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EDUCATION

Master of Science, Environmental Studies

University of Colorado at Boulder (2009)

Bachelor of Arts, Communication (Minor in Political Science)

University of Pennsylvania (2001)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado-Boulder – Boulder, CO

Program Manager, Western Water Assessment (July 2010 – present)

- Responsible for overall management activities at WWA, a NOAA-funded Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) program based at the University of Colorado.
- Communicate WWA research findings to external audiences.
- Manage budget of approximately \$750,000 per year.
- Coordinate and organize internal processes for setting research agenda and organizing outreach activities.
- Interface with policy makers interested in working with WWA to integrate climate science into their activities.
- Supervise two staff members and collaborate with multiple graduate students and postdocs.

U.S. Representative Frank Pallone, Jr. – Washington, DC

Legislative Director (June 2005 – May 2007)

- Coordinated legislative agenda for ten-term senior Democratic member of Congress with extensive record of leadership on energy and environment issues.
- Supervised four-person legislative staff.

Energy and Environment Legislative Assistant (August 2004 – May 2007)

- Handled all legislative duties pertaining to energy and environment issues, including fisheries management, global warming, renewable energy, and endangered species.
- Researched relevant scientific and policy background as needed.
- Wrote floor statements, talking points, background memos, and letters to federal and state agencies.
- Drafted press releases and set up press conferences.

U.S. Representative Rush Holt – Washington, DC

Legislative Assistant (December 2002 – July 2004)

- Handled legislative issues including environment, energy, health care, and transportation.
- Prepared floor speeches, background memos, and letters to federal agencies.

Legislative Correspondent (January – November 2002)

- Drafted response letters to constituents concerned about high-profile and complex topics such as the Iraq war, medical malpractice, and prescription drugs.

Staff Assistant (September – December 2001)

- Served as first point of contact for constituents communicating with the Representative's Washington office.
- Supervised three interns who performed general office tasks.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Duke University Talent Identification Program – Beaufort, NC and Boone, NC

Instructor (June – July 2009; June – July 2010)

- Designed first-ever Coastal and Marine Policy course in 2009.
- Co-designed and taught "Science on the Appalachian Trail" in 2010, combining geology, ecology, meteorology, and other topics.
- Led discussions, activities, field trips, and mock conferences.

University of Colorado Environmental Design Program – Boulder, CO

Teaching Assistant for Social Factors in Environmental Design (August 2008 – May 2010)

- Graded numerous written assignments for approximately 50 undergraduates.
- Facilitated group work during class periods.
- Lectured for one full class period per semester.

National Snow and Ice Data Center – Boulder, CO

Student Earth Science Writer (May – September 2008)

- Responsible for primary authorship of "All About Frozen Ground" Web site.
- Summarized complex scientific material about frozen ground and permafrost at an eighth-grade reading level.
- Worked with permafrost experts, senior science writers, and web programmers.

PUBLICATIONS

Theobald, D., W.R. Travis, M. Drummond, and **E.S. Gordon**. 2013, in press. The Changing Southwest. Chapter 3 of *Assessment of Climate Change in the Southwest United States: A Technical Report Prepared for the U.S. National Climate Assessment*.

Liverman, D., S. Moser, P. Weiland, L. Dilling, M. Boykoff, H. Brown, D. Busch, **E.S. Gordon**, C. Greene, E. Holthaus, D. Niemeir, S. Pincetl, J. Steenburgh, and V. Tidwell. 2013, in press. Climate Choices for a Sustainable Southwest. Chapter 18 of *Assessment of Climate Change in the Southwest United States: A Technical Report Prepared for the U.S. National Climate Assessment*.

Pugh, E. and **E.S. Gordon**. 2012. A conceptual model of water yield impacts from beetle-induced tree death in snow-dominated lodgepole pine forests. *Hydrological Processes*, doi: 10.1002/hyp.9312.

Vogel, J., **E.S. Gordon**, J. Brislawn, E. LoDolce, J. Barsugli, D. Mills, and K. Carney. 2012. Boulder County Climate Change Preparedness Plan (Draft). Available online at <http://www.bouldercounty.org/sustainability/programs/pages/climatechangepreparednessplan.aspx>.

Klein, R., **E.S. Gordon**, W.R. Travis, J.J. Lukas, B. Udall, K. Averyt, J. Vogel, and J. Smith. 2011. Colorado Climate Preparedness Project Final Report. 108 pp. Available online at http://www.colorado.edu/CCPP_report.pdf.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"The Colorado Climate Preparedness Project"

Presented at the Colorado Climate Network Third Annual Conference, Aurora, CO, December 11, 2012

"A Conceptual Model of Water-Related Impacts from Bark Beetle Infestations"

Presented at the Colorado Mesa University Upper Colorado River Basin Conference, Grand Junction, CO, November 8, 2012

"Secondary Impacts of Climate Change in the Western Adaptation Alliance Region"

Presented at the Western Adaptation Alliance Climate Leadership Academy, Denver, CO, March 19, 2012

"Understanding the Utility of Uncertain Scientific Information Regarding Bark Beetle Infestations, Water Resources, and Climate for Natural Resource Managers"

Presented at the 10th Annual Climate Prediction Applications Science Workshop, Miami, FL, March 13, 2012

"Using Climate and Water Expertise to Support Stakeholders in the Upper Colorado River Basin"

Presented at the Upper Colorado River Basin Water Forum, Grand Junction, CO, October 31, 2011

"The Colorado Climate Preparedness Project: A Systematic Approach to Assessing State-Level Adaptation"

Presented at Practical Solutions for a Warming World: AMS Conference on Climate Adaptation, Asheville, NC, July 18, 2011

"A Conceptual Model of Water Quantity Impacts from Insect-Induced Tree Death in Coniferous Forests"

Poster presented at American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 14, 2010

"Facilitating stakeholder use of decision-support information on climate-ecosystem impacts: The mountain pine beetle infestation"

Poster presented at the CIRES Rendezvous, Boulder, CO, April 15, 2010

"Political Influence and the Federal Rulemaking Process"

Presentation to Winter Wildlands Alliance Conference, October 25, 2008

"Mountain Pine Beetles and Ponderosa Pine Forests"

Presentation to staff Boulder County Parks and Open Space Program, October 8, 2008

"Environmental Leadership and Political Advocacy"

Presentation to the University of Colorado at Boulder's Environmental Center, October 11, 2007

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- Chair, Research Group of the American Society of Adaptation Professionals
- Crew leader, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers
- Team co-captain, Unclique ultimate frisbee team (2003-2007)