

Curriculum vitae  
**Elizabeth Mendenhall**  
*University of Rhode Island*

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**EMPLOYMENT:**

2017-Present: Assistant Professor  
Department of Marine Affairs  
Department of Political Science (limited joint appointment)  
University of Rhode Island

**EDUCATION:**

2017: Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D. in Political Science  
Fields: International Relations (major) and Comparative Politics (minor)  
Dissertation: "Shifting Grounds: Scientific and Technological Change and International Regimes for the Ocean and Outer Space"  
Advisers: Daniel H. Deudney, Margaret E. Keck, Bentley Allan  
2011: Kansas State University, B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy, *summa cum laude*

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**Books**

Draft: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** *Planetary Geopolitics and the Ocean Governance Regime*, submitted to MIT Press Earth System Governance series

**Journals**

Draft: Hariono, Hariono and **Elizabeth Mendenhall**, "Maritime Disputes in the North Natuna Sea: The Indonesian Response to Chinese Claims"

2021: Tirrell, Andrew and **Elizabeth Mendenhall**, "Cruise Ships, COVID-19, and Coastal/Flag State Obligations," forthcoming at *Ocean Development & International Law*

2020: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** "Nuclear Weapons Free Zones and Contemporary Arms Control," *Strategic Studies Quarterly* vol. 14, no. 4 (Winter 2020)

2020: De Santo, Elizabeth M., **Elizabeth Mendenhall**, Elizabeth Nyman, and Rachel Tiller. "Stuck in the Middle with You (and Not Much Time Left): The Third Intergovernmental Conference on Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction." *Marine Policy* 117 (July 2020)

2020: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth**, Cullen Hendrix, Elizabeth Nyman, Paige M. Roberts, John Robison Hoopes, James R. Watson, Vicky W.Y. Lam, and U. Rashid Sumaila. "Climate Change Increases the Risk of Fisheries Conflict." *Marine Policy* 117 (July 2020)

2020: Tiller, Rachel, Elizabeth De Santo, **Elizabeth Mendenhall**, Elizabeth Nyman, and Ian Ralby. "Wealth Blindness beyond National Jurisdiction." *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 151 (February 2020)

2020: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth**, and Eliya M. Baron Lopez. "Solving the Oceans' Plastic Problem." *Current History* 119, no. 813 (January 2020).

2019: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth**, Elizabeth De Santo, Elizabeth Nyman, and Rachel Tiller. "A Soft Treaty, Hard to Reach: The Second Inter-Governmental Conference for Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction." *Marine Policy* 108 (October 2019).

2019: De Santo, E.M., Á. Ásgeirsdóttir, A. Barros-Platiau, F. Biermann, J. Dryzek, L.R. Gonçalves, R.E. Kim, **E. Mendenhall**, R. Mitchell, E. Nyman, M. Scobie, K. Sun, R. Tiller, D.G. Webster, O.

- Young, "Protecting Biodiversity in Areas beyond National Jurisdiction: An Earth System Governance Perspective." *Earth System Governance* (July 2019)
- 2019: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** "Interpreting the Law of the Sea 'Regime of Islands': An Opportunity for Productive US Leadership." *Marine Policy* 99 (January 2019): 213–15.
- 2019: Tiller, Rachel, Elizabeth De Santo, **Elizabeth Mendenhall**, and Elizabeth Nyman. "The Once and Future Treaty: Towards a New Regime for Biodiversity in Areas beyond National Jurisdiction." *Marine Policy* 99 (January 2019): 239–42.
- 2018: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** "Fluid Foundations: Ocean Transparency, Submarine Opacity, and Strategic Nuclear Stability." *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* 19, no. 1 (2018).
- 2018: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** "Treating Outer Space Like a Place: A Case for Rejecting Other Domain Analogies." *Astropolitics* 16, no. 2 (August 24, 2018): 97–118.
- 2018: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** "Oceans of Plastic: A Research Agenda to Propel Policy Development." *Marine Policy* 96 (October 2018): 291–98.
- 2018: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth**, and Tarek Tutunji. "Teaching Critical Understandings of Realism through Historical War Simulations." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 51, no. 02 (April 2018): 440–44.
- 2016: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** "Seamounts as Sites for Governance in the 'Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.'" *SAIS Review of International Affairs* 36, no. 1 (2016): 61–73.

### Book Chapters

- Submitted: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** "International Governance of Plastic Pollution," in *Social Equity in Marine Litter Management*, eds. Yoshitaka Ota and Jessica Vandenberg
- Submitted: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** "Plastic Pollution and Ocean Governance," in *Social Equity in Marine Litter Management*, eds. Yoshitaka Ota and Jessica
- 2021: Tiller, Rachel, Elizabeth Nyman, **Elizabeth Mendenhall**, Elizabeth De Santo. "The Role of Humanity's Responsibility Towards Biodiversity: The BBNJ Treaty." In *The Routledge Handbook on Responsibility in International Relations*, edited by Hannes Hansen-Magnusson and Antje Vetterlein, forthcoming July
- 2019: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** "The Ocean Governance Regime: International Conventions and Institutions." In *Climate Change and Ocean Governance*, edited by Paul G. Harris, 1st ed., 27–42. Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- 2016: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** "The Discursive Construction of the New Arctic." In *The Social Ecology of the Anthropocene: Continuity and Change in Global Environmental Politics*, edited by Richard Matthew, Connor Harron, Kristen Goodrich, Benny Maharramli, and Evgenia Nizkorodov. New Jersey: World Scientific, 2016.
- 2016: Deudney, Daniel, and **Elizabeth Mendenhall.** "New Earths: Assessing Planetary Geographic Constructs." In *The Politics of Globality since 1945: Assembling the Planet*, edited by Rens van Munster and Casper Sylvest. New International Relations. London New York, NY: Routledge, 2016.
- 2016: Deudney, Daniel, and **Elizabeth Mendenhall.** "Green Earth: The Emergence of Planetary Civilization." In *New Earth Politics*, edited by Simon Nicholson and Sikina Jinnah, 43–72. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2016.

### Book Reviews

- 2021: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** Review of *Elsewhere: A journey into our age of islands* by Alastair Bonnet, for H-Environment (forthcoming online)
- 2019: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** Review of *Arctic Governance: Power in Cross-Border Cooperation* by Elana Wilson Rowe, for *Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration, and Institutions*, vol. 32, no. 3: 582-584
- 2018: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** Review of *Consensus and Global Environment Governance: Deliberative Democracy in Nature's Regime*. Baber, Walter F., and Robert V. Bartlett. 2015. *Global Environmental Politics* 17, no. 4 (November 2017): 153–55.

### Popular Media

- 2021: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** Contribution to H-Diplo Roundtable XXII-27: Teaching Roundtable on Games and Simulations in IR, <https://hdiplo.org/to/RT22-27>
- 2020: De Santo, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Nyman, **Elizabeth Mendenhall.** “A rush is on to mine the deep seabed, with effects on ocean life that aren’t well understood,” *The Conversation*, August 17
- 2018: Nyman, Elizabeth, Elizabeth De Santo, **Elizabeth Mendenhall,** and Rachel Tiller. “71 countries are negotiating a new biodiversity treaty. Here’s what you need to know,” *Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*, September 19, 2018
- 2015: **Mendenhall, Elizabeth.** “What You Say is What You Get: The Gender Problem in IR,” *E-International Relations*, February 26, 2015

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS:**

### **Grants:**

- 2021: Fulbright US Scholar Award, Iceland, University of Akureyri (Spring 2022)
- 2021: Nippon Foundation Ocean Litter Project, in collaboration with the University of Washington EarthLab, sub-award
- 2019: Faculty Career Enhancement Grant, University of Rhode Island

### **Fellowships**

- 2016: Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University
- 2016: Teaching-as-Research Fellowship, Center for Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning
- 2016: Joel Steward Ish Fellowship, Johns Hopkins Political Science Department
- 2014: Charles Latham Pack Fellowship, Johns Hopkins Political Science Department

### **Academic Awards**

- 2021: Early Career Faculty Research and Scholarship Excellence Award – Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities, University of Rhode Island
- 2020: General Larry D. Welch Deterrence Writing Award (sponsored by United States Strategic Command), junior division
- 2016: Excellence in Teaching Award, Johns Hopkins University
- 2011: National Champion, Cross Examination Debate Association (policy debate)
- 2011: Debater of the Year, Cross Examination Debate Association

## **TEACHING:**

### **Independent**

- International Ocean Law (graduate) – Fall 2017-2021
- Governing International Waters – Spring 2020
- Marine Affairs senior capstone – co-teaching Spring 2021
- Politics of the Ocean – Spring 2018-2019
- International Politics of the Ocean (general education) – Fall 2019-2021
- Directed study – Arctic politics – Fall 2018
- Directed study – global commons governance – Spring 2020
- Directed study – geopolitical theory – Spring 2019
- History of American Environmentalism (lower division) – Winter 2016, Winter 2017

### **Assistantships**

- 2015: Contemporary International Politics (lower division), Fall
- 2015: Global Security Politics, Head TA (lower division), Spring
- 2013: International Politics (lower division), Fall
- 2013: Global Security Politics (lower division), Spring

### **Invited Lectures:**

- 2021: “Marine Plastic Pollution,” lecture for National Fisheries Research and Development Institute,

- 9th Fisheries Scientific Conference, The Philippines
- 2021: "Ocean Governance Regime," lecture for Central European University graduate course,
- 2021: "Organizing the World: Liberal Internationals and Global Governance in Postwar Politics," March
- 2021: "Structural Challenges in High Seas Conservation," talk to IKI Strong High Seas project webinar on Sustainable use and conservation of biological diversity in ABNJ of the Southeast Pacific
- 2020: "The Risks of Rushing into Seabed Mining," Lightning talk with Elizabeth Nyman, American Geographical Society, for Geography 2020: The Future of the World Ocean, November
- 2020: "The Emerging Instrument for Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction," guest lecturer in graduate course, Harvard Summer School, July
- 2020: "Challenges in International Ocean Law," National Defense University, Eisenhower School, Sea Domain Study Group, April
- 2020: "Plastic Pollution and Ocean Governance," Plastics and the Environment: Science Meets Public Policy, MIT Environmental Solutions Initiative, June
- 2020: "International Ocean Law Challenges," Sea Domain Study Group, Eisenhower School for National Security and Strategic Resourcing, National Defense University, April
- 2019: "The problem of baselines," at 6th International Symposium on the Law of the Sea, Tokyo, November
- 2019: "What can we do about marine plastic pollution?" at University of New Haven freshmen lecture series, October
- 2018: "Where is the Biodiversity in 'Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction'?" panel presentation at the Law of the Sea Institute event, Common Currents: Examining How We Govern the Ocean Commons
- 2018: "Static Baselines, Dynamic Coasts: International Law and the Problem of Sea Level Rise," presentation for TEDx program at University of Rhode Island, February
- 2015: "The Discursive Construction of the New Arctic," University of California-Irvine Symposium on Arctic Governance, January
- 2015: "The Nuclear Political Question," for Global Security Politics (lower division), Spring
- 2014: "Politics of the Ocean," for Water Politics (upper division), Fall
- 2014: "Jared Diamond's Guns, Germs, and Steel," for Planetary Geopolitics (upper division), Spring
- 2013: "Proliferation, Terrorism, and Arms Control," for International Politics (lower division), Fall
- 2013: "Asteroid Politics," for Global Security Politics (lower division), Spring

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:**

### **Papers Presented**

- 2021: "Crisis Governance and the Law of the Sea," International Studies Association, April
- 2021: "Divine Interventions: The influence of the Vatican on the progressive development of ocean governance," International Studies Association, April
- 2019: "The Significance of Arctic Territorial Disputes: Flashpoint, Opportunity, or Irrelevance?" International Studies Association – Northeast, November
- 2019: "Restricting the Space for Nuclear Weapons: Can Nuclear Weapons Free Zones Contribute to Contemporary Arms Control?" International Studies Association – Northeast, November
- 2019: "Semester length simulations and global environmental governance: an innovative course design to achieve social, political, and professional goals," International Studies Association, April
- 2019: "Restricting the Space for Nuclear Weapons: Can Nuclear Weapons Free Zones Contribute to Contemporary Arms Control?" International Studies Association, April
- 2018: "Oceans of Plastic: A New Challenge for Global Environmental Governance," Earth System Governance, November
- 2018: "Small Islands Facing Hard Choices: How International Law Encourages Unsustainable Responses to Sea Level Rise," International Conference for Environmental Future, April
- 2018: "Oceans of Plastic: A New Challenge for Global Environmental Governance," International Studies Association, April

- 2017: "Locating Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction: The Construction of Ecological Significance," International Studies Association Northeast, November
- 2017: "Static Baselines and Dynamic Coasts: UNCLOS and the Problem of Sea-Level Rise," International Studies Association Northeast, November
- 2017: "Modernist Internationalism in the Global Commons," International Studies Association, February
- 2017: "Seamounts as Sites for Governance in the 'Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction,'" International Studies Association, February
- 2016: "Modernist Internationalism in the Global Commons," American Political Science Association, September
- 2016: "Ancient and Modern World War Simulations as Supplemental Teaching Tool," with Tarek Tutunji, International Studies Association, March
- 2016: "Fluid Foundations: The Oceanic Opacity Residue, the Transparency Revolution, and Strategic Nuclear Stability," International Studies Association, March
- 2016: "Green Earth: The Emergence of Planetary Civilization," International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability, January
- 2015: "The Discursive Construction of the New Arctic," European Consortium on Political Research, August
- 2015: "Green Earth: The Emergence of Planetary Civilization," European Consortium on Political Research, August
- 2015: "The Influence of Scientific and Technological Change on Global Commons Regimes," European Consortium on Political Research, August
- 2015: "Green Earth: The Emergence of Planetary Civilization," Johns Hopkins Sustainability Roundtable, May
- 2015: "Harnessing the Hydrosphere: Science, Technology, Ocean Governance," The New Earth: The Politics of Planetary Places and Spaces, graduate workshop at Johns Hopkins University, April
- 2014: "The Social Construction of the New Arctic," International Studies Association, March
- 2014: "New Earths: Assessing Contemporary Global and Planetary Geographic and Geopolitical Constructs," *Assembling the Planet* workshop, National Museum, Copenhagen, April
- 2014: "The New Anarchism: A Geopolitical and Republican Critique," The 'Virtues of Anarchy' Reconsidered workshop, University of Exeter, June
- 2014: "Ocean Opacity and the Transparency Revolution," International Studies Association Northeast, November
- 2013: "Geophysical Transformation and the Nascent Arctic Regime," International Studies Association Northeast, November

### **Roundtables**

- 2021: Panelist on "Current State of and Future Prospects for the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone Treaty," webinar hosted by United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, August
- 2019: Panelist on "How are Emerging Technologies Changing the Probability of Nuclear War?" at American Political Science Association, September
- 2018: Panelist on "Earth System Governance: Science – Policy – Society," opening plenary roundtable at Earth System Governance, November
- 2018: Panelist on "The Challenges of Future Arms Control Across Domains," International Studies Association, April
- 2017: Panelist on "UK Nuclear Weapons: Are they Vulnerable? Are they Independent? Do they Deter? What are they For?" International Studies Association, February

### **Panels Organized**

- 2020: "Catastrophic and Existential Risks and World Order," panel for International Studies Association Conference, March 2021
- 2019: "Global Politics of the Arctic Region: Hierarchy, Security, and Governance," panel for International Studies Association Conference, March 2020

- 2016: "Global Governance in a Changing Ocean," panel for International Studies Association conference, February 2017
- 2016: "Modern Internationalisms and New World Orders," panel for International Studies Association conference, February 2017
- 2015: "Globalization, Technology, and International Stability," panel for International Studies Association conference, February 2016

#### **Discussant or Chair**

- 2021: "Technological Solutions in Global Environmental Governance," discussant, International Studies Association, April
- 2021: "Managing and Governing Fisheries and Oceans," chair, International Studies Association, April
- 2019: "New Perspectives on Fisheries and Conflict," discussant, International Studies Association, April
- 2019: "Ocean Governance in the Age of the Anthropocene," discussant, International Studies Association, April
- 2018: "Climate Change Governance: Polycentricity, Municipalism, Transnationality," chair, Earth System Governance, November
- 2015: "Risk Analysis in the Arctic – Economic Development and Environmental Governance," European Consortium on Political Research conference, co-chair, August
- 2014: "Arms Control and Non-Proliferation," panel at International Studies Association Northeast, discussant, November
- 2014: "Making the Climate: Rethinking the Role of Science in Global Climate Politics," Professor Bentley Allan at Johns Hopkins Political Science department seminar, discussant, March

#### **Workshops Organized**

- 2019: Panel organizer for University of Rhode Island Plastics Summit, September
- 2015: "The New Earth: The Politics of Planetary Places and Spaces," graduate workshop at Johns Hopkins University, co-organizer, April
- 2013-2014: Political Science Graduate Student Colloquium, co-organizer

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- Member, International Studies Association (since 2011)
- Member, American Political Science Association (since 2011)
- Member, American Association of University Professors (since 2017)
- Member, Fisheries Conflict Research Consortium, Secure Fisheries (since 2018)
- Research Fellow, Earth System Governance (since 2019)

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

##### **Workshops**

- 2021: International Foundation for the Law of the Sea, Summer Academy, August
- 2019: Rhode Island Teachers-at-Sea program, September
- 2019: Rhodes Academy on the Law of the Sea, July
- 2019: Rhode Island Teaching and Learning Institute, June
- 2016: International Studies Association Northeast Pedagogy Workshop, November
- 2016: Johns Hopkins Teaching Institute, May
- 2016: International Studies Association Career Course, "Simulations and Games," March
- 2015: Institute for Qualitative Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June
- 2014: European Consortium on Political Research, Winter School in Methods, February

##### **Reviewing for Journals**

- 2018-present: Member of Editorial Board of *Frontiers of Marine Science*

- 2021: Reviewer for Sustainability, Environmental Politics, Global Environmental Politics  
2020: Reviewer for Nature Communications, ICES Journal of Marine Science, Reviews in Fish Biology and Fisheries, Global Society, One Earth  
2019: Reviewer for Political Geography, Maritime Policy and Management, WIRES Energy and Environment, Revista Ambiente & Água, Environment & Society, McGill Journal of Sustainable Development Law  
2016: Referee, International Studies Association Compendium, "International Regulation of Ocean Pollution and Ocean Fisheries," July

### **Reviewing for Grants**

- 2021: Reviewer for University of Rhode Island Faculty Career Enhancement Grant, February  
Reviewer for National Science Foundation  
2020: Reviewer for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, February  
Reviewer for University of Rhode Island Faculty Career Enhancement Grant, February

### **SERVICE:**

#### **Professional**

- 2020-present: Executive Committee, Environmental Studies Section, International Studies Association  
2021-2025: Scientific Advisory Board, Governance of Marine Litter in the Arctic (GOMPLAR): Comparing international governance and legal frameworks to inform Arctic governance

#### **University**

- 2021-present: Graduate Program Director, Marine Affairs Department  
2020-present: Faculty Advisor, The Coastal Society – URI Chapter  
2018-present: Membership Committee, American Association of University Professors (URI chapter)  
2018-2021: Admissions Committee, Department of Marine Affairs, University of Rhode Island  
2019-2021: Research Committee, College of Environment and Life Sciences, University of Rhode Island

#### **Community**

- 2020-Present: Member of Policy & Programming Committee, Save the Bay  
2012-2019: Board of Directors, Women's Debate Institute  
2018: Volunteer, Yale Prison Debate program