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APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-Present **Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science**
Purdue University
- 2020-21 **Postdoctoral Research Affiliate, Mershon Center for International Security Studies**
The Ohio State University
- 2019-2020 **Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History and Political Science**
Otterbein University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, The Ohio State University, August 2019

Dissertation: "Climate Change and the Ecology of the Political: Crisis, Hegemony, and the Struggle for Climate Justice"

Dissertation Committee: Alexander Wendt (co-chair), Joel Wainwright (co-chair, Geography), Alexander Thompson, Inés Valdez, and Jason Moore (Sociology, SUNY-Binghamton)

Primary Research: Global Environmental Politics; Critical Theory and Marxism(s); Social Movements and Resistance; Global Governance and International Institutions; International Political Economy; Politics of Development; Environmental and Climate Justice; Gramsci; Politics of Climate Change

Cognate Research: Qualitative, Interpretive, and Fieldwork Methods; Critical Human Geography and Geopolitics; Politics and/of Difference; Environmental Policy and Law; Globalization and State Theory; History of International Political Thought; Politics of Chile and Latin America

M.A. in Political Science, The Ohio State University, December 2015

Major Field: International Relations; Minor Field: Political Theory

B.A. Butler University, May 2009

Magna cum laude

Majors: Political Science (Highest Honors) & Spanish (Honors); Minor: Philosophy

RESEARCH

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- R. Kurtz. 2020. "Direct Action and the Climate Crisis: Interventions to Resist and Reorganize the Metabolic Relations of Capitalism." *Radical Philosophy Review* 23(2): 261-97.

R. Kurtz. Under review. "The Politicization of Climate Change: A Marxist Critique." *Environmental Politics*.

R. Kurtz. Under review. "Antisystemic Movements for Climate Justice: Hegemony and Direct Action in Bonn." *Interface: a journal for and about social movements*.

Book Reviews

R. Kurtz. 2021. "Writing the New World: The Politics of Natural History in the Early Spanish Empire by Mauro José Caraccioli (University of Florida Press, 2021)." *New Political Science* 43(2): 257-9.

Non-refereed Publications and Other Scholarly Writing

R. Kurtz. 2020. "U.S. Presidential Politics and Planetary Crisis in 2020." In *US Election Analysis 2020: Media, Voters and the Campaign*. Centre for Comparative Politics and Media Research, Bournemouth University. <https://www.electionanalysis.ws/us/president2020/section-1-policy-and-political-context/u-s-presidential-politics-and-planetary-crisis-in-2020/>

R. Kurtz and H. van der Linden. 2020. "Editors' Introduction: Radical Philosophy and Politics Amid the Climate Crisis and Coronavirus Pandemic." *Radical Philosophy Review* 23(2): 161-174.

Guest Editor, Special Issues of Journals

R. Kurtz and H. van der Linden. 2020. *Radical Philosophy Review* 23(2): "The Radical Tradition, Politics, and Climate Change."

Manuscripts in Process

"It's a Crisis, Not an Emergency: Climate Justice and the Critique of Security and Exceptional Politics Amid Covid-19 and Capitalogenic Global Warming." Article manuscript in preparation for submission to *Political Geography*.

"Beyond 'Neo-Gramscian IR' of Climate Change: Historical Blocs, World-Ecology, and the Political Organization of Nature." Article manuscript in preparation for submission to *International Studies Quarterly*.

"Critical Ecologies, Marxist and Otherwise: A Review." Article manuscript in preparation for *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*.

Working Papers and Other Research Projects

Systemic and Anti-Systemic Movements in Global Climate Change: World Politics of Climate Governance and Climate Justice. Book manuscript.

"Governing the Earth System: A Critique." Working paper and research project (with Kevin Surprise).

“U.S. Leadership in Global Climate Politics: A Tragedy in Four Parts.” Working paper and research project.

“What is a Climate Strike?” Working paper and research project.

“Two Faces of the Crisis of Capitalism: #ChileDespertó and the COP25.” Working paper and research project.

“An Anarchist Revisioning of World Order? Kojin Karatani, Radical Republicanism, and the Anarchist Turn in International Relations.” Working paper.

“Reproducing State and Civil Society in Global Climate Politics: Space and Political Organization in Annual Climate Conferences of the UNFCCC.” Research project.

“Cancellation, Forgiveness, or Reparations: Global Debt and the Political Economy of Climate Justice.” Research project.

“Social Reproduction, Ecological Metabolism, and Development: Reproducing or Unraveling the Contradictions of Capitalism Through Green New Deals?” Research project.

“Toward an Ecological Critique of Political Realism.” Research project.

Grants and Fellowships

2020	Recipient, Accessibility Grant, American Political Science Association
2017-18	Recipient, Graduate Student Research Grant, The Merhson Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University (\$4,500)
2018, 2016	Recipient, Graduate Student Research Grant, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University (\$1000 x 2)
2018	Recipient, Travel Grant, American Political Science Association
2015	Recipient, Travel Grant, International Studies Association Northeast
2013-14	University Fellowship for Graduate Studies, The Ohio State University (\$23,000)

Academic Honors and Awards

2020	Summer Writing Award, Humanities Advisory Committee, Otterbein University (\$1000)
2009	Political Leadership Award, Department of Political Science, Butler University
	Dave Mason Award (“for exemplifying dedication towards a career in political science”), Department of Political Science, Butler University

Fieldwork

2019	Site-specific research, interviews, and participant observation: People’s Climate Summit (<i>Cumbre de los Pueblos</i>), Social Summit for Climate Action (<i>Cumbre Social por la Acción</i>)
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- Climática*), and parallel activities to the COP25 and #ChileDespertó movement, Santiago, Chile (December)
- 2016-19 Site-specific research, interviews, and participant observation: Climate and environmental justice activism and community organizing with various groups and organizations, Central and Southeastern Ohio (Columbus, Nelsonville/Athens, Gambier)
- 2017 Site-specific research, interviews, and participant observation: COP23, Bonn, Germany (November)
- Site-specific research: UNFCCC Secretariat, Bonn, Germany (June)
- Site-specific research, interviews, and participant observation: People's Climate March, Washington, DC (April-May)
- 2016 Site-specific research, interviews, and participant observation: COP22, Marrakech, Morocco (November)

Scholarly Work and Presentations

Research Papers Presented at Scholarly Meetings

- 2021 "It's a Crisis, Not an Emergency: Climate Justice and the Critique of Exceptional Politics Amid Capitalogenic Global Warming." Paper presented at Radical Climate Justice for the Global Commons, nearly-carbon-neutral conference. University of California, Santa Barbara (remote participation), Oct.
- "It's a Crisis, Not an Emergency: Climate Justice and the Critique of Exceptional Politics Amid Capitalogenic Global Warming." Paper Presented at 2nd World Forum on Climate Justice 2021. Glasgow, UK (remote participation), Sept. 21-23.
- 2020 "What is a Climate Strike?" Paper presented at the American Political Science (APSA) conference. Conducted remotely, Sept. 9-13.
- 2019 "Antisystemic Movements for Climate Justice: Hegemony and Direct Action in Bonn." Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) conference. San Diego, CA, Apr. 18-20.
- 2018 "Politics of Climate Justice: Ecology, Hegemony, and Direct Action." Paper presented at the APSA conference. Boston, MA, Aug. 30-Sept. 2.
- "Ecology, Hegemony, and the Struggle for Climate Justice: Politics of the Climate Justice Movement." Paper presented at the American Association of Geographers (AAG) conference. New Orleans, LA, April 10-14.
- "Ecology, Hegemony, and the Struggle for Climate Justice: Politics of the Climate Justice Movement at COP23." Paper presented at the Junior Scholar Symposium at the International Studies Association (ISA) conference. San Francisco, CA, April 4-7.
- 2017 "Climate Change and the Ecology of the Political: Liberal, Radical, and Marxist Perspectives on the Politics of Climate Change." Paper presented at the ISA annual conference. Baltimore, MD, February 22-25.
- 2016 "Towards an Ecological Critique of the Political." Paper presented at the Association for Political Theory (APT) conference. Columbus, OH, October 20-22.

“Climate Change and the Political Production of Nature; Or, Towards a Natural History of Capitalist Climate Governance.” Presentation given at AAG annual conference. San Francisco, CA, March 29-April 2.

- 2015 “From Global Governance to World Politics of Climate Change: Towards an Ecological Critique of International Relations.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference Northeast (ISA-NE) conference. Providence, RI, November 6-7.
- “Transcending Capital-Nation-State in the Anthropocene: From Global Governance to World Politics of Climate Change.” Paper presented at World Society, Planetary Natures: Crisis and Sustainability in the Capitalocene and Beyond conference. Binghamton, NY, July 9-11.

Panel Presentations Organized at Scholarly Meetings

- 2018 Co-organizer of the panel “Marxist Perspectives on Capitalism, Climate Change, and History,” held at the American Association of Geographers (AAG) conference. New Orleans, LA, April 10-14.
- 2016 Co-organizer of the panel “Capitalism and Climate Change: Crisis, Politics, Governance,” held at the AAG annual conference. San Francisco, CA, March 29-April 2.

Invited Talks, Presentations, and Other Scholarly Activities

- 2021 “It’s a Crisis, Not an Emergency: Climate Justice and the Critique of Exceptional Politics Amid Covid-19 and Capitalogenic Global Warming.” Presentation given for Building Sustainable Communities (BSC) Open Monthly Gathering, Purdue University.
- Guest lecturer for PIIE 429 “Socio-environmental History of Latin America,” Dr. Natalia Gándara, International Relations Office, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (Chile)
- Panelist/discussant for “Next World Conversations 7: The Climate and Corona Convergence.” Regional Ohio Action for Resilience (ROAR). Dialogue conducted remotely via Zoom.
- 2020 Guest lecturer for POLS 104 “Introduction to International Relations,” Visiting Assistant Professor Kevin Funk, Department of Political Science, Trinity College.
- 2019 Faculty panelist for “Climate Crisis Symposium: What Will Be Enough?” Otterbein University.
- 2018 “Ecology, Hegemony, and the Struggle for Climate Justice: The Politics of the Climate Justice Movement.” Working paper presented in the Research in International Politics (RIP) workshop, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University.
- 2017 “COP23, Two Americas, and the Politics of Climate Justice.” Presentation given for Geography 3597 “Environmental Citizenship,” Professor Joel Wainwright, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University.

“Ohio Youth, Global Warming, and a Just Transition to a Green Economy: The Political Need for Climate Action Now.” Presentation given for Defend Our Future – Ohio, Columbus, OH.

“Climate Change and the Ecology of the Political: Liberal, Radical, and Marxist Perspectives on the Politics of Climate Change.” Working paper presented in the Political Theory Workshop, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University.

2016 “COP22 and 2016 Presidential Election: Reflections on the Conjuncture.” Presentation given for Geography 5801 “Environmental Conservation,” Professor Joel Wainwright, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University.

Guest lecturer for PO 340 “The Earth Charter,” Associate Professor Craig Auchter, Department of Political Science, Butler University.

Invited lecturer for PL 410 “Seminar in Philosophy: Responsibility and Collective Harm,” Professor Harry van der Linden, Department of Philosophy, Butler University.

Discussant, “The Paris Decision: A Major Step in Protecting Human Rights,” working paper presented by Corey Katz in the Political Theory Workshop, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University.

2015 Graduate student participant in Relational and Interpretive Methods Workshop at ISA-NE conference, Providence, RI, November 6-7.

“From Global Governance to World Politics of Climate Change: Towards an Ecological Critique of International Relations.” Working paper presented in RIP workshop, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University.

2014 Discussant, “The International System as Superorganism” (Sebastien Mainville), Research in International Politics (RIP) Workshop, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University.

Posters

2019 “Ecology, Hegemony, and the Struggle for Climate Justice: Politics of the Climate Justice Movement at COP23.” Poster presented at the Byrd Center Symposium on Climate Change, The Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center, The Ohio State University, March 22.

2018 “Ecology, Hegemony, and the Struggle for Climate Justice: Politics of the Climate Justice Movement at COP23.” Poster presented at the Junior Scholar Symposium at the International Studies Association (ISA) conference. San Francisco, CA, April 4-7.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Purdue University, Department of Political Science

2021 POL 223: Introduction to Environmental Policy (two sections; in-person modality; Fall)

POL 130: Introduction to International Relations (in-person modality; Fall)
 POL 141: Governments of the World (in-person modality; Fall)
 POL 141: Governments of the World (in-person and remote a/synchronous modality; Spring)
 POL 327: Global Green Politics (in-person and a/synchronous remote modalities; Spring)
 POL 327-OL: Global Green Politics (asynchronous remote modality; Spring)
 POL 433: International Organization (in-person and remote a/synchronous modality; Spring)

Otterbein University, Department of History and Political Science

2020 POLS 1300: Introduction to Global Politics (Spring)
 POLS 2270: Comparative Government (Spring)
 POLS 4100: International Law and Institutions (Spring)
 GEO 1000: World Regional Geography (Spring)
 2019 POLS 3520: Special Topics in Global Politics: International Environmental Politics (Autumn)
 GEOG 1000: World Regional Geography (Autumn)
 FYS 1066: Global Flash Points (Autumn)

The Ohio State University, Department of Political Science

2019 PS 4335: International Environmental Politics, Ohio State (Summer, 6-week session)
 PS 4335: International Environmental Politics, Ohio State (Spring)
 2018 PS 4335: International Environmental Politics, Ohio State (Autumn, 6-week session)
 PS 4335: International Environmental Politics, Ohio State (Summer, 6-week session)
 PS 4335: International Environmental Politics, Ohio State (Spring)
 2017 PS 4335: International Environmental Politics, Ohio State (Autumn, 6-week session)
 PS 4335: International Environmental Politics, Ohio State (Summer, 6-week session)
 PS 3460: Global Justice, Ohio State (Spring)
 2016 PS 4335: International Environmental Politics, Ohio State (Autumn)
 PS 4335: International Environmental Politics, Ohio State (Summer 6-week session)

Teaching Assistant (TA)

2016 PS 4335: International Environmental Politics, Alexander Thompson, Ohio State (Spring)
 2015 PS 4315: International Security and the Causes of War, Chris Gelpi, Ohio State (Autumn)
 PS 4335: International Environmental Politics, Alexander Thompson, Ohio State (Spring)
 2014 PS 4331: The United Nations System, Alexander Thompson, Ohio State (Autumn)

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING (SELECTED)

2019 Completed Media Training: “Controlling a Media Interview.” Marketing and Communications, Otterbein University.

Participant in “New Faculty Orientation,” Teaching Workshop. Organized by the Center for Teaching and Learning, Otterbein University.

Participant in “Buck-I-Dream Ally Training,” Immigrant Ally Facilitation Workshop. Organized by the Buck-I-Dream Working Group, The Ohio State University.

Participant in “GTA Toolkit March Breakfast: Critical Thinking,” Teaching Workshop. Organized by the University Institute for Teaching and Learning, The Ohio State University.

Participant in “Advocates and Allies for Equity,” Facilitation Workshop. Organized by The Women’s Place Office of Diversity and Inclusion, The Ohio State University.

Participant in “Introduction to Active Learning Strategies,” Teaching Workshop. Organized by the University Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Office and Distance Education and eLearning, The Ohio State University.

2017 Participant in “Teaching Excellence: Developing Effective Practices for Inclusive Classrooms,” Inclusive Teaching Workshop with Dr. Chavella Pittmann. Organized by the College of Public Health, The Ohio State University.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to field

Journal Manuscript Reviewer for the following publications:

International Theory; Radical Philosophy Review; Relaciones Internacionales

Professional associations:

2017 Delegate Observer for American Association of Geographers (AAG) at COP23, Bonn, Germany, November 6-10.

Service to institution

Department service

2016-18 At-large Representative for Parallel Graduate Studies Council (PGSC), Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University

2015-16 Third-year Representative for PGSC, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University

2015 Graduate Research Assistant to Professor Jennifer Mitzen for development of Mershon Faculty Grant Proposal for Conference Workshop Series “Critical Research in International Politics (CRIPs)” (Accepted)

2013-14 First-year Representative for PGSC, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University

University service

2019 Member, informal working group for creating a climate crisis curriculum, Otterbein University.

Media contact/expert for Democratic Presidential Primary Debate at Otterbein University.

2016-17 Representative for Department of Political Science, Council of Graduate Students (CGS), The Ohio State University.

Committees: Ray Travel Grant, Comprehensive Energy Management Program
Committee (ad hoc)

Service to community

- 2020 Public Witness/Testimonial, Ohio Power Siting Board, *in opposition to* Application of Ohio State University for a Certificate to Construct a Combined Heat and Power Facility (Case No. 19-1641-EL-BGN), Aug. 4.
- 2018-2019 Founding member, Ohio State University Labor Council (OSULC)
- 2017-Present Member, Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), Industrial Union No. 620, Department of Public Service
- Founding member, Central Ohio branch of the IWW, Columbus, OH

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2019 Interviewed by Associated Press. Quoted in “Setting the Stage,” QFM96.
<https://qfm96.com/news/061160-setting-the-stage/>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Geographers (AAG)
American Political Science Association (APSA)
Association for Political Theory (APT)
Caucus for a New Political Science (CNPS)
International Network of Scholar Activists (INoSA)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
North American Anarchist Studies Association (NAASN)
Western Political Science Association (WPSA)

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Fluent (non-native)
Portuguese (Brazilian): Basic Oral and Written Proficiency

OTHER EDUCATION

Certification in Teaching English as a Foreign Language/Second Language, 2012
Institute: i-to-i TEFL

Study Abroad, University of Alcalá (Spain), Fall 2007
Hispanic Studies Program
Studied Political Science, History, and Business courses in Spanish immersion program

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

English as a Foreign Language Teacher, August 2009-April 2013

Centro de Capacitación en Idiomas; Viña del Mar, Chile; March 2010-April 2013

Classes taught at: Congreso Nacional de Chile; Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso; Empresa Portuaria Valparaíso; Terminal Pacífico Sur; Chilquinta Energía

International Center; Viña del Mar, Chile; May 2012-April 2013

Instituto Chileno-Norteamericano; Viña del Mar; August 2012-Present

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso; Dirección de Programas Internacionales, Programa de Movilidad Estudiantil; Valparaíso, Chile; April-July 2012

Private English Tutoring; Beijing, China; August-November 2009

Translations (Spanish to English), October 2010; February 2012

Corporate Annual Report and Sustainability Report 2011; Ultramar; Valparaíso, Chile

Tourist Guide; Ruta Patrimonial Bienes Nacionales; Valparaíso, Chile

Intern, May–November 2008

Indiana Democratic Party; Indianapolis, IN

Grassroots Organizer, June-August 2006 & 2007

Hoosier Environmental Council, Indianapolis, IN

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

English as a Foreign Language Teacher, November-December 2011

Universidad Popular de Valparaíso

Viña del Mar, Chile

Research Assistant, North American Congress on Latin America, October 2009 – February 2010

Online publication

ESL Tutor, January–May 2008

Indianapolis Public Schools, Indianapolis, IN

Refugee Resettlement Volunteer, March–May 2006; July–Sept. 2008

Exodus Refugee Immigration, Indianapolis, IN

OTHER SKILLS

Computer: Course Management Software (**Canvas, Blackboard, Brightspace**); Remote Teaching Software (**Canvas, Blackboard Collaborate, Zoom**); Statistical Processing Software (**R, Stata**); Word Processing, Spreadsheet, and Presentation Software (**Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud, Google Suite**); Online publication and social media (**Wordpress, Google Docs**)

REFERENCES

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