

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, June 2017
American Politics, Political Psychology, Environmental Politics
Dissertation title: Joining the Issue Public and Participating in the Cause: Why Americans get involved with specific issues
Committee: Eric R.A.N. Smith, Hahrie Han, M. Kent Jennings, Sarah Anderson

M.A., Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2014

M.P.A., Public Administration, Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg, 2011
Policy Analysis, Public Budgeting, Performance Management

B.S., Biology, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

H. Hodges, C. Kuehl, **A. Sparks**, & E.R.A.N. Smith. (2016). "Delivering Energy (often) Requires Public Consent." *Delivering Energy Law and Policy in the EU and US*. R.J. Heffron and G. Little, Eds. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

P. Ehret, **A. Sparks**, & D. Sherman. (2016). "Support for Environmental Protection: An integration of ideological-consistency and information-deficit models." *Environmental Politics*, DOI.

H. Han, **A. Sparks**, & N. Towery. "Opening Up the Black Box: Citizen Group Strategies for Engaging Grassroots Activism in the 21st Century." *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, forthcoming.

Under Review

C. Kuehl, **A. Sparks**, H. Hodges, & E.R.A.N. Smith. "Exploring Sustainability Literacy: Developing and Assessing a Measure of What Students Know About Sustainability." (Revise and Resubmit at *Environmental Education Research*).

H. Hodges, S. Oliver, **A. Sparks**, & E.R.A.N. Smith. "Confidence in Local, National, and International Scientists on Climate Change."

WORKING PAPERS & CURRENT PROJECTS

"Knowledge Matters: Using sustainability literacy to predict environmental attitudes and behaviors." (With Heather Hodges, Colin Kuehl, Katie Maynard, and Eric R.A.N. Smith).

"Broadening the Tent of Environmental Attitudes Scales: Using Moral Foundations Theory to develop a new measure." (With Cameron Brick).

“What actually predicts environmentalism? Comparing major models and scales.” (With Eric R.A.N. Smith et al).

“Organizing for a living: Race, gender and job satisfaction among career organizers.” (With Janice Fine, Kyoung-Hee Yu, and Hahrie Han).

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Opening Up the Black Box: Citizen Group Strategies for Engaging Grassroots Activism in the 21st Century.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016. (With Hahrie Han and Nate Towery).

“Measuring Sustainability Literacy: Developing and assessing a measure of sustainability literacy on a UC campus.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016. (With Heather Hodges, Colin Kuehl, Katie Maynard, and Eric R.A.N. Smith).

“Broadening the tend of environmental attitudes scales.” Annual Duck Family Graduate Workshop on Environmental Politics and Governance, University of Washington, Seattle, May 2016. (With Cameron Brick).

“Issue Public Membership and Political Participation.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

“Developing a Moral Environmentalism Scale.” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, March 2016. (With Cameron Brick).

“Integrating ideological-consistency and information-deficit models to predict environmental support.” 5th annual Sustainable Psychology Pre-Conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, January 2016. (By Phil Ehret with David K. Sherman).

“Measuring Sustainability Literacy: Developing and assessing a measure of sustainability literacy on a UC campus.” California Higher Education Sustainability Council Annual Conference, June 2015. (With Heather Hodges, Colin Kuehl, Katie Maynard, and Eric R.A.N. Smith).

“Refining Models of Environmental Action: Adding psychological distance to the Civic Voluntarism Model.” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, March 2015.

“Confidence in Local, National, and International Scientists on Climate Change.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2014, Washington, D.C. by Sarah Oliver (With Heather Hodges and Eric R.A.N. Smith).

“Measuring Sustainability Literacy: An initial analysis.” California Higher Education Sustainability Council Annual Conference, June 2014. (With Heather Hodges, Colin Kuehl, Katie Maynard, and Eric R.A.N. Smith).

“Pro-life, pro-guns, pro- environment?: Examining the green conservative.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2014. (With Phil Ehret).

AWARDS

Grants and Fellowships:

Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant. UCSB Graduate Division. \$2,856. 2016.

APSA Travel Grant 2016. \$200. 2016

Chancellor’s Sustainability Graduate Research Program. \$5,700. 2015.

Political Science Departmental Research Grant. \$480. 2015.
Political Science Departmental Fee Fellowship. 2012-2015.
Department Conference Travel Grant. \$500. 2014, 2015, 2016.

Nominations:

UCSB Academic Senate Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. 2014/2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of California Santa Barbara

Introduction to American Government & Politics Introduction to Research Methods(5x)

Politics of the Environment

Politics of Energy

Simulation Congress

Political Interest Groups

Introduction to Political Philosophy (3x)

Guest Lectures, University of California Santa Barbara

Environmental Politics and Policy - 'Understanding Environmental Activism'

Political Interest Groups - 'The Failure of Cap and Trade Legislation'

Politics of Energy - 'Policymaking'

SERVICE

Faculty Search: Anton Vonk Chair in Environmental Politics: 2014

Faculty Search: Assistant Professor of Environmental Politics: 2014

Political Science Graduate Student Association: Social Co-Chair: 2014-2015

Associate Editor: Journal of Environment and Development: 2013-present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, International City/County Manager's Association (past).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Constituent Services Representative, Senate of Pennsylvania. 2010-2012.

Management Intern / Administrative Assistant, Borough of Manheim, PA. May 2010-November 2010.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE & REFERENCES

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