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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Gonzaga University   *July 2023-present*

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Whitworth University   *July 2020-June 2023*

Assistant Professor of Political Science

EDUCATION

Purdue University   *2020*

Ph.D., Political Science
Dissertation: *"Better Together? Participation and Interaction among Women's Groups at the UN Climate Summits"*
Concentrations: International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Political Methodology
Committee: Ann Marie Clark, James McCann, Manjana Milkoreit, Thomas Mustillo

Purdue University   *2012*

M.A., Political Science

Fudan University, Shanghai, China   *2009*

M.A., English Literature

Peking University, Beijing, China   *2006*

B.A., Southeastern Asian Studies; Minor in French

PUBLICATIONS

"Granting legitimacy from non-state actor deliberation: an example of women's groups at the UN-FCCC." Forthcoming. *Environmental Policy and Governance.*
"Who Did What for Whom? Amnesty International's Urgent Actions as Activist-Generated Data." (with Ann Marie Clark). 2020. *Journal of Human Rights.* 19(1):46-66.
"Finding urban climate justice in environmental authoritarianism: the case of an urbanizing China" (Forthcoming book chapter)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Who tells your story? The ecology of civil society organizations at UNFCCC. (Contracted with Cambridge University Press, Element Series on "Organizational Response to Climate Change: Business, Governments, and Nonprofit.")
Framing climate justice at the UNFCCC. (Under review at *Environmental Politics*)
Resist or embrace: environmental human rights advocacy at Amnesty International. (Under review at *Journal of Human Rights and Environment*)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

Best Poster Award, "NGO Network at the UNFCCC: A Two-Stage Process,"
  Political Network Conference, Political Network Section of APSA — *2019*
NSF Fellowship for Political Network Conferences ($1,800) — *2013, 2019*
APSA Travel Grant ($250) — *2019*

Internal

Faculty Research and Development Fellowship, Whitworth University ($2000) — *2021, 2022*
McDonald Opportunity Scholar, Whitworth University ($1400) — *2021, 2022*
Pam Parker Research Fellowship, Whitworth university ($2000) — *2021*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Field Work

Research at the 23rd and 24th Conference of Parties,
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
(UNFCCC COP23, COP24), Bonn Germany and Katowice Poland — *2017, 2018*

Research Assistant, Purdue University

"Human Rights Texts for Digital Research: Archiving and Analyzing
Amnesty International's Historic Urgent Action Bulletins
at Purdue University," Ann Marie Clark, PI — *2013-2014, 2017-2019*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to International Relations, International Organizations, Global Climate Change Governance, Global Environmental Politics, International Human Rights, Environmental Politics, Data in Politics, Quantitative Research Methods,Contemporary China and East Asian Politics

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

International Studies Association Conference — *2022*
American Political Science Association Conference — *2018, 2019, 2020, 2021*
Earth System Governance Conference — *2021*
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action — *2020*
Political Network Conference, organized by Political Network Section of APSA — *2019*
International Network for Social Network Analysis-Sunbelt Conference — *2017*
Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS) conference at Georgetown University — *2019*

Simpson-Duvall distinguished Lecture on China's Cultural Revolution — *2022*
Economic and Social Rights Group at University of Connecticut — *2022*
International Studies and Foreign Languages, University of South Alabama — *2022*

SERVICE

Reviewer: *International Studies Review, Environmental Politics, Journal of Human Rights, Global Health Governance.*
Head of Observer, representing Whitworth University as a non-party observer at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
Co-founder of Chinese American for Justice, Spokane
Steering Committee member, 350.org Spokane

LANGUAGES

Mandarin(native), English(fluent), Burmese(intermediate), French(intermediate)