate Program, 1998.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences

Association for Political Theory

Environmental Political Theory Working Group (co-founder)

Western Political Science Association

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST