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Employment

Academic

Fall 2022 to present: Associate Professor of Political Science, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Fall 2017 to Spring 2022: Assistant Professor of Political Science, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Spring 2016: Instructor, University of Louisville, Department of Political Science.

September 2013 to September 2015: Research Associate, Norwegian Research Council, Project: *Perceptions and understandings of climate change and migration: Conceptualising and Contextualising for Lakshadweep and the Maldives*.

April 2013 to July 2013: Research Fellow, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), Washington D.C., Fellow and Adviser to community-based climate change adaptation program

Education

Ph.D. 2012. Louisiana State University. Dissertation: *Climate Change Displacement and Global Governance: a case study of three Intergovernmental Organizations and the Conflict between Member States and Bureaucracy*.

M.A. 2010. Louisiana State University, Major: Political Science.

Certificate, 2010. United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), Summer Academy, Schloss Hohenkammer, Germany.

Diploma, 2009. Oxford University Refugee Studies Centre: Summer School in Forced Migration.

B.A. 2002. Michigan State University, Major: Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, Minor: World History.

Publications (Total Citations- 183, h- index 7, i-10 index 5):

Books

Andrea C. Simonelli, "Governing Climate Induced Migration and Displacement: IGO Expansion and Global Policy Implications", Palgrave Macmillan (International Political Economy Series), London, 2015.

Edited Volumes

"Earth System Law: Standing on the Precipice of the Anthropocene", Edited by: T. Cadman, M. Hurlbert, and **A. C. Simonelli**, Routledge (Challenges in Globalisation Series) 2021.

Peer Reviewed Articles

"Rainbows of Comfort in Rising Seas: How Literalist Bible Interpretations Impact Climate Change understandings in the Marshall Islands" (Primary author/ with co-Author Kaitlyn Novalski) at *accepted at Weather, Climate, and Society*.

Ilan Kelman; Justyna Orlowska; Himani Upadhyay; Robert Stojanov; Christian Webersik; **Andrea C. Simonelli**; David Procházka and Daniel Němec (2019). "Does climate change influence people's migration decisions in Maldives?", *Climatic Change*, 153(1-2), 285-299.

Tim Cadman, Klaus Radunsky, **Andrea C Simonelli**, and Tek Maraseni (2018) "From Paris to Poland, a Postmortem of the Climate Change Negotiations", *The International Journal of Social Quality*, 8:2.

Ilan Kelman, Himani Upadhyay, **Andrea C. Simonelli**, Alex Arnall, Divya Mohan, Lingaraj G J, Shadananan Nair, and Christian Webersik (2017) "Here and Now: Perceptions of Indian Ocean Islanders on the Climate Change and Migration Nexus", *Geografiska Annaler: Series B, Human Geography*, 99:3, 284-303.

Andrea Catherine Simonelli Berringer (2012). "Climate Change and Emigration: Comparing 'Sinking Islands' and Jamaica", *Miradas en Movimiento*, Special Volume: Naturally Immigrants, January.

Andrea C. S. Berringer (2011). "Possible frameworks for Climate Change IDP's: Disaster and Development Induced Displacement and Resettlement models and their Integration", *International Journal of Climate Change; Impacts and Responses*, Volume 2, Issue 4, pp.89-100.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Andrea C. Simonelli, "The Contentious Policies of Place and Space: the Maldives, Overpopulation, and Climate Concerns" in *Small Island Developing States: Vulnerability and Resilience Under Climate Change*, The World of Small States, Volume 9, Springer, Berlin, Germany (2021).

Andrea C. Simonelli, "A Comparative Case Study of Environmental Governance in Tuvalu and the Marshall Islands" in *Governance in Small States*, Routledge, Editors: Lino Briguglio, Jessica Byron, Stefano Moncada, and Wouter Veenendaal (2020).

Edited Journal Issues

Andrea C. Simonelli and Heather Croshaw eds., Special Issue "Today's Climate Migrants: Extreme Events, Displacement, and New Barriers to Movement", *Social Sciences* 10 (11), 2021.

Andrea C. Berringer, Associate Editor: *The International Journal of Climate Change: Impacts and Responses*, Vol. 2, Issue 2 and 3, 2010.

Book Chapters in Edited Volumes

Andrea C. Simonelli, "Human Migration and Renewable Energy with a Focus on the Pacific Islands". In: Letcher, Trevor M. (eds.) *Comprehensive Renewable Energy*, Second Edition, vol. 9, pp. 197–203. Oxford: Elsevier (2022).

Andrea C. Simonelli, "Climate (Im)mobilities in Migration Governance and Law: Integrating an Earth Systems Perspective" in *Earth System Law: Standing on the Precipice of the Anthropocene*, Routledge, Edited by: T. Cadman, M. Hurlbert, **A. C. Simonelli** (2021).

Simonelli, A. C., Hurlbert, M., and Cadman T., "The analytical, normative and transformative dimensions of ESL" in *Earth System Law: Standing on the Precipice of the Anthropocene*, Routledge, Edited by: T. Cadman, M. Hurlbert, **A. C. Simonelli** (2021).

Hurlbert, M., **Simonelli, A. C.**, and Cadman T., “Conclusion: plotting the course of Earth system law on the precipice of the Anthropocene” in *Earth System Law: Standing on the Precipice of the Anthropocene*, Routledge, Edited by: T. Cadman, M. Hurlbert, **A. C. Simonelli** (2021).

Sumudu Atapattu and **Andrea C. Simonelli**, “Climate Justice, sustainable development and small island states: A case study of the Maldives”, in *The Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development*, Cambridge, United Kingdom, 2021.

Andrea C. Simonelli, “Migration and Climate Change” in *Managing Global Warming: an interface of technology and Human Issues*, Elsevier, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2019.

Andrea C. Simonelli, “Good Fishing in Rising Seas: Kandholhudhoo, Dhuvaafaru, and the need for a Development-based Island Migration Policy”, in *Migration, Risk Management and Climate Change: Evidence and Policy Responses*, Springer’s ‘Global Migration Issues Series’, 2016.

Andrea C. Simonelli, “The Ethical Responsibility of the Loss and Damage Mechanism: a consideration of Non- Economic Loss and Human Rights”, in *Ethical Values and the Global Climate Integrity System*, in Routledge, London, 2016.

Andrea C. Berringer, “Global Governance Regimes and the Incorporation of Climate Change Displacement”, in *Climate Change and Global Policy Regimes: Towards Institutional Legitimacy*, Tim Cadman (ed.), Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Andrea C. S. Berringer, “AOSIS”, in S. George Philander (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Global Warming and Climate Change: Second Edition*, Sage Publications, 2012.

Andrea C. S. Berringer, “Jamaica”, in S. George Philander (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Global Warming and Climate Change: Second Edition*, Sage Publications, 2012.

Andrea C. S. Berringer, 2012 “Maldives”, in S. George Philander (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Global Warming and Climate Change: Second Edition*, Sage Publications, 2012.

Policy Papers

Andrea C. Simonelli, “US leadership on climate displacement is essential to success”, *Newlines Institute*, September 29, 2021.

<https://newlinesinstitute.org/governance/the-coming-crisis-of-climate-displacement/>

Andrea Simonelli, “Loss and Damage”, in SUMMARY OF RIGHTS-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS AT COP19, Human Rights and Climate Change Working Group, CIEL, December 2013.

Leighton, et al. (2011), *Policy and Institutional Mechanisms to address the needs of Climate-Related Migrants: Results of the 2010 Summer Academy on Social Vulnerability*, Research Brief, United Nations University and Munich Re Foundation (**Andrea Berringer, Draft Editor**).

Review Essays

Andrea C. Simonelli, “Climate Displacement and the legal gymnastics of Justice: is it all political?”, *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2021.

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2021/climate-displacement-and-the-legal-gymnastics-of-justice-is-it-all-political/>

Op Ed

Andrea C. Simonelli (2012), *Why pacific island migration must be considered at the COP18 climate talks*, Responding to Climate Change. Org (RTCC.org), November 13.
<https://www.climatechangenews.com/2012/11/14/why-migration-must-be-considered-at-the-cop18-climate-talks/>

Under Review

Working Papers

“Climate Migration as Earth Systems Migration: Global Relocation(s) in the Anthropocene”

“Saving Paradise? An analysis of how Governance Affects Climate Resilience through Human Security in the Pacific”

“At the Nexus of Territory and Identity: the WIM and governing Non Economic Loss and Damage in the UNFCCC” (Primary author /with Co-Author Heather Croshaw, J.D., LL.M)

Field Research

Project: *Saving Paradise? An analysis of how Governance Affects Climate Resilience through Human Security in the Pacific*

Sub project:

How literalist Bible interpretation affects understandings of climate change in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)

Western Samoa, Vanuatu, The Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Kiribati, January 21-July 15, 2020 (interrupted by COVID-19 in March 2020, all locations were completed except Kiribati).

Project: *Human Security and Climate Resilience in the Pacific*, Western Samoa, Fiji, Tuvalu, Kiribati, and The Republic of the Marshall Islands, June 14- October 1, 2018.

Project: *Human Security and Climate Resilience in the Pacific*, The Republic of the Marshall Islands and Hawaii, April 26- May 11, 2018.

Project: *Perceptions and understandings of climate change and migration: Conceptualising and Contextualising for Lakshadweep and the Maldives*, Dhuvaafaru, Raa Atoll, Maldives, October 13- October 31, 2013.

Project: *Perceptions and understandings of climate change and migration: Conceptualising and Contextualising for Lakshadweep and the Maldives*, K. Guraidhoo, South Male Atoll, Maldives, June 16- July 10, 2013.

Project: *BP's response to small businesses and residents of Louisiana*, Grand Isle, Louisiana, June 19-20, 2010.

Honors, Awards, and Grants

Funded Grants

VCU Global Learning Program Development Award, \$3000 (Summer 2023).

VCU University-wide Research Institutes and Centers (RICs) Institute for Sustainable Energy and Environment (ISEE), \$200,000 (F2022 to S2024)

VCU Humanities Research Center Residential Fellowship, *Environmental Humanities*, 2 course release (F2022/S2023).

Travel Grant, Griffith University, \$400

VCU Humanities Center Research Travel Grant *Saving Paradise? An analysis of how Governance Affects Climate Resilience through Human Security in the Pacific*, \$1500 (2019).

VCU Seed Award, *Saving Paradise? An analysis of how Governance Affects Climate Resilience through Human Security in the Pacific*, \$5000 (2019).

Research Grant, Government of Norway, *Perceptions and understandings of climate change and migration: Conceptualising and Contextualising for Lakshadweep and the Maldives* \$30,000 (2013). *subgrant from \$1.5m project.

Travel/Conference Grant, EU COST Initiative, \$2000, March 2014.

Travel/Conference Grant, EU COST Initiative, \$2000, July 2013.

Travel/Conference Grant, United Nations University, \$2000, October, 2012.

Travel/Conference Grant, United Nations University, \$2000, July 2011.

Travel/Conference Grant, University of Southern Queensland, \$2000, June 2011.

Travel/Conference Grant, Louisiana State University Travel Grant, \$350 and \$261 (2010).

Awards

Outstanding Women and Gender Studies (WGS) Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, 2012.

Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, Theta Chapter initiation, May 2010.

Common Ground 2010 Climate Change Conference Graduate Scholar Award, June \$300.

Graduate Assistantship, Louisiana State University, Fall 2008 through Spring 2012.

Honors

VCU Institute for Women's Health, *Women's History Month VCU women who make history on a daily basis*, March 2021.

Conference Participation, Symposia, and Invited Talks

Academic Presentations

“Climate Impacts: Migration, Displacement, and Trapped Communities”, Institute for Sustainable Energy and Environment (ISEE) 1st Annual Symposium, Virginia Commonwealth University, April 26-28, 2023.

“Climate Change, COVID-19: Governance and Claims Making”, Roundtable presentation at the 79th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2022.

“Climate (im)mobilities in migration governance and law: Integrating an earth systems perspective”, Earth System Law: Standing on the Precipice of the *Anthropocene*, 50th Annual Conference of the Canadian Council on International Law- *Getting International Back on Track?*, October 20-22 2021 (Virtual).

“Lessons from Earth System Law: Beyond the Precipice of the Anthropocene”, Asia Pacific group Novel Session, *Earth System Governance in Turbulent times: prospects for political and behavioral responses*, Bratislava, Slovakia, September 7-9 2021 (Virtual).

Chair, “Experimental urban governance”, *Earth System Governance in Turbulent times: prospects for political and behavioral responses*, Bratislava, Slovakia, September 7-9 2021 (Virtual).

“Rainbows of Comfort in Rising Seas: How Literalist Bible Interpretations Impact Climate Change understandings in the Marshall Islands”, *International Studies Association 2021*, April 6th-April 9th 2021.

“Standing on the Precipice of the Anthropocene”, *Earth System Law Seminar*, Asia-Pacific Region, Virtual, March 17, 2021.

Re-visioning International Studies: Innovation and Progress ISA 60th Annual Convention, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, March 27th- 30th, 2019.

“Privileged discourses: An evaluation of the top-down dialogue of climate change and migration based on local perceptions in the Maldives”, *25th World Congress of Political Science*, Brisbane (Australia), July 21-26, 2018.

“At the Nexus of SIDS and AOSIS: The Maldives, maximizing short-term development, and planning for eventual evacuation”, *The Changing Future of Islands: 16th Annual ISISA Islands of the World Conference*, Leeuwarden & Terschelling, The Netherlands, 10 - 14 June 2018.

(Updated presentation) “The Contentious Policies of Place and Space: the Maldives, Overpopulation, and Climate Concerns” IBS 2017: Climate change and human migration, Busan South Korea, November 30, 2017.

“Comparing two Maldivian communities regarding climate change and migration: the experiences of K. Guraidhoo and Dhuvafaaru”, RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2015, *Geographies of the Anthropocene*, 1 to 4 September 2015 at the University of Exeter, UK.

(Updated presentation) “The Contentious Policies of Space and Place: Climate Change and Overpopulation in the Maldives,” COST¹ conference: Human Migration and the Environment: Futures, Politics, and Invention at Durham University, UK from 28th June-1st July, 2015.

“Long Term Climate Concerns of in the Spanish Caribbean: Adaptation, Resilience and Displacement in Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico,” LASA2015 / XXXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association: Precariedades, exclusiones, emergencias, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 27- 30, 2015.

“Good Fishing in Rising Seas: Kandholhudhoo, Dhuvafaaru, and the need for a Development-based Island Migration Policy,” Global IR and Regional Worlds: a New Agenda for International Studies, ISA’s 56th Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 18-21st, 2015.

“The Contentious Policies of Space and Place: Climate Change and Overpopulation in the Maldives,” *Global and Regional Powers in a Changing World*, ISA-FLASCO, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 23-25, 2014.

“Rediscovering Everyday Wisdom: Marginalized Voices, Western science, and ‘proof’ of climate change,” *Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference*, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, USA, February 28- March 2, 2013.

“The Pull of the Diaspora: how reestablished communities can assist with climate migration,” *Islands of the World Conference XII*, Paraquita Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, May 29-June 1, 2012.

¹ European Cooperation in Science and Technology.

“Disaggregating the “Sinking Islands” concept: a focus on the climate displacement of Jamaica”, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, March 16-19, 2011.

“Sexual Violence against Men: How War time trauma affects masculinity and gender relations”, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, March 16-19, 2011.

“Possible frameworks for Climate Change IDP’s: Disaster and Development Induced Displacement and Resettlement models and their Integration”, Second *International Conference on Climate Change: Impacts and Responses*, University of Queensland, Brisbane. Australia, July 8-10, 2010.

By Invitation

Speaker, “How is climate change impacting human migration?”, *Great Decisions*, at Covenant Woods, August 22, 2023.

Speaker, “How is climate change impacting human migration?”, *Great Decisions*, at League of Women Voters Williamsburg, February 14, 2023.

Speaker, “The Renewed Climate Change Agenda”, *Great Decisions* at Covenant Woods, August 23, 2022.

Climate Change & Pacific Sovereignty Conference, sponsored by the Pacific Islands Council of Queensland, July 22 and 23rd, 2021.

Speaker, “The Coldest War: Toward a Return to Great Power Competition in the Arctic?” *Great Decisions* at Covenants Woods, April 27, 2021.

Presenter, “Global Migration and Climate Change”, The Washington Center Seminar series on The Paris Agreement, March 17, 2021.

Transforming Pacific Research: Collaboration, Co-Design and Agency: Symposium sponsored by Pacific Research Community (PaRC) - La Trobe University, November 12, 2020.

Speaker, “Climate Change and the Global Order” *Great Decisions* at Covenants Woods, October 28, 2020.

Guest Speaker, Henrico High School's Model United Nations Conference, *The Power of Words in International Diplomacy*, January 18, 2020.

Arena Stage Civil Dialogues, “Are new technologies part of the environmental solution or the problem? Climate techno optimists meet techno pessimists”, Arena Stage, Washington D.C., November 18, 2019.

Island Innovation: The Virtual Island Summit, all virtual conference organized by the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (Virtual Participant), October 6th- October 11th, 2019.

Beyond Labels, Beyond Borders: International Solidarity Conference on the Rights of Climate Migrants, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Philippines and co-organized with KALIKASAN-People’s

Network for the Environment, International Migrants Alliance (IMA) and Asian Peoples Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD) Quezon City, Philippines (Virtual Participant), September 17-19, 2019.

“Understanding Climate Change and Human Displacement: Lessons from the Field”, Virginia League of Conservation Voters event *Climate Change and Refugees*, May 21, 2019.

“Climate Change and Human Security in the Pacific: Lessons from the Field”, VCU Office of Research and Innovation's "Because of You" Speaking Seminar, April 26, 2019.

Political Commentator, National Election Night Coverage, WVCW, November 6, 2018.

NSF Summer Course for Grant writing in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, University of Mississippi in Oxford, May 21-25, 2018.

Speaker, *Protectionism VS Neoliberal Order: The Era of Trump and American Withdrawal from Global Governance*, University of the West Indies, Trinidad, March 8, 2018.

Speaker, *The Contentious Policies of Place and Space: the Maldives, Overpopulation, and Climate Concerns*, University of the West Indies, Trinidad, March 6, 2018.

Political Commentator, VA Election Night Coverage, WVCW, November 7, 2017.

Speaker, Symposium on *Climate Displacement, Migration and Relocation*, White House Council on Environmental Quality, Honolulu, HI December 13-14 2016.

Investigating Climate Change and Remote Sensing (ICCARS), Professional Learning Seminars, *Long Term Climate Effects on Human Settlements and Habitations*, January 11 2016.

Book launch: *Governing Climate Induced Migration and Displacement: IGO Expansion, and Global Policy Implications*, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, October 29, 2015.

COST² Workshop: *Empirical evidence and policy responses regarding climate change and migration – What role for migration in local adaptation?* UN Campus Bonn, 13-14 March 2014.

Harvard Humanitarian Action Summit, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, May 13-14, 2013.

COST³ Action- *Knowledge, Creation and Capacity Building for Actions in Climate-Induced Migration*: International Workshop, Hamburg, Germany, July 15-16, 2013.

Book tour: *Climate Change and Global Policy Regimes: Towards Institutional Legitimacy* speaking engagements at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California and the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins, Washington D.C., April 2013.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

Keystone Conference: *From Social Vulnerability to building resilience in the context of Climate Adaptation*, United Nations University, Institute for Environment & Human Security (UNU-EHS), Bonn, Germany, Bonn, 8 – 10 October 2012.

Informal Roundtable on *Climate Change and Human Mobility at Research – Policy – Action, What Research on Climate Change and Human Mobility Can/Should Provide for Practitioners and Policy Makers*, Hosted by the Brookings-London School of Economics (LSE) project on Internal Displacement, Washington D.C., September 26, 2012.

Informal Roundtable on *Climate Change and Human Mobility at Addressing the Legal Gaps in Climate Change Migration, Displacement and Resettlement: From Sinking Islands to Flooded Deltas*, Hosted by the Brookings-London School of Economics (LSE) project on Internal Displacement, Washington D.C., April 3, 2012.

Informal Roundtable on Climate Change Adaptation and Human Mobility at *Conversations about Climate Change Adaption: Displacement, Migration and Planned Relocation*, Hosted by the Brookings-London School of Economics (LSE) project on Internal Displacement, Washington D.C., October 7, 2011

Invited Delegate, The Nansen Conference: *Climate Change and Displacement in the 21st Century*, Oslo, Norway, June 5-7, 2011.

Presenter, *Climate Governance Symposium: Issues, Interests, and Institutions in Global Policy Regimes*, University of Southern Queensland, Australia Centre for Sustainable Business and Development, Toowoomba, QLD, March 2- 4, 2011.

Speaker, The Washington Center, Political Panelist discussing careers in campaign fundraising. (June 2007)

Professional

Michigan Democratic Party State Convention, Presentation to the Environment and Energy Caucus, August 24, 2014.

NGO Observer with the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), 19th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Negotiation (UNFCCC), Warsaw, Poland, November 11 to November 22, 2013.

NGO Observer with the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), Intercessional Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Negotiation (UNFCCC), Bonn, Germany, June 3 to June 14, 2013.

NGO Observer with the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), 18th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 18), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Negotiation, Doha Convention Center, Qatar, November 26 to December 7 2012.

Democratic National Convention, National Democratic Institute (NDI) translator for Latin American and Caribbean delegates, August 25, 2008 to August 28, 2008.

Media

‘Welcome to Thilafushi, the Maldives island built entirely from trash’, Ethan Freedman, *The Independent*, May 19, 2022.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/garbage-island-thilafushi-maldives-pollution-b2082328.html>

‘Climate justice necessary for sustainable development of all nations: US expert’, Dilan Pamuk, Anadolu Agency, May 11, 2022.
<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/environment/climate-justice-necessary-for-sustainable-development-of-all-nations-us-expert/2730273>

‘Undergraduate co-founds, leads nonprofit to give U.S. voters easier access to info on local candidates’ campaign finances’, Mary Kate Brogan, *VCU News*, April 22, 2022.
<https://news.vcu.edu/article/2022/04/undergraduate-co-founds-nonprofit-to-give-voters-easier-access-to-info-on-campaign-finances>

‘Greenhouse Gases Must Begin to Fall by 2025, Says U.N. Climate Report’ Janessa Duncombe, *EOS*, April 4, 2022.
<https://eos.org/articles/greenhouse-gases-must-begin-to-fall-by-2025-says-u-n-climate-report>

‘Naciones Unidas, con las manos atadas ante la invasión de Rusia’, Sarah Yáñez-Richards, *Público*, March 3, 2022.
<https://www.publico.es/internacional/naciones-unidas-manos-atadas-invasion-rusia.html>

‘Islas del Pacífico: el gran atoladero climático’, Argemio Barro, *el Ágora*, November 12, 2021.
<https://www.elagoradiario.com/desarrollo-sostenible/cambio-climatico/islas-del-pacifico-el-gran-atolladero-climatico/>

‘Developing nations push to define ‘unacceptably vague’ adaptation goal’, Chole Farand, *Climate Home News*, August 18, 2021.
<https://www.climatechangenews.com/2021/08/19/developing-nations-push-define-unacceptably-vague-adaptation-goal/>

*Interview for background information.

‘Pacific countries face more complex problems than sinking’, Georgia Banjo, *The Economist*, August 7, 2021.
<https://www.economist.com/asia/2021/08/07/pacific-countries-face-more-complex-problems-than-sinking>

*Interview for background information.

‘The climate change solutions for the world’s tiniest, most vulnerable nations’, Cassie Werber, *Quartz*, September 8, 2020.
<https://qz.com/1821280/how-to-protect-atoll-islands-from-climate-change-catastrophe/>

“Amid pandemic and protests, a VCU class on lobbying explores ‘how power gets used and brokered’”, Dina Weinstein, *VCU News*, August 11, 2020.
https://news.vcu.edu/students/Amid_pandemic_and_protests_a_VCU_class_on_lobbying_explores_how

Cassie Werber *Quartz* interview follow up on June 16, 2020. Topic: Small Islands reactions to climate change threats, specifically Tuvalu and Maldives. Clarifications and photos provided.

Video on COVID and its impact on the Marshall Islands, requested by and sent to *Independent Television News*, Channel 4 News London, April 13, 2020.

Interview with Zachary Roman, *The Eyeopener*, April 9, 2020.

“Coronavirus is wreaking havoc on scientific field work”, Maddie Stone, *The Washington Post*, March 27, 2020.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2020/03/27/coronavirus-is-wreaking-havoc-scientific-field-work/>

Interview with Cassie Werber, Senior Reporter, *Quartz*, March 12, 2020. Referred by Tim McDonnell. Topic: Small Islands reactions to climate change threats, specifically Tuvalu and Maldives.

‘A VCU professor and student are visiting Pacific islands, exploring how they are adapting to the threat of climate change,’ Brain McNeill, VCU News, March 3, 2020.
<https://politicalscience.vcu.edu/news/a-vcu-professor-and-student-are-visiting-pacific-islands-exploring-how-they-are-adapting-to-the-threat-of-climate-change.html>

Interview with Tim McDonnell, climate journalist for *Quartz*, February 8, 2020. Topic: climate migration, relocation, community needs and international migration into the US.

‘A very big problem’: Rising sea levels will lead to significant displacement in coming decade’, Phys.org News by Brian McNeill, November 7, 2019.
<https://phys.org/news/2019-11-big-problem-sea-significant-displacement.html>

‘This is a very big problem’: Rising sea levels will lead to significant displacement in coming decades, *VCU News*, November 6, 2019.
https://news.vcu.edu/article/This_is_a_very_big_problem_Rising_sea_levels_will_lead_to_significant

How Many Climate Refugees Are There? Millions Are Seeking Protections That Don't Exist Yet, *Bustle*, September 20, 2019.
<https://www.bustle.com/p/how-many-climate-refugees-are-there-millions-are-seeking-protections-that-dont-exist-yet-18717000>

Scientists Praise Urgency, Aggressive Plans in Climate Town Hall, *EOS*, September 5, 2019.
<https://eos.org/articles/scientists-praise-urgency-aggressive-plans-in-climate-town-hall>

Interview with Rhiannon Garth Jones, *Materials World*, August 4, 2019. Topic: Renewable energy and coal protests in Australia.

“For billions, clean water is scarce. For one week, it was for these VCU students too”, *VCU News*, February 18, 2018.
https://news.vcu.edu/article/For_billions_clean_water_is_scarce_For_one_week_it_was_for_these

“Political science experts analyze Trump’s agenda”, *Commonwealth Times*, February 13, 2018.
<https://commonwealthtimes.org/2019/02/13/political-science-experts-analyze-trumps-agenda/>

VCU HAS Faulty Profile, November 2, 2018.
<http://has.vcu.edu/simonelli/?fbclid=IwAR2FmfcaeXQjPqA3Pqb9r29i-gUixOpH-rHRfRUftEpBxE24JxGfuwpadtE>

WIN TV9- Darling Downs, Queensland, Australia, evening edition March 4, 2011; speaking on Australia's newly proposed carbon tax.

Teaching

VCU

Associate Professor: POLI 320, Undergraduate Research Methods (F2022 x2, F2023 x2)
Assistant Professor: POLI 380, Human Security (S2021, S2022)
Assistant Professor: POLI 391/386, Environmental Security (F2017, S2019, F2019, F2020, S2021, F2021).
Assistant Professor: POLI 320, Undergraduate Research Methods (F2017, S2018, S2019, F2019, F2020, WI2020/2021, S2021, F2021, WI2021/2022, S2022x2).
Assistant Professor: POLI 318, Gender, Race, and Class (S2018).
Assistant Professor: POLI 391, Lobbying- online (WI2017/2018, WI2018/2019, SI2019, WI2019/2020).

Assistant Professor: Independent Study POLI 492

- Ericka Misseri and Sophia Cocke (Spring 2021): *Electoral Accountability in Political Money*, with an experiential learning component of a non-profit start up (S2021)
- Santosh Veeramachaneni, *Gender Identity, Gender Role Attitudes, and Views on Reproductive Rights* (S2021)
- Kaitlyn Novalski, *How literalist Bible interpretation affects understandings of climate change in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)* (F2019)
- Hns. Abigail Anderson and Darby Lindsay, *Evaluating watershed resource use in El Porvenir, Honduras* (F2019)
- Jacob Giovia, *Climate Migration and Health Impacts* (F2018)

Louisville

Instructor: POLS 399, Practical Politics- Lobbying, Louisville (Spring 2016).

LSU

Instructor: INTL 4997/POLI 4071, The Politics of International Migration, LSU (F2011).
Instructor: WGS 2900, Gender, Race and Nation, LSU (F2010/S2011).
Guest Lecturer: POLI 2051, Introduction to American Politics, LSU. (Summer 2008/ F2008)

Advising

VCU

- UROP Research Project with Erika Misseri (Summer 2021): *Consumer Research for The National Transparency Project*
- UROP Research Project with Kaitlyn Novalski (Summer 2019): *Human Security in Vanuatu and the greater Pacific*

Outside

- Thesis Reader and outsider Advisor to Brady Podloski, Masters candidate in Disaster and Emergency Management, *York University*, Toronto, CA (Spring 2020).
- Research Mentor to Jude Reiferson, St. Christopher's High School (Fall 2019)
- Outside advisor and dissertation copyeditor for doctoral student Soumayadeep Banerjee at the *University of Sussex*, (2015).
- Undergraduate Adviser, LSU Department of Political Science. (Fall 2011)

Public Teaching

- POLI Town Hall: *Sparks & Flames: Uncertainty & Instability Abroad: Brexit, Turkey, Syria, and the Kurds, Amazon Fires, Hong Kong Protests*, November 14, 2019.
- POLI Town Hall: *The Perfect Storm: Decolonizing Puerto Rico* (w/ SWS), September 17, 2019.

- POLI Town Hall: *The 2018 Midterms: What does it all mean?* November 15, 2018.
- “Conversations in Community” Event: *A Story of Disaster: US GOV in the Caribbean & Beyond*, December 4, 2017.
- POLI Town Hall: *US Foreign Policy*, November 16, 2017.
- POLI Town Hall: *THE POLITICS OF CITIZENSHIP IN THE TRUMP-ERA*, October 12, 2017.

Service

University

2023:

- POLI Diversity, Equity, and Inequality (DEI) Committee (Spring)
- POLI Curriculum Committee (Spring)
- POLI Pre Promotion Committee (Spring)
- VCU ISEE Research Lead, *Thrust 4* (Spring)

2022:

- POLI Diversity, Equity, and Inequality (DEI) Committee (Spring& Fall)
- POLI Curriculum Committee (Spring)
- VCU Sustainability Advisory Committee (Spring & Fall)
- POLI Tenure Committee (Fall)
- VCU ISEE Development Committee (Spring)
- VCU ISEE Research Lead, *Thrust 4* (Fall)
- VCU National Scholarship Office CLS Reviewer (Fall)

2021:

- POLI Curriculum Committee (Fall)
- POLI Ad Hoc Committee Against White Supremacy (Spring)
- VCU Sustainability Advisory Committee (Spring & Fall)

2020:

- POLI Faculty Affairs Committee (Fall & Spring)
- POLI AD Hoc Committee Against White Supremacy (Fall &Spring)
- VCU Sustainability Advisory Committee (Fall & Spring)
- VCU Recruitment Open House: Presentation for POLI (Fall)

2019:

- VCU National Scholarship Office CLS Reviewer (Fall)
- VCU Recruitment Open House: Presentation for POLI (Fall)
- Professional Development Seminar: *Resume Writing*, November 5 2019.
- Professional Development Seminar: *Getting Hired in Politics*, October 29, 2019.
- Professional Development Seminar: *Resume Triage*, May 15, 2019.
- Panel Chair, Student Research Conference, April 19, 2019.
- Professional Development Seminar: *Getting Hired in Politics*, April, 11, 2019.
- POLI Promotion & Tenure Committee (Spring and Fall)
- POLI Faculty Affairs Committee (Fall &Spring)
- INTL Hiring Committee *Environmental Justice/International Studies position* (Spring)
- Faculty Representative for VCU Asian & Pacific-Islander Association Student Organization (Spring to current)

2018:

- VCU Recruitment Open House: Presentation for POLI (F2018)
- Panel Chair, Student Research Conference, April 20, 2018
- POLI 3rd Year Review Committee: Term Instructor to Term Assistant Professor (Spring)

2017:

- POLI PhD Development Committee (Fall)
- VCU Recruitment Open House: Presentation for POLI (Fall)

Professional

- Consultant, Senator David Pocock, Independent for Canberra (2023- current).
- Consultant, International Organization for Migration (IOM), *Migration, Environment, Climate Change* program (2022- current).
- Professional Development and Resume coach for women in the Marshall Islands (2021).
- Clearance Reader: Manuscripts, Palgrave MacMillan (2016)
- Board member: Emerge Pennsylvania (2015/2016)
- Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer for Project Evaluation, French National Research Agency (ANR) (2015 to current).
- External Expert for Proposal Evaluation, European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) (2015 to current).
- Consultant, Global Adaptation Institute, Global Adaptation Index™ (GaIn™) v. 1.0 (2015).
- Consultant, UNDP Environmental and Social Compliance Review and Grievance Processes, (Accountability Mechanism) (2012).
- Consultant, UNFCCC, CDM Executive Board, Draft Guidelines for Quality Assurance and Quality Control of Data Used in the Establishment of Standardized Baselines (Version 01.0) (2012).

Reviewer: *The Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences, Climate and Development, Natural Hazards, Climatic Change, International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology, Social Sciences, Environment, Development and Sustainability, Environmental Development*

Professional Affiliations

Academics for Climate Advocacy Working Group
Future Earth
UNFCCC Research and Independent NGOs (RINGO) Group.
Earth Systems Governance Task Force on Earth System Law.
Society for International Development (SID).
Speaker, Climate Voices, Science Speakers Network.
Expert Roster, Adaptation Fund.
Human Rights and Climate Change Working Group (HRCCWG).
Many Strong Voices (MSV).
Asia Pacific Migration and Environment Network (APMEN).
Associate, Millennium Alliance for Humanity & the Biosphere (MAHB).
Roster of Experts, Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA), 2014 to 2019.
International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA), 2012- lifetime member.
International Network on Migration and Development, 2011 to current.
Australia Political Studies Association (AUSPSA), 2011 to 2013.
International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM), 2011 to current.
American Political Science Association (APSA), 2009 to current.
International Studies Association (ISA), 2009 to current.
International Political Science Association (IPSA), 2009 to 2011, 2018 to current.
Western Political Science Association (WPSA), 2009/2010.

Additional Work Experience

Political

Finance Director:

- Equality Pennsylvania, 9/2015- 9/2016
- Michigan Democratic Party, 4/2014- 11/2014
- Congressman Dan Kildee (contract), 9/2013- 12/2013
- Pennsylvania House Democratic Campaign Committee (HDCC), 2/2012- 12/2012
- Teplitz for State Senate, 2/2012- 11/2012.
- Christine Jennings for Congress FL-13 (Transitional position), 8/2007.
- Pennsylvania House Democratic Campaign Committee (HDCC), 1/2007- 7/2007. Total raised: \$465,000.
- John Hall for Congress NY-19, 9/06-11/06. Total raised: \$801,000.
- Nancy Skinner for Congress MI-09, 1/2006-9/2006. Total raised: \$325,000 est.

Campaign Management:

- Campaign Manager for Steve Reifman for Congress MI-09 (10/05-1/06)
- Deputy Campaign Manager for Steve Kaplan for 48th District Judge (8/04-11/04)

Graduate Assistant

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Belinda Davis (Spring 2011), Dr. Dustin Howes (Fall 2010), Dr. James Stoner (Spring 2010), Dr. Leonard Ray (Spring 2010), and Christopher Kenney (Fall 2009).
Research Assistant to Dr. Christopher Weber (Fall and Spring 2009).
Supervisor/ Trainer at Louisiana State University's Public Policy Research Lab, Fall 2008.

Languages

English (native), Spanish (intermediate translation and conversation), French (beginner), and Hawaiian (beginner- basic conversational), Marshallese (beginner), Māori (beginner).

Computer Skills

Literate in: Microsoft Word, Access and Excel, PowerPoint, STATA, and WINCATI, NGP/NGPVAN, EveryAction, Movavi Video Editor.