

Curriculum vitae
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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:

Journals

Under review: Tirrell, Andrew and **Elizabeth Mendenhall**, "Cruise Ships, COVID-19, and Coastal/Flag State Obligations," under review 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-Plataiu, 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

- 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

- 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

- 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)
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

- 2020: Winner, General Larry D. Welch Deterrence Writing Award (sponsored by United States Strategic Command), junior division
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 2017-2020
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 2019-2020
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:

- 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: (forthcoming) “Crisis Governance and the Law of the Sea,” International Studies Association, April
- 2021: (forthcoming) “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

- 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: (forthcoming) "Technological Solutions in Global Environmental Governance," discussant, International Studies Association, April
- 2021: (forthcoming) "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

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
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
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

2020-present: Faculty Advisor, The Coastal Society – URI Chapter

2018-present: Membership Committee, American Association of University Professors (URI chapter)

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

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