

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:

Journals

Under review: (4 co-authors) "Divine Interventions: The influence of the Vatican on the progressive development of ocean governance," under review at *Ocean Development & International Law*

Accepted: "Nuclear Weapons Free Zones and Contemporary Arms Control," accepted at *Strategic Studies Quarterly*

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

- 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 Environmental Governance* by Walter F. Baber and Robert V. Bartlett, for *Global Environmental Politics*, 17-4

Popular Media

- 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

DRAFT PAPERS:

- "Teaching Grand Challenges as Empowerment: An innovative course design to achieve 21st century goals"
- "The False Promise of the Global Commons: The State System Beyond National Jurisdiction," (with co-authors)
- "Ocean Transparency and Strategic Nuclear Stability: An Emerging Challenge for Arms Control"
- "Crisis Governance in the Law of the Sea," solicited for edited volume on catastrophic and existential risks

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, Fall 2019

Governing International Waters – Spring 2020

Politics of the Ocean – Spring 2018, Spring 2019

International Politics of the Ocean (general education) – Fall 2019

Directed study – Arctic politics – Spring 2019

Directed study – global commons governance – Spring 2020

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

- 2020: (canceled due to COVID-19) "Crisis Governance and the Law of the Sea," International Studies Association, March
- 2020: (canceled due to COVID-19) "Divine Interventions: The influence of the Vatican on the progressive development of ocean governance," International Studies Association, March
- 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

- 2020: (canceled due to COVID-19) “Managing and Governing Fisheries and Oceans,” chair, International Studies Association, March
- 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*
- 2020: Reviewer for Nature Communications, ICES Journal of Marine Science, Reviews in Fish Biology and Fisheries, Global Society
- 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:

Professional

- 2020-present: Executive Committee, Environmental Studies Section, International Studies Association

University

- 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

- 2012-2019: Board of Directors, Women's Debate Institute
- 2018: Volunteer, Yale Prison Debate program