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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, 2008

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Dissertation: *Yesterday's City of Tomorrow: The Minnesota Experimental City and Green Urbanism*

M.S. Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, 1999

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Master's Thesis: *Indicators of Community Sustainability: A Kansas Case Study*

B.S. Environmental Engineering, 1997

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

Honors Thesis: *An Analysis of Natural Attenuation at the United States Steel South Works Site*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Teaching Professor of Law | Environmental Program and Environmental Clinic Director | Diehl Public Interest Environmental Law Fellows Program Manager, UW Law, 2021-Present

Full-time Lecturer (Assistant Teaching Professor of Law) | Environmental Program and Environmental Clinic Director, UW Law, 2015-2021

- Provided internal coordination of the environmental law program and manage external relations with other units on campus, alumni, NGOs, and law firms;
- Returned clinical presence within the program by designing, launching, and directing the Regulatory Environmental Law and Policy Clinic;
- Increased the program's scholarly and community presence by launching an annual Environmental Symposium and the UW Junior Environmental Law Scholars Workshop;
- Worked with the School's Advancement team to create fundable opportunities to support the growth of the UW environmental law program, such as speakers series, funded summer internships, and securing a \$3.75 million Diehl Fellows [endowment](#);
- Worked with the School's career center to develop career opportunities for environmental law students, including assuring external experiential learning opportunities for students interested in environmental law careers;
- Advised student-led editing and operations of the *Washington Journal of Environmental Law & Policy*; and
- Provided curriculum coordination for environmental law courses with permanent and adjunct faculty.

Part-time Lecturer and Environmental Program Director, UW Law, 2013-2015

Visiting Lecturer, UW Law, 2012-2013

Scholar in Residence, UW Law, 2011-2012

Part-time Lecturer, UW College of the Environment, 2012-2016, 2019, 2020

Affiliate, Center for Canadian Studies, UW JSIS, 2012-Present

Affiliate, Center for Environmental Politics, UW Political Science, 2016-Present

TEACHING

Regulatory Environmental Law & Policy Clinic (Law)

Environmental Law (Pollution Control) (Law)

Natural Resources Law (Law)

Wildlife Law (Law)

Environmental Justice Seminar (Law)

Washington Journal of Environmental Law & Policy Seminar (Law)

Washington Journal of Law, Technology, & Arts Seminar (Law)

Doctoral Dissertation Seminar (Law)

Coastal and Ocean Law (College of the Environment, Law)

Environmental Planning and Permitting in Practice (College of the Environment)

(Un)Making a Green Argument (College of the Environment, Honors Seminar)

Environmental Justice at 20 (College of the Environment, Honors Seminar)

Crimes Against Nature (College of the Environment, Honors Seminar)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Gates Public Service Scholars Review Committee, February-March 2022, 2023

DEI Faculty Committee, UW Law, 2018-2019, 2021-Present; Co-Chair, 2022-Present

Ph.D. Program Review Committee, UW Law, 2012-2013, 2021-Present

Graduate Programs Committee (ad hoc), UW Law, 2019-21

Washington Journal of Environmental Law & Policy Faculty Advisor, UW Law, 2014-2021

Colloquium Committee, UW Law, 2016-2017

Masters of Jurisprudence Degree Program Development Committee, UW Law, 2013-2015

Faculty/Staff Pro Bono Recognition, UW Law, 2013-2014

Student Journals Review Committee, UW Law, 2012-2013

UW Delegate to Consulate General of Canada, Energy Study Tour to Alberta, Summer 2012

PILA Review Committee, Peter Buck Grant, UW Law, Spring 2012

Book Review Editor, Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences, 2010-2013

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Wildlife Diversity Advisory Committee, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, 2019- Present; Vice chair 2020-2021; Chair 2021-22; WAC Committee Chair 2022-23

Client Protection Board, Washington State Bar Association, Public member, 2018- 2020

Disciplinary Board, Washington State Bar Association, Public member, 2019-2020

GRANTS

Reverse Redlining. \$75,000. University of Washington EarthLab Innovation Grants, 2022-23 Cohort. (P.I: Sanne Knudsen, UW Law; Community Lead: Deric Gruen, Front and Centered; Team: Esther Min, Nico Wedekind, Todd Wildermuth). Designing a regulatory response to protect areas facing disproportionate environmental health risks from further harm by prohibiting new environmental burdens of disease until the community has achieved certain acceptable health metrics.

PUBLICATIONS

- Todd A. Wildermuth, “A House Divided: The Minnesota Experimental City and Competing Narratives of Conservation,” in *Nature’s Crossroads: The Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota*, Christopher Wells and George Vrtis, eds., University of Pittsburgh Press, January 2023. 420 pp.
- *Wildlife Law* (Second Edition), with Eric T. Freyfogle and Dale D. Goble, October 2019, Island Press. 344 p.
- Todd A. Wildermuth, *Catastrophe Thinking, Fast and Slow*, Washington Journal of Environmental Law & Policy, 7(2), July 2017.
- Todd A. Wildermuth, Doctoral Dissertation, *Yesterday’s City of Tomorrow: The Minnesota Experimental City and Green Urbanism*, 2008; revised and reproduced by Unicorn Stencil Documentary Films as “The Experimental City: A Documentary,” October 2017.
- Todd A. Wildermuth, Book Review of *The Virtues of Ignorance: Complexity, Sustainability, and the Limits of Knowledge*, Edited by Bill Vitek and Wes Jackson (The University Press of Kentucky, 2008, 354 pp.), *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, 6(1), 2012, 118-120.
- Amy J. Wildermuth and Todd A. Wildermuth, *Environmentalism and American Culture*, translated into Italian, *Reset* [A monthly Italian magazine of ideas], *Luglio - Agosto 2008. Numero 109* [July-August 2008, Number 109].
- Todd A. Wildermuth, *National Land-Use Planning in America, Briefly*, 26 J. LAND, RESOURCES, & ENVTL. L. 73 (2005).

- Robert A. Herendeen and Todd A. Wildermuth, “Resource-Based Sustainability Indicators: Chase County, Kansas, As Example.” *Ecological Economics* 42:2 (2002), 243-257.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- “Overcoming Agency Resistance to Act Under the Public Trust Doctrine,” a continuing legal education presentation, Center for Environmental Law and Policy, December 6, 2019, Seattle, WA.
 - “Environmental Citizen Suits: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow,” a continuing legal education presentation, Law Seminars International, February 2, 2018, Seattle, WA.
 - “Advancing Environmental Policies through the Court System,” presentation to Fulbright Visiting Scholar Enrichment Seminar, April 16, 2016, Seattle, WA.
 - “The (Troubled) Waters of the United States,” a continuing legal education presentation, UW Law and Alaska State Bar CLE Series, December 11, 2015, Anchorage, AK.
 - “A House Divided: The Minnesota Experimental City and Competing Narratives of Conservation,” Invited Paper, Conference on Minnesota Environmental History at the Minnesota Historical Society, sponsored by Carleton College and Macalester College. St. Paul, MN, June 2012.
 - ““Had Our Fathers Cared to Provide a Solution?: L. C. Gray’s Crusade Against Laissez-Faire,” Panel Presentation at Agricultural History Society 2006 Annual Meeting. Cambridge, MA, June 15-17, 2006.
 - “Garden City Scientific: The Minnesota Experimental City and the Decentralist Ideal,” Panel Presentation at American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference. St. Paul, MN, March 29-April 1, 2006.
 - “Land Use Planning: A Historical Perspective,” Invited talk for 10th Annual Stegner Symposium, “Private Property and Nature Conservation: Land Ownership in the 21st Century.” University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, March 4-5, 2005.
 - “Problems of Scarcity and Abundance: L.C. Gray and Interwar Conservation,” poster presentation for the annual meeting of the American Society for Environmental History. Houston, TX, March 16-20, 2005.
 - “Place-Based Indicators and Ecological Community Accounting: A Kansas Case Study,” talk for the NCEDR National Conference on Environmental Decision Making. Knoxville, TN, April 11-14, 1999.
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INVITED LECTURES

- On “The Meaning of the *Juliana* Case to Climate Change and American Law,” to UW Communications and the Environment course, February, 2020; March, 2019; February 2017.
- On “Environmental Permitting in Washington and Beyond,” a detailed overview of permitting requirements that impact construction and development, to UW Construction Engineering course, November, 2019; March, 2019; February, 2016.
- On the role and effect of US environmental law in affecting trade in electronic waste, as commentator to the documentary film “Death by Design: The Dirty Secret of our Digital Addiction,” hosted by UW Asian Law Center, April, 2017.
- On “Environmental Justice in America: What’s Law Got to Do with It?” an introduction to the environmental justice session of the 2013 UW Program on the Environment Capstone Presentation Series, Spring 2013.
- On “The Role of the Legal Profession and Academy in Moving Society in Sustainable Directions,” Sustainability and the Law Symposium, hosted by Washington Lawyers for Sustainability, Seattle University, April 2012.
- On “The Necessity of Environmental Law” to the Environmental Law Society, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, April 2012.
- On “How Can We Effect Environmental Change?” to a campus-wide course on sustainability, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, April 2012.
- On modern environmental thought and organized conservation for “Religion, Law, and the Environment,” a seminar course at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Fall 2010.
- On the critics of sustainability for “The Human Place in Nature,” a campus series on sustainability, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2010.
- On conservation biology and conservation organizations for “Wildlife Law” a seminar at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Spring 2008.
- On demographics, private property, and the history of environmental planning for “Environment and Planning”, a course at the University of Utah College of Architecture and Planning, Spring 2008.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Principal and Founder, *Rabbitbrush Research*, 2009 - 2011

- Founded Rabbitbrush Research to provide conservation nonprofits in the Intermountain West specialized research services and a testing ground for prospective project areas.
- Project Highlights:
 - Radioactive waste disposal: Reviewed a proposed groundwater monitoring permit;

advised client on systematic, long-term regulatory review of water monitoring at the disposal site.

- Endangered species: Conducted an audit of a six-state agreement intended to protect sensitive fish species in the Colorado River system; compiled and analyzed aquatic survey data across all states; evaluated the success of state management activities; analyzed feasibility of a petition to list three species under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Technical Policy Advisor, *Friends of the Chicago River*, 2003 - 2004

- Served as representative on the Technical Advisory Committee for the Chicago River Use Attainability Analysis.
- Worked to demonstrate the economic and ecological benefits of advanced wastewater disinfection.

Independent Consultant, *Friends of the Chicago River*, 2001 - 2002

- Served as organizer and executive secretary for quarterly meetings of the Urban River Monitoring and Recovery Initiative (URMRI) advisory board, finding common purpose and directing shared communication between representatives from the City of Chicago, the Illinois EPA, USEPA Region 5, and Midwest Generation.
- Drafted a technical report and series of consensus recommendations for improvements of water-quality monitoring on the Chicago River.

Assistant Project Coordinator, *Friends of the Chicago River*, 2000

- Drafted a watershed plan for the North Branch of the Chicago River as part of a USEPA Clean Water Act Nonpoint-Source Pollution Control grant.
- Developed criteria for disbursement of pollution control moneys and evaluated grant applications for urban nonpoint-source pollution controls.
- Prepared RFPs, interviewed, and hired contractors for stream restoration project.