

ELLIOTT C. FINN

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EDUCATION

Bren School of the Environment & Management; Political Science, University of California-Santa Barbara Spring 2024
Fields: American Politics (*with distinction*), Environmental Politics

Dissertation: “This Land was ‘Our land’: Policy Feedback, Governance Nostalgia and Anti-Establishment Beliefs and Behaviors”

Dissertation Committee: Sarah Anderson (Chair), Matto Mildenerger, Eric Smith, Peter Alagona

My research addresses the institutional roots of anti-establishment beliefs and behaviors by clarifying the role public policy plays in empowering identity groups that can be mobilized. I show that historically institutionally privileged groups respond to policy change by developing governance nostalgia which affects anti-establishment behaviors and behaviors- like supporting constitutional sheriffs and the Tea Party.

Certificate in College and University Teaching 2024
GSA Excellence in Teaching Honorable Mention, 2022-2023
Certificate in Course Design for Equity (year-long training) 2023

M.A. Political Science, (American Politics, Environmental Politics), University of California-Santa Barbara 2021

Oregon State University Honors College; 2014

H.B.S Environmental Economics, Policy & Management; H.B.S Biology; Minor Chemistry
3.83 GPA, Undergraduate Research Fellow, Magna Cum Laude, Honors Baccalaureate Degrees

Honors College Thesis

March 2014 “Investigating Relationships between Outdoor Recreation Activities, Environmental Worldviews, and Place of Residence”

Committee: Edward Weber (Chair), Brent Steel, Lori Cramer

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Papers:

Academic Publications:

Finn, Elliott. 2023. Montana: the Magazine of Western History Review: *George Melendez Wright: The Fight for Wildlife and Wilderness in the National Parks*. By Jerry Emory. (Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press, 2023. Pp. 254. ISBN 9780226824949.) (Forthcoming)

Conference Proceedings, Reports, and Other

Finn, Elliott and Ed Weber. 2014. “Investigating the Connections Between Environmental Values, Outdoor Recreation Activities, and Place of Residence.” *The Catalyst* 4: 30-31.

Papers Delivered at Professional Conferences

Finn, Elliott. 2023. “This Land was ‘Our’ Land: Governance Nostalgia and Constitutional Sheriffs” Presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA (August 31- September 3).

Finn, Elliott. 2023. “This land was ‘our’ land: Governance Nostalgia and the Far-Right” Presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April 13-16).

Finn, Elliott. 2023. “Autonomy nostalgia and constitutional sheriffs” Presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco CA (April 6-9).

Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting

Presenter (2021, 2022, 2023) Discussant (2022, 2023)

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting

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Presenter (2021, 2022, 2023) Discussant (2022, 2023)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Presenter (2023)

RESEARCH GRANTS

Bren Summer Research Fellowship (\$2000)	2023
Multidisciplinary Research on the Corona Virus and its Impacts Grant (\$2000)	2020
Bren Summer Research Fellowship (\$4190)	2020
Dubach Endowed Funding (\$8000)	2014
Undergraduate Research, Innovation, Scholarship and Creativity Grant (\$2,000)	2013
ER Jackman Internship Assistantship Grant (\$650)	2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Advising:

Honors College Thesis Advisor 2021-2022, Taylor Roe “Sea Level Rise Adaptation Pathways Preferences Amongst University of California, Santa Barbara Stakeholders”

Discipline:

Associate Editor: *Journal of Environment and Development* 2019-2022

Manuscript Referee: *Climatic Change*

Conference Discussant:

Western Political Science Association (2021, 2022, 2023), Midwestern Political Science Association (2021, 2022, 2023)

Department:

Bren Graduate Development Committee, March 2019 – Present

Help organize program PhD. retreat, bi-annual barbeques, social hours with other departments, specifically in charge of cooking for events.

Bren Ph.D. Coffee Hour Co-Host *Santa Barbara, CA* Sept. 2017 – June 2018

Organize weekly coffee hour with snacks for department.

PRESENTATIONS/SEMINARS

Invited or Organized

Bren Research Symposium, 20-40 attendees, *UC Santa Barbara* 2020, 2021, 2022

Policy and Power: Climate Legislation Discussion, 70 attendees, *UC Santa Barbara* 2021

Organized and participated on panel discussion on potential climate change legislation in the 117th Congress. Collated materials, campus experts and moderated discussion.

MCRI Symposium, 100 people *UC Santa Barbara* 2020

“Multidisciplinary Research on Corona Virus Impacts” – Presented summer research project results.

Environmental Studies 190 Guest Presentation, 150 attendees, *UC Santa Barbara* 2019, 2020, 2021

“Is graduate school for you?” - Discussed different pathways to graduate or professional school.

Bren Ph.D. Panel Discussion, 50 attendees, *U.C. Santa Barbara* 2020

“What does a Bren School Ph.D. look like?”

College of Science Scholarship Keynote Speech, 350 attendees, *Oregon State University* 2013

Powershift 2011, Personal Narrative Workshop, 600 attendees, *Washington D.C.* 2010

Given

Bren Research Symposium Co-Emcee, 50 people in attendees, *UC Santa Barbara* 2018

Honors College Thesis Defense, 50 attendees, *Oregon State University* 2014

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Hosted

- Organized 2-day visit: travel, presentation and student/faculty meetings for **Dr. Tyler Scott**, Associate Professor, University of California-Davis 2020
- Organized 2-day visit: travel, presentation and student/faculty meetings for **Dr. David Konisky**, Associate Professor, Indiana University 2019
- “The US Energy Transition and the Ability of Vulnerable Communities to Adapt” and “Are All Electrons the Same? Evaluating support for local transmission lines through an experiment”
- Organized Visit and Presentation by **Dr. Mary Collins**, Assistant Professor, SUNY-ESF and **Dr. Simone Pulver**, Associate Professor, University of California-Santa Barbara
- "Disproportionality in Facility-Level Toxic Releases in the US Manufacturing Sector" 2018

Lectures

- Environmental Policy and Politics, Framing Lecture** 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
78-86 students in attendance
- Intro to American Politics, Congress Lecture** 2019
70 students in attendance

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

- UCSB Certificate in College and University Teaching (CCUT)** 2023
Completed various courses and trainings in latest pedagogical methods. Collated and developed a teaching portfolio which included analyzing past courses, sections, and lectures, and implementing new activities and assessments, serving as instructor of record, and developing a teaching philosophy.
- Community of Practice on Course Design for Equity** 2022-2023
UCSB's Center for Innovative Teaching, Research, and Learning facilitated a community of practice for graduate students to learn the best practices for equitable courses and we worked to implement them within our classrooms.
- Instructor of Record and Teaching Assistant** *University of California – Santa Barbara* Sept 2018 - Present
14 Quarters of Teaching experience. Instructor: Energy Politics and Policy (PS 176/ES 176)
TA: Introduction to Environmental Studies (ES1) (3X), Introduction to the Social and Cultural Environment (ES 3), Intro to American Politics (PS 12), Intro to Political Science Research and Methods (PS 15), Public Policy Analysis (PS170), Business and the Environment (ESM 210), and Environmental Politics and Policy (ESM 241, Masters Student Course) (5X). Redesigned course readings and problem sets for ESM 241.

AWARDS AND HONORS

GSA Excellence in Teaching Award Honorable Mention 2022-2023, Udall Scholar 2011, Undergraduate Research Fellow 2014, Presidential Scholarship (2009 – 2013), Honors Societies: Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board Service Society (2009 – 2013), Deans List College of Agriculture and Science (2009 – 2014) Spring Creek Project Great Works Writing Contest Winner (2012) Student Keynote at College of Science Scholarship Award Ceremony (2012), Waldo Cummings Outstanding Leader, Honorable Mention (2010, 2011)

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REFERENCES

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[Matto Mildenberger](#), Associate Professor, Political Science, UCSB

[Eric Smith](#), Professor, Emeritus, Political Science, UCSB

[Peter Alagona](#), Associate Professor and Director of IPEES, Environmental Studies, UCSB

[Edward Weber](#), Professor, Political Science, Oregon State University

SKILLS/RELEVANT LIFE/WORK EXPERIENCE

Skills: R, IBM SPSS, Minitab, Excel (Statistics), LATEX, Microsoft Office Suite (Mac/PC), Internet Quorum, Voter Activation Network (VAN Database).

Other: Fluent Spanish speaker after living in Central and South American Countries for over 2.5 years. Interned in Senator Merkeley's Washington D.C. office. Grew up raising hogs and have lived in tents for over 4 years of my life.