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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2021- **Assistant Professor.** Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis.
- 2021- **Faculty Affiliate.** Ostrom Workshop on Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University Bloomington.
- 2019-2020 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow.** Center for the Governance of Natural Resources, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado at Boulder.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2018.

Fields: Public Policy, Methodology, Comparative Politics.

Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods in the Behavioral Sciences.

Dissertation: *When Do Disadvantaged Groups Participate in the Decentralized Governance of Natural Resources and Public Services? Evidence from India, Nepal, and the Global South*

Committee: Krister Andersson (chair), Carew Boulding, Kenneth Bickers, Peter Newton, Alex Pfaff (Duke University).

M.A. Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2015.

B.S. Biology/Chemistry, Metropolitan State University of Denver, 2013.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Public policy, politics, and governance

- 2019 **Cook, N. J.**, T. Grillos, and K. P. Andersson. “Gender Quotas Increase the Equality and Effectiveness of Climate Policy”. *Nature Climate Change* 9: 330-334. 2-year impact factor: 20.9.
- 2018 Andersson, K. P., **N. J. Cook**, T. Grillos, ... and E. Mwangi. “Experimental Evidence on Payments for Forest Commons Conservation”. *Nature Sustainability* 1(3): 128-135. 2-year impact factor: 12.1. Highlight in *Nature Climate Change* 8 (272).

*Student coauthor; †Equal authorship, alphabetical order.

- 2017 **Cook, N. J.**, G. D. Wright, and K. P. Andersson. “Local Politics of Forest Governance: Why NGO Support Can Undermine Local Government Responsiveness”. *World Development* 92: 203-214. 2-year impact factor: 3.9.

Quantitative research methodology

- 2021 Atteberry A., R. Wedow, **N. J. Cook**, and A. McEachin. “A Replication of the Negative Causal Impact of Moving into Middle School”. Accepted, *Educational Policy*. 2-year impact factor: 1.8.

SUBMITTED/UNDER REVIEW

Cook, N. J., T. Grillos, and K. P. Andersson. “Climate Equity and Conservation Incentives: Experimental Evidence from Indonesia, Peru, and Tanzania”. (*Submitted*)

Grillos, T., **N. J. Cook**, and K. P. Andersson. “Collective PES Promotes Institutional Creation: An Experimental Analysis”. (*Submitted*)

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS (Drafts available upon request)

Andersson, K. P., **N. J. Cook**, M. A. Trautmann,* and P. Valdiviseo. “Socioeconomic Inequality and Citizen Satisfaction with Local Government Performance in Chile”.

Benedum, M. E.* and **N. J. Cook**. “Out-Migration and Participation in Natural Resource Governance: The Role of Remittances”.

Cook, N. J. “Ethnicity, Participation, and Natural Resource Decentralization”.

Cook, N. J. “Ethnic Quotas and Public Participation in Local Government Institutions”.

Cook, N. J., M. E. Benedum,* and G. Gorti.* “Promoting Female Leadership Under Natural Resource Decentralization: The Roles of Domestic Policy, International Aid, and Population Change”.

Cook, N. J., K. P. Andersson, M. E. Benedum,* T. Grillos, B. K. Karna, D. B. Khatri, and D. Poudel. “How Natural Resource Decentralization Reshapes Inequality”.

Gorti, G.,* **N. J. Cook**, and K. P. Andersson. “Inequalities, conditional cash transfers, and confidence in local institutions”.

Kaur, K.,* **N. J. Cook**, and H. L. Paul.* “Gender Parity Policies and Women’s Participation in Local Collective Action”.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 Andersson, K. P., **N. J. Cook**, and T. Grillos. “Progressive gender quotas can make climate policy better.” *Behavioural and Social Sciences at Nature Research*.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2018 - 2021 Key Personnel, “Inequalities, Institutions and Sustainability: An Experimental Study of Local Efforts to Govern the Commons”. National Science Foundation. (Programs: Political Science and DRMS; Award: SES-1757136; PI: Krister Andersson; \$555,149)
- 2017 - 2018 Hayek Fund for Scholars. Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University. (Two awards, under \$1,000)
- 2017 Department of Political Science, University of Colorado. (\$3,000)
- 2016 - 2018 Beverly Sears Program, University of Colorado. (Three awards, \$5,000)
- 2016 Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences, University of Colorado. (Under \$1,000)

AWARDS AND COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Best Dissertation Award, Western Political Science Association.
- 2019 Bridging Biodiversity and Conservation Science Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Arizona. (Declined)
- 2018 Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Colorado. (~\$17,500)

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 “Environmental Justice and the Local Governance of Natural Resources.” University of California at Davis.
- 2019 “Ethnicity, Participation, and Natural Resource Decentralization.” Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis.
- 2019 “Inequality and Natural Resource Decentralization: A Statistical and Computational Approach.” Purdue University.
- 2017 “The Effects of Decentralization on Citizen Behavior: Evidence from Community Forestry in Nepal”. Forest Action Nepal, Lalitpur, Nepal.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- 2020 Association of Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference (online); Association of Public Policy and Management International Conference (online)

- 2019 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C.); Association of Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference (Denver); APPAM ‘Deploying Machine Learning for Public Policy Impact’ Workshop (Denver)
- 2018 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco); World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (Gothenburg); Sustainability and Development Conference (Ann Arbor)
- 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco); Environmental Politics and Governance Conference (Bloomington); International Association for the Governances of the Commons, Biennial Global Conference (Utrecht)

TEACHING

Assistant Professor, Paul H. O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Policy Analysis (graduate)

Policy Analysis (graduate)

Environmental Justice (undergraduate)

Instructor of record, University of Colorado at Boulder

The Environment and Public Policy (undergraduate)

Introduction to Public Policy Analysis (undergraduate)

Global Development (undergraduate)

Student mentoring, University of Colorado at Boulder

Research Methodology Advising Lab (undergraduate and graduate)

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Reviewer: *Conservation Biology*; *Ecological Economics*; *European Journal of Political Economy*; *International Forestry Review*; *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*; *Journal of Environment and Development*; *Nature Sustainability*; *Society and Natural Resources*; *World Development*

2020 Discussant, “Environmental Justice” panel, Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference

2020 Co-organizer, Extramural Grant Training for Grad Students and Postdocs, Interdisciplinary Training in the Social Sciences, University of Colorado.

- 2019 Consultations concerning the design of impact evaluation studies for the ProACT malaria treatment program, US Peace Corps (Benin).
- 2018 – 2019 Board of Directors, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado.
- 2015 – 2016 Director, Mentors of Political Science (MOPS), University of Colorado.
- 2014 – 2018 Graduate Student Mentor, Mentors of Political Science (MOPS), University of Colorado.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
International Association for the Study of the Commons
Western Political Science Association