

*Curriculum Vitae*

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### **Education:**

#### **Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science**

University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2001

#### **Master of Arts, Political Thought (Political Science & Philosophy)**

University of Utah, 1995

#### **Bachelor of Arts, Economics and English (double major)**

Willamette University, 1990

### **Academic positions:**

#### **Professorial Fellow – Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics**

Charles Sturt University, Canberra, Australia, 2009-present (part-year appointment)

#### **Associate Professor – Political Science & Environmental Studies**

University of Colorado at Boulder, 2009-present

#### **Assistant Professor – Political Science**

University of Colorado at Boulder, 2007-2009

#### **Assistant Professor – Philosophy and Political Science**

University of Minnesota Duluth, 2001-2007, promoted to Associate Professor in 2007

### **Research:**

#### **Books:**

*Doing Our Bit: Individual Responsibility for Climate Change*, monograph under contract with Oxford University Press, expected completion 2012.

*The Politics of Energy: Challenges for a Sustainable Future* (edited volume), from a special issue of *Environmental Politics*, in press with Routledge, 2012.

*Environmental Rights* (edited volume), for The International Library of Essays on Rights, series editor Tom Campbell, under contract with Ashgate, 2011.

*Atmospheric Justice: A Political Theory of Climate Change* (monograph), New York: Oxford University Press, 2008. Paperback edition published September 2009.

Winner of the Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for best book on global environmental politics, International Studies Association, 2009

Editor's Pick, *Choice* (November 2008)

*Political Theory and Global Climate Change* (edited volume), Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2008. Translated into Chinese (2010).

**Refereed articles:**

- “Confronting Risks: Regulatory Responsibility and Nuclear Energy,” *Environmental Politics* 20, no. 5 (September 2011): 650-667.  
reprinted in: *The Politics of Energy: Challenges for a Sustainable Future*, ed. by S. Vanderheiden (Routledge, 2012).
- “Globalizing Responsibility for Climate Change,” *Ethics and International Affairs* 25, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 65-84.
- “Ethically Responsible Leisure? Promoting Social and Environmental Justice through Ecotourism” (with M. Sisson), *Environmental Philosophy* 7, no. 2 (2010): 1-15.
- “Distinguishing Mitigation and Adaptation,” *Ethics, Place and Environment* 12, no. 3 (October 2009): 283-86.
- “Allocating Ecological Space,” *Journal of Social Philosophy* 40, no. 2 (Summer 2009): 257-75.
- “Two Conceptions of Sustainability,” *Political Studies* 56, no. 2 (June 2008): 435-55.  
reprinted in: *Sustainability: Collected Essays*, ed. by T. Campbell and D. Mollica (London: Ashgate, 2009).
- “Radical Environmentalism in an Age of Antiterrorism,” *Environmental Politics* 17, no. 2 (April 2008): 299-318.  
reprinted in *Environmentalism in the United States: Changing Conceptions of Activism*, ed. by D. Schlosberg and E. Bomberg (New York: Routledge, 2008).
- “Climate Change and the Challenge of Moral Responsibility,” *Journal of Philosophical Research* (2007 special issue on “Ethics and the Life Sciences,” ed. by Fred Adams): 85-92.
- “Conservation, Foresight, and the Future Generations Problem,” *Inquiry* 49, no. 4 (August 2006): 337-52.
- “Two Shades of Green: Food and Environmental Sustainability,” *Environmental Ethics* 28, no. 2 (Summer 2006): 129-45.
- “Assessing the Case against the SUV,” *Environmental Politics* 15, no. 1 (February 2006): 23-40.
- “Eco-Terrorism or Justified Resistance? Radical Environmentalism and the ‘War on Terror’,” *Politics & Society* 33, no. 3 (September 2005): 425-47.  
reprinted in: *Terrorism in Perspective*, ed. by Sue Mahan and Pamala Griset (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2007).
- “Missing the Forest for the Trees: Justice and Environmental Economics,” *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 8, no. 1 (March 2005): 51-69.
- “Knowledge, Uncertainty, and Responsibility: Responding to Climate Change,” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 18 (April 2004): 141-58.
- “Justice in the Greenhouse: Climate Change and the Idea of Fairness,” *Social Philosophy Today* vol. 19 (2004): 89-101.
- “Rousseau, Cronon, and the Wilderness Idea,” *Environmental Ethics* 24, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 169-88.

“Habitat Conservation Plans and the Promise of Deliberative Democracy,” *Public Integrity* 3, no. 3 (Summer 2001): 205-20.

“Why the State Should Stay Out of the Wedding Chapel,” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 13 (April 1999): 175-89.

### **Book chapters:**

“Introduction: Environmental Rights,” in *Environmental Rights*, for International Library of Essays on Rights series, ed. by S. Vanderheiden (Ashgate, 2012).

“Leadership, Moral Authority, and Global Climate Change,” in *Leadership and Global Justice*, ed. by D. Hicks and T. Williamson (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012).

“Climate Justice as Globalized Responsibility,” in *Ethics and Global Environmental Policy: Cosmopolitan Conceptions of Climate Change*, ed. by Paul Harris (Edward Elgar, 2011).

“Climate Change and Collective Responsibility,” in *Compatibilist Responsibility: Beyond Free Will and Determinism*, ed. by N. Vincent, I. van de Pol and J. van den Hoven (Springer, 2011).

“Environmental Theories,” in *Philosophies and Theories for Advanced Nursing Practice*, ed. by J. Butts and K. Rich (Sudbury, MA: Jones & Bartlett, 2011).

“Climate Change and Intergenerational Responsibility,” in *Moral Ground*, ed. by Kathleen Dean Moore and Michael Nelson (San Antonio, TX: Trinity University Press, 2010).

“Introduction,” in *Political Theory and Global Climate Change*, ed. by S. Vanderheiden (Cambridge: The MIT Press, 2008).

“Climate Change, Environmental Rights, and Emissions Shares,” in *Political Theory and Global Climate Change* (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2008).

“*America (The Book): Textbook Parody and Democratic Theory*,” in *The Daily Show and Philosophy*, ed. by Jason Holt (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2007).

### **Miscellaneous publications:**

“The Politics of Energy: An Introduction,” *Environmental Politics* 20, no. 5 (September 2011): 607-16.

reprinted in: *The Politics of Energy: Challenges for a Sustainable Future*, ed. by S. Vanderheiden (Routledge, 2012).

“Ethics Beats Self-interest in Carbon Tax Debate” (800 word invited Op-Ed), *The Conversation*, 23 March 2011, online at <http://theconversation.edu.au/>.

“Rethinking Environmentalism: Beyond Doom and Gloom” (2700 word review essay on Princen, *Treading Softly*; Wapner, *Living Through the End of Nature*, and Schor, *Plentitude*), *Global Environmental Politics* 11, no. 1 (2011): 108-113.

“Inculcating an Ethic of Responsibility for Climate Change” (2000 words), Public Issues Forum proceedings, University of Toronto Centre for Ethics (2010).

“Climate Change and Ecological Citizenship,” *People and Place* (online journal), vol. 1, issue 2 (April 2009), online at <http://www.peopleandplace.net/>.

“Consumer Ethics and Consumption” (3000 words), entry in *Green Ethics and Philosophy*, ed. by Julie Newman (Sage Reference Series on Green Society: Toward a Sustainable Future, 2011), pp. 88-93.

“Climate Change,” and “Obligation to Future Generations,” and “Environmental Racism” (1000 words each), entries in the *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, ed. by Deen K. Chatterjee, Springer (2010).

### **Book reviews:**

Review of Stephen Gardiner’s *A Perfect Moral Storm: The Ethical Tragedy of Climate Change*, for *Environmental Ethics* (2011).

Review of George Kateb’s *Human Dignity*, for *Contemporary Political Theory* (2011).

Review of R. Hiskes’ *The Human Right to a Green Future* and Posner and Weisbach’s *Climate Change Justice*, in *Perspectives on Politics* 9, no. 1 (2011): 133-35.

Review of James Gustave Speth’s *The Bridge at the End of the World: Capitalism, the Environment, and Crossing from Crisis to Sustainability*, in *Global Environmental Politics* 9, no. 3 (August 2009): 143-45.

Review of Peter Dauvergne’s *The Shadows of Consumption: Consequences for the Global Environment*, in *Perspectives on Politics* 7, no. 1 (March 2009): 223-24.

Review of Peter Oosterveer’s *Global Governance of Food Production and Consumption: Issues and Challenges*, in *Global Environmental Politics* 8, no. 3 (August 2008): 161-63.

Review of *Neoliberal Environments: False Promises and Unnatural Consequences*, ed. by N. Heynen, J. McCarthy, S. Prudham, and P. Robbins, in *Environmental Ethics* 31, no. 1 (Spring 2009).

Review of Steven Cohen’s *Understanding Environmental Policy*, in *Environmental Ethics* 29, no. 4 (Winter 2007): 443-44.

Review of *A Political Space: Reading the Global through Clayoquot Sound*, ed. by Warren Magnusson and Karena Shaw, in *Perspectives on Politics* 2, no. 2 (March 2004): 205-6.

Review of Peter Singer’s *One World: The Ethics of Globalization*, in *Environmental Ethics* 26, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 209-12.

Review of Louis Pojman’s *Moral Philosophy: A Reader*, in *Teaching Philosophy* 26, no. 3 (September 2003): 313-15.

### **Short book reviews:**

Review of Richard W. Miller’s *Globalizing Justice*, in *Choice* (March 2011).

Review of Dustin E. Howes’ *Toward a Credible Pacifism: Violence and the Possibilities of Politics*, in *Choice* (July 2010).

Review of David Lewis Schaefer’s *Illiberal Justice: John Rawls vs. The American Political Tradition*, in *Choice* (September 2007).

Review of Donald Liddick’s *Eco-terrorism: Radical Environmental and Animal Liberation Movements*, in *Choice* (April 2007).

- Review of Alan Dershowitz's *Rights From Wrongs: A Secular Theory of the Origins of Rights*, in *Choice* 42 (September 2005).
- Review of Robyn Eckersley's *The Green State: Rethinking Democracy and Sovereignty*, in *Choice* 42, issue 6 (February 2005): 1093.
- Review of *From Liberal Values to Democratic Transition*, ed. by Ronald Dworkin, in *Choice* 41, issue 11/12 (July 2004): 2124.
- Review of *Human Nature and Public Policy: An Evolutionary Approach*, ed. by Somit and Peterson, in *Choice* 41, issue 8 (April 2004): 1542.
- Review of Joel Kassiola's *Explorations in Environmental Political Theory*, in *Choice* 40, issue (July/August 2003): 1980.
- Review of Meir Dan-Cohen's *Harmful Thoughts: Essays on Law, Self, and Morality*, in *Choice* 40, issue (January 2003): 902.
- Review of Charles W. Anderson's *A Deeper Freedom: Liberal Democracy as an Everyday Morality*, in *Choice* 39, issue (December 2002): 707.

### **Invited talks:**

- "Individualizing Responsibility for Climate Change," Just Global Climate Governance Workshop, The Australian National University, Canberra, June 30, 2011.
- "Equity and Responsibility in International Climate Policy," Environmental Ethics Symposium, Utah Valley University (organized by David Keller), April 7, 2011.
- "Climate Change and Development," South Asia Forum, University of Utah Philosophy Department (organized by Deen Chatterjee), April 6, 2011.
- "Leadership, Moral Authority, and Global Climate Change," Jepson Leadership Colloquium, University of Richmond (organized by Doug Hicks and Thad Williamson), January 28-29, 2011.
- "Inculcating an Ethic of Responsibility for Climate Change," Public Issues Forum through the U. of Toronto Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto (organized by Melissa Williams), April 26, 2010.
- "Climate Justice at COP-15 and Beyond," Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, Australian National University, Canberra, ACT, Australia (organized by Seumas Miller), November 25, 2009.
- "Justice and Global Climate Change," Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs, San Diego State University (organized by Darrel Moellendorf), October 26, 2009.
- "Political Theory Perspectives on U.S. Climate Policy," for the *Committee on America's Climate Choices*, National Academy of Science, Irvine, CA, August 31, 2009.
- "Climate Change and Collective Responsibility" (keynote talk), *Moral Responsibility: Neuroscience, Organization & Engineering* conference, Centre for Ethics and Technology, TU Delft, Netherlands, August 2009.
- "Justice, Responsibility and Climate Change," Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford (organized by Simon Caney), May 19, 2009.
- "Justice and Global Climate Change," presented at the UC-San Diego Political Theory Colloquium (organized by Alan Houston), La Jolla, CA, May 11, 2009.

- “Climate Change and Environmental Rights,” presented at the University of Chicago conference entitled *Does the Environment Have a Right? Critical Perspectives on Environmentalism and the Left*, May 9, 2009.
- “Environmental Degradation as a Human Rights Issue,” *Ideas Matter* lecture series, Oregon State University (organized by K. Moore), Corvallis, OR, March 5, 2009.
- “Political Theory of Global Climate Change,” presented at the Stanford Humanities Workshop (organized by Narasimha Rao), Palo Alto, CA, January 8, 2009.
- “Eco-Terrorism? Radical Environmentalism and the ‘War on Terror’,” Virginia Commonwealth Colloquium series, November 2004.

### **Recent conference and campus presentations:**

APSA: American Political Science Association      APT: Association for Political Theory  
 MPSA: Midwest Political Science Association      WPSA: Western Political Science Association

- “Individualizing Responsibility for Global Climate Justice,” presented at the APT annual meeting, South Bend, IN, October 13-15, 2011.
- Roundtable on Global Democracy and Global Justice, Conference on Global Democracy (organized by J. Dryzek), The Australian National University, August 4-5, 2011.
- “Climate Change and Cooperation,” Charles Sturt University Philosophy Seminar, Wagga Wagga, NSW, Australia, August 2, 2011.
- “Climate Change and the Burdens of Leadership,” Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics Colloquium, The Australian National University, June 6, 2011.
- “‘Private’ Agents in Public Roles: The Challenges of Equity, Accountability, and Coordination in Non-state Governance” (with B. Bernhardt), presented at the Earth Systems Governance annual meeting, Fort Collins, CO, May 16-19, 2011.
- “Taking Responsibility as Consumers and Citizens: Individual Responses to Environmental Crises,” for APSA meeting, Washington DC, September 2010.
- “Equity vs. Security: Competing Frames for Theorizing Climate Impacts in Australia,” E.H. Graham Centre for Agricultural Security lecture, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga NSW, May 2010.
- “Living Green and Living Well: Climate Change and the Low-Carbon Imaginary,” presented at the WPSA annual meeting, San Francisco, April 2011.
- “Climate Justice Beyond the State,” presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, New Orleans, February 2010.
- “Climate Justice as Globalized Responsibility,” presented at the European Consortium on Politics Research conference, Potsdam, Germany, September 10-12, 2009.
- “Citizens and Consumers: Individual Responsibility for Sustainability,” presented at the *From the Local to the Global: International Sustainability Conference*, Villanova, PA, April 23-26, 2009.
- “Challenges for a Sustainable Risk Society: The Case of Nuclear Energy,” presented at the WPSA annual meeting, Vancouver BC, March 19-21, 2009.
- “Cultivation or Conservation? Competing Imperatives for Land Use,” presented at the CU-Boulder ENVS colloquium series, April 1, 2009

- “Intergenerational Cosmopolitanism: Maintaining Justice along Two Dimensions,” presented at the APT annual meeting, Middletown, CT, October 9-12, 2008.
- “Climate Policy, National Liability, and Collective Responsibility,” presented at the North American Society for Social Philosophy annual meeting, Portland, OR, July 17-19, 2008.
- “Consuming Democracy: Purchasing the Forum at the Market,” presented at the MPSA annual meeting, Chicago, April 2008.
- “Green Consumerism: Saving the World at the Cash Register?” presented at the WPSA annual meeting, San Diego, March 2008.
- “Justice and Global Climate Change,” presented through the Center for Values and Social Policy colloquium series, University of Colorado, November 9, 2007.
- “Holding Nations Responsible: Climate Change and Collective Responsibility,” presented at the “Environment, Energy, Ethics: Science and Responsibility for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” conference, Newark, DE, September 21-23, 2007.
- “Challenging the Privatization of Consumption,” presented at the MPSA annual meeting, Chicago, April 2007.
- “Minimizing the Role of Luck in Environmental Governance,” presented at the WPSA annual meeting, Las Vegas, March 2007.
- “Who Governs the Market? Consumer Sovereignty, Democracy, and Social Justice,” presented at the APSA annual meeting, Philadelphia, September 2006.
- “Who Governs the Market? Consumer Sovereignty, Democracy, and Social Justice,” presented at the MPSA annual meeting, Chicago, April 2006.
- “Climate Change, Environmental Rights, and Emissions Shares,” presented at the WPSA annual meeting, Albuquerque, March 2006.

### **Grants & awards:**

- Co-PI (with Ed Spence), Australian Research Council Discovery application for “Equity and Accountability in Climate Change Adaptation” (\$359,149 AUD), pending.
- CU-Boulder President’s Fund for the Humanities grant (\$3000), Fall 2009, for “Climate Justice Lecture Series” (lectures by S. Gardiner, D. Moellendorf, D. Chatterjee).
- CU-Boulder Committee for Humanities and the Arts Visiting Scholar grant (\$1000), Fall 2008 (used to bring David Schlosberg to campus).
- CU-Boulder Institute for Ethics and Civic Engagement grant (\$2500), Spring 2008.
- CU-Boulder Center for the Advancement of Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS) Albert E. Smith Scholar grant for research on “Sustainability, Security, and Survival in a New Nuclear Age” (\$5000), Spring 2008.
- CU-Boulder Dean’s Fund for Excellence grant (\$700), 2008, 2009, 2010.
- University of Minnesota Institute for Advanced Study Residential Fellowship, Spring semester 2008 (declined).
- UMD Faculty Sabbatical, sabbatical supplement (\$10,000), AY 2007-08 (declined).
- UMD College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Faculty Research Award, 2006-07.
- UMD Single Semester Leave, Fall 2005.
- UMD Chancellor’s Small Grant (\$750), F01, F02, F03, F04, S05, F05, S06, F06.
- UMD Research Committee Travel Grant (\$500), F02, S04, F04, S05, S07.
- UMD College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant (\$3000), Summer 2001.

**Service:****Department service:**

Member, Budget Committee, CU Political Science, 2011-13  
 Organizer, Climate Justice Lecture Series, CU Environmental Studies, 2010  
 Assistant Director of Graduate Studies, CU Political Science, 2008-09  
 Sustainability Residential Academic Program liaison for CU ENVS, 2008-09  
 Member, Political Science Graduate Committee, CU-Boulder (2007-10)  
 Member/chair, search committees in UMD Philosophy, Political Science  
 Departmental representative on UMD College of Liberal Arts Academic Affairs,  
 Library, and Orientation committees, Philosophy and Political Science

**Campus service:**

University Memorial Center Board, U. of Colorado at Boulder (2011-present)  
 Political Science representative, Boulder Faculty Assembly (2010-present)  
 BFA Student Affairs committee, CU-Boulder (2010-present)  
 Director, UMD Center for Ethics & Public Policy (2002-2005)  
 Steering Committee, UMD Center for Advocacy and Political Leadership  
 Advisor, UMD Socratic Society (undergraduate philosophy club), 2003-07  
 Member, UMD Environmental Studies Program Board (2002-07)  
 Member, UMD Interdisciplinary Studies Committee (2004-07)

**Professional service:**

Guest editor, *Environmental Politics* (2011 special issue)  
 Environmental Politics book series Editor, Routledge (2010-present)  
 Senior Research Fellow, Earth Systems Governance Project (2010-present)  
 Associate Editor, *Ethics, Place and Environment* (2009-present)  
 Section Chair, Environmental Political Theory, WPSA meeting (2009)  
 Core referee, *Environmental Ethics* (2009-present)  
 Editorial Board member, *Public Affairs Quarterly* (2005-2008)  
 Book manuscript referee: Oxford University Press, The MIT Press, Yale  
 University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge, Edward Elgar

**References:**

Available upon request