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Education

Ph.D., Political Science: International Relations 2019 – Present
Northwestern University, The Graduate School | Evanston, IL
Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Certificate Program

Master of Arts, Political Science March 2022
Northwestern University, The Graduate School | Evanston, IL

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science: International Relations May 2016
Departmental Distinction granted for Honor's Thesis
College of St. Benedict and St. John's University | St. Joseph, MN
Study Abroad: St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, India Dec. 2013 – May 2014

Publications

Marion Suiseeya, K. R.; **Elhard, D. K.**; Paul, C. J. (2021). Toward a relational approach in global climate governance: Exploring the role of trust. *WIREs Climate Change*, 12(4), e712. <https://doi.org/10.1002/wcc.712>

Elhard, D. K. (2024). In Quest of A Shared Planet: Negotiating climate from the Global South. *Environmental Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2023.2301258> [Book Review]

Works in Preparation

Baker, LM; **Elhard, DK**; O'Connell, M; Anderson, A; Marion Suiseeya, KR; Zanolini, L. "COVID and Accessibility at Sites of Global Environmental Governance." Under Review.

Research

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 2015, 2016, 2021 – Present
Conducted independent research on climate finance (GEF, GCF, SCF, etc.) and/or collaborative research at the following UNFCCC meetings: *Blue Zone Badge*: COP21, France; COP22 Morocco; COP26 Scotland; COP27 Egypt; Subsidiary Body Meetings (SB56) Germany. *Virtual Badge*: SB58 Germany; COP28 UAE

Ad-hoc work program on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) 2022 – Present
Conducted dissertation research and hybrid ethnography at all UNFCCC NCQG meetings

Presence2Influence, Collaborative Event Ethnography (CEE) Team 2021
In-Person Team Member, 6-Person CEE Team, UNFCCC COP26 Glasgow, Scotland

Disproportionate Impacts of Environmental Challenges Working Group Aug. 2021 – June 2022
Graduate Research Assistant, Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Affairs
Working Group led by Dr. Kimberly Marion Suiseeya and Dr. Jennifer Dunn.

Teaching

Guest Lecturer, "Saving for a Rainy Day? Environmental Treaties & Climate Finance" Nov. 2023
Introduction to International Relations, Instructor of Record: *Dr. Nathalia Justo, Bowdoin College*

Instructor of Record, International Climate Change Politics & Policy Winter, Spring 2023
Integrating Project Seminar, International Studies Department, Northwestern University

Teaching Assistant, International Environmental Politics Spring 2021
Instructor of Record: Dr. Kimberly Marion Suiseeya, Northwestern University

Teaching Assistant, U.S. Environmental Politics Fall 2020
Instructor of Record: Dr. Kimberly Marion Suiseeya, Northwestern University

Conference Papers

Accepted: “Attending to Attendance Modalities: Hybrid Ethnography and IR” Apr. 2024
(panel co-organizer) International Studies Association, Annual Conference

Accepted: “Same Language, New Money? Understanding the New Climate Finance Goal” Apr. 2024
Early Career Workshop, International Studies Association, Annual Conference

“Ethnography as a Tool for Researching Hybrid Agreement Making Spaces” Nov. 2023
International Studies Association Northeast Region, Annual Conference

“The UNFCCC and Climate Finance Orchestration” Mar. 2023
International Studies Association, Annual Conference, Junior Scholar Symposium

“Hybrid Participation and International Organizations: How online participation shapes international negotiations and policy processes” Mar. 2023
(panel co-organizer) International Studies Association, Annual Conference

“COVID and Accessibility at Sites of Global Environmental Governance” (co-author) Oct. 2022
Earth System Governance Conference, Annual Conference

“Understanding Climate Finance: The Growth of the UNFCCC” Sep. 2022
American Political Science Association, Annual Conference

“International Negotiations and Research in the age of COVID” (co-author) Apr. 2022
Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference

“Salvaging Sovereignty: The Changing Role of Territory in the Face of Climate Change” Mar. 2022
International Studies Association, Annual Conference

“Salvaging Sovereignty: Constructing Territory in the Face of Climate Change” Sep. 2021
Earth System Governance Conference, Annual Conference *virtual presentation

“Levels of Action: Climate Change and Human Mobility in Bangladesh” Apr. 2016
Notre Dame Student Peace Conference, Kroc Institute at University of Notre Dame

Invited Talks and Speaking Engagements

Panelist, “Beyond the Headlines: Contextualizing United Nations Climate Negotiations,” Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Affairs. February 20, 2024 (upcoming)

Virtual speaker, “Gendered Participation in Climate Change Agreement-Making Spaces,” Exploring the gendered impacts of Climate Change Event, COP28 Monash University Pavilion. Virtual speaker. December 3, 2023

Guest Speaker, “Difficult and Rewarding First Days” Summer Leadership Fellows Seminar, College of St. Benedict and St. John’s University. Virtual meeting. May 15, 2023

Moderator and Panelist, “Northwestern Perspectives from COP27,” Institute for Sustainability and Energy at Northwestern, Annual Symposium 2022: Current Perspectives in Sustainability and Energy. December 1, 2022

Guest Speaker, “Welcoming Refugees: Exploring immigration policy and discrimination in Minnesota and the United States” St. John’s Preparatory School Social Justice Club, Collegeville, MN. Virtual meeting. February 3, 2021

Panelist, “Bashaal: A Gathering of Women,” a conversation about civic engagement prior to the 2018 midterms. Women Organizing Women and National Organization of Women, Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter. The Coven, Minneapolis, MN. July 10, 2018

Keynote, “State and National Policies for the Settlement of Refugees,” Sunday at the Abbey Speaker Series. St. John’s Abbey, Collegeville, MN. February 18, 2018

Panelist, “We Can Do It: Minnesota’s Millennials at COP21,” Minnesota Environmental Quality Board's Dialogue With State Policy Makers: Lessons from Paris. Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN. January 12, 2016

Research & Language Awards

Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern, The Graduate School (TGS)	2023
David Minar Memorial Summer Award, Northwestern Political Science Department	2022
American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT), Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program	2022
Summer Language Grant, Northwestern, TGS	2022
Dissertation Research Travel Award, Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Affairs	2021

Teaching Awards

Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) Associate Certificate	2023
Reflective and Effective Teaching Program, Searle Center for Advancing Teaching and Learning	2022 – 2023
Interdisciplinary Graduate Instructor Assistantship, Northwestern International Studies Department	2022 – 2023
Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grantee to Turkey (canceled due to security concerns)	2016, 2017

Honors & Scholarships

Marie and Robert Jackson Fellow	2015 – 2016
Harry S. Truman Scholar Finalist, Midwest	2015
Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society	2015
John E. Brandl Scholar	2014 – 2015
Trustee’s Scholarship, College of St. Benedict	2012 – 2016

Service to Discipline

- Finance Working Group Member, Research and Independent NGOs (RINGOs) Constituency to Produce notes on UNFCCC climate finance meetings, including New Collective Quantified Goal 2022 – Present
- Organizing Committee Member, 2024 Chicago Ethnography Conference (CEC) Jan. – Mar. 2024
- Co-Organizer of 3 COP28 Events, Just North & Beyond Pavilion: A Popup University Nov. – Dec. 2023
All events focused on academics and climate change, including the UNFCCC and science-policy interface
- Discussant, MPSA Poster Session: International Organizations and Norms Apr. 2022

Service to Political Science Department, Northwestern University

- Panelist, Teaching Assistantships: Pedagogical Advancement Workshop Series Oct. 2023
- Co-Organizer, Fieldwork Methods Workshop, NU Political Science Department May 31, 2023
- Graduate Teaching Committee Member, NU Political Science Department Fall 2021, 2022 – 2023
- Paper Discussant, NU International Relations Graduate Workshop Dec. 2022
- Logistics Coordinator, NU Political Science Department Graduate Committee Aug. 2021 – July 2022
- Peer Mentor for First Year PhD Students, NU Political Science Department 2020 – 2022

Professional Memberships

International Studies Association (ISA)	2022 – Present
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American Political Science Association (APSA)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

2022 – Present
2022 – 2023

Professional Experience

Climate Change Initiatives Graduate Intern: UNFCCC COP27 and COP28

2022, 2023

Graduate Intern, Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Affairs

Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Scott Dibble, Minnesota State Senate

Jan. 2018 – Aug. 2019

Ranking Member, Transportation Finance and Policy Committee, Senate District 61 | St. Paul, MN

Refugee Resettlement Case Manager II, New American Services

Nov. 2016 – Sep. 2017

Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis | St. Paul, MN

Archival Assistant, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University Archives

Oct. 2012 – Feb. 2015

College of St. Benedict and St. John's University | St. Joseph, MN

Community Involvement

- Food Pantry Volunteer, Lakeview Food Pantry – Nourishing Hope, Chicago, IL Mar. 2021 – Present
- Graduate Student Community Garden Member, Northwestern University Sep. 2019 – 2021
- Client Services and Intake Volunteer, Joyce Uptown Food Shelf May – Sep. 2016
- Climate Action Club Secretary, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University Sep. 2015 – May 2016
- Social Services and English Language Learning Intern, MORE Agency for New Americans May – Aug. 2015