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**Professional Academic Appointments**

Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies, Seattle University

2020 Present

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*Local Control and Public Involvement in Energy Decision-Making and Climate Policy*

and politics, governance, sustainability, local control, environmental justice, urbanization, and biodiversity.

**Peer-reviewed Publications**

- 2023. **Armstrong, J. H.** Climate change, costs, or jobs: How policymakers frame state clean energy laws. *The Electricity Journal*, 36(9-10), 107350.
- 2023. **Armstrong, J. H.** Formal local government coordination to mitigate climate change *Urban Climate*, 51, 101636.
- 2022. **Armstrong, J. H.**, Nisi, A. C., & Millard-Ball, A. A disciplinary divide in the framing of *Conservation Science and Practice*, 4(3), e624.
- 2021. **Armstrong, J. H.**

- 2017. **Armstrong, J. H.**, & Kamieniecki, S. Strategic Adaptive Governance and Climate Change: Policymaking during Extreme Political Upheaval. *Sustainability*, 9(7), 1244.

*Accepted, in production:*

2024. **Armstrong, J. H.** Public Participation and Social Movements in Environmental Policy and Justice. Chapter for *The Palgrave Handbook of Environmental Policy and Law*. Springer Nature.

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## Teaching

### Seattle University Courses

- Economics and the Environment (EVST 3050)
- Environmental Politics (EVST 3000)
- Environmental Justice (EVST 4840)
- Environmental Careers (EVST 3750)
- Social Justice and the Environment (UCOR 1600)
- Sustainability, People, & the Environment (EVST 1600)
- Directed Study in Climate Policy Research (EVST 3910)

### University of California, Santa Cruz

- Graduate Student Instructor, Energy Policy & Politics
- Teaching Assistant, Ecology & Society (Science Literacy lab)
- Teaching Assistant, Climate Change Science & Policy
- Teaching Assistant, Environmental Law & Policy
- Teaching Assistant, Environmental Economics & Policy
- Teaching Assistant, Environmental Justice & Inequality



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- Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences 2023 Conference Presentation: Clean Energy Policymaking, Politics, and Framing of Ambitious State Climate Actions
- Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences 2023 Conference Panel Chair: Representing and Responding to Climate Change
- Seattle University Reimagine and Revise Our Curriculum 2023 workshop for faculty  
Connecting the Big 3 in Your Curricular Revision
- Seattle University Reimagine and Revise Our Curriculum 2022 workshop for faculty
- Southern Political Science Association 2022 Conference Research Talk: Formal multilevel governance coordination to address climate change
- Seattle University Earth Talks 2022: City Climate Mitigation Strategies and Policy Transitions
- Seattle University research Lightning Talks 2021: Local government climate policy transitions: building from modest to ambitious actions
- Seattle University 2021 Panel Event: Climate Justice in the Biden Administration
- American Association of Geographers 2021 Conference Presentation: A case study of formal multilevel governance coordination to address climate change
- Sophia University Political Science Department seminar 2021: Climate Justice & Activism
- UC Santa Cruz Graduate Research Symposium, 2018: Climate Change Policymaking: Local Control and Transformation of the Electricity System
- Discussions at the 2018 elected officials and stakeholders climate policy conference "The Business of Local Energy"
- State University of New York at New Paltz, 2015: Climate Change Implications of Natural Gas
- State University of New York at Binghamton, 2014: Hydraulic Fracturing and Public Health
- State University of New York at Albany, 2014: Advocacy, Science, and Policy Creation
- Cornell University, 2014: Science and Policy of Hydraulic Fracturing
- Ithaca College, 2014: Political Influence of the Environmental Movement
- European Parliament (Brussels) Greens Conference, 2013: Hydraulic Fracturing Science and Policy in the United States
- New Roots High School Commencement Speaker (Ithaca, NY), 2013: Youth Environmental Leadership and Our Future
- Skidmore College, 2013: Intersection of Science and Public Engagement around Hydraulic Fracturing in New York
- State University of New York at Albany, 2012: Government Policy and Hydraulic Fracturing
- State University of New York at Purchase, 2012: Emerging Science and Hydraulic Fracturing
- Cornell University, 2009, Undergraduate Research: Maple Trees, Climate Change Impacts, and Sugar Maple Production

### **Selected Public Media**

- 2023 [Letter](#) in the *Los Angeles Times* relating my study about the ecosystem implications of urban renewable energy development to state legislation under consideration in California.
- 2020 *Solar Magazine* [article](#) "How Solar Power and City Ecosystems Can More Effectively Co-Exist"

## Other Professional Experience

**Frack Action**, Environmental organization founded to successfully prohibit fracking in NY 2011 2015

- Communications Director and Legislative Strategist for a long-term public education and political campaign that won a ban on hydraulic fracturing in New York State.
- Registered lobbyist in New York State; led dozens of meetings with state legislators and agencies.
- Organized many educational forums, rallies, and other political events of up to 3,500 attendees.
- Worked extensively and served as an issue spokesperson in the media, including the Associated Press, Bloomberg, The Guardian, New York Times, NPR, Politico, Reuters, USA Today, Washington Post, and state-based news.
- Collaborated with scientists and health professionals on scientific education and writing materials that translated findings to be accessible for elected officials and the public.
- Lobbied and organized on fracking and clean energy issues in Washington D.C., Maryland, Ireland, England, and with other national and international partners.

**Energy Action Coalition**, Washington, D.C.

Jan. 2011 April 2011

- Northeast Organizing Director for the Power Shift 2011 National Youth Summit on clean energy.
- Engaged with the Environmental Protection Agency, including EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, on clean air standards.

**Natural Resources Defense Council**, Portland, ME

Nov. 2010 Dec. 2010

- Coalition Leader for a campaign during the lame-duck session of Congress to organize medical professionals to successfully engage Maine U.S. Senators Snowe and Collins to pledge to protect the Clean Air Act in Congress.

**CREDO Action**, Palo Alto, CA

Aug. 2010 Nov. 2010

- Field Office Director for a successful voter-education campaign about Proposition 23, winning on a ballot initiative to protect
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