

Curriculum vitae  
**Elizabeth Mendenhall**  
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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)  
Thesis: "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:**

**Journals**

Under review: "Climate change increases risk of fisheries conflict," (lead, with 7 co-authors), revised and resubmitted at *Marine Policy*  
Under review: "Restricting the Space for Nuclear Weapons: Can Nuclear Weapons Free Zones Contribute to Contemporary Arms Control?" revised and resubmitted at *Strategic Studies Quarterly*  
Under review: "Stuck in the middle with you (and not much time left): The third intergovernmental conference on biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction" (with 3 co-authors), under review at *Marine Policy*  
2020: "Wealth Blindness Beyond National Jurisdiction," (with 4 co-authors), accepted at *Marine Pollution Bulletin*  
2020: "Solving the Oceans' Plastic Problem," (with Eliya Baron Lopez), accepted for January issue of *Current History*  
2019: "A soft treaty, hard to reach: The second inter-governmental conference for biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction," in *Marine Policy*, vol. 108 (2019)  
2019: "Protecting Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction: An Earth System Governance Perspective," (with 14 co-authors), in *Earth System Governance*  
2019: "Interpreting the Law of the Sea 'Regime of Islands': An Opportunity for Productive US Leadership," in *Marine Policy*, vol. 99 (2019): 213-215  
2019: "The Once and Future Treaty: Towards a new regime for biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction," (with 3 co-authors), in *Marine Policy*, vol. 99 (2019): 239-242  
2018: "Fluid Foundations: The Oceanic Opacity Residue, the Transparency Revolution, and Strategic Nuclear Stability," *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies*, vol. 19, no. 1 (2018)  
2018: "Treating Outer Space Like a Place: A Case for Rejecting Other Domain Analogies," in *Astropolitics*, vol. 16, no. 2 (2018): 97-118

- 2018: “Oceans of Plastic: A Research Agenda to Propel Policy Development,” in *Marine Policy*, vol. 96 (2018): 291-298
- 2018: “Teaching Critical Understandings of Realism through Historical War Simulations” (with Tarek Tutunji), in *PS: Political Science & Politics*, vol. 51, no. 2 (2018): 440-444
- 2016: “Seamounts as Sites for Governance in the ‘Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction,’” in *SAIS Review of International Affairs*, vol. 36, no. 1 (2016): 61–73.

### **Book Chapters**

- 2019: “The Ocean Governance Regime: International Conventions and Institutions,” in *Climate Change and Ocean Governance*, ed. Paul Harris, Cambridge University Press
- 2016: “The Social Construction of the New Arctic,” in *The Social Ecology of the Anthropocene: Continuity and Change in Global Environmental Politics*, eds. Richard Matthew, Kristen Goodrich, Connor Harron, Bemmy Maharramov, Evgenia Nizkorodov
- 2016: “New Earths: Assessing Planetary Geographic Concepts,” (with Daniel Deudney) in *Assembling the Planet: The Politics of Globality After 1945*, eds. Rens van Munster and Casper Sylvest,
- 2016: “Green Earth: The Emergence of Planetary Civilization,” (with Daniel Deudney) in *New Earth Politics*, eds. Simon Nicholson and Sikina Jinnah,

### **Book Reviews**

- 2019: Review of *Arctic Governance: Power in Cross-Border Cooperation* by Elana Wilson Row, for *Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration, and Institutions*, vol. 32, no. 3: 582-584
- 2018: Review of *Consensus and Global Environmental Governance* by Walter F. Baber and Robert V. Bartlett, for *Global Environmental Politics*, 17-4

### **Popular Media**

- 2018: “71 countries are negotiating a new biodiversity treaty. Here’s what you need to know, Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, September 19, 2018
- 2015: “What You Say is What You Get: The Gender Problem in IR,” *E-International Relations*, February 26, 2015

### **DRAFT PAPERS:**

- “Semester length simulations and global environmental governance: an innovative course design to achieve social, political, and professional goals”
- “The Significance of Arctic Territorial Disputes: Flashpoint, Opportunity, or Irrelevance?”
- “The False Promise of the Global Commons: The State System Beyond National Jurisdiction,” (with co-authors)

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

#### **Grants:**

- 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**

- 2016: Winner, 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, Fall 2018
- Politics of the Ocean (upper division) – Spring 2018, 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:**

- 2019: “The problem of baselines,” at 6th International Symposium on the Law of the Sea, Tokyo
- 2019: “What can we do about marine plastic pollution?” at University of New Haven freshmen lecture series
- 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**

- 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**

- 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**

- 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**

- 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**

- 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)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

**Workshops**

- 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**

- 2018-present: Member of Editorial Board of *Frontiers of Marine Science*
- 2019: Reviewer for *Political Geography*, Maritime Policy and Management, WIRES Energy and Environment, Revista Ambiente & Água, Environment & Society

2016: Referee, International Studies Association Compendium, “International Regulation of Ocean Pollution and Ocean Fisheries,” July

**SERVICE:**

2018-present: Membership Committee, American Association of University Professors

2019-present: Research Committee, College of Environment and Life Sciences, University of Rhode Island

2018-present: Admissions Committee, Department of Marine Affairs, University of Rhode Island

2012-2019: Board of Directors, Women’s Debate Institute