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Academic Employment

Associate Teaching Professor (2018–present): School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington Bothell [*this faculty title was formerly “Senior Lecturer”*]

Lecturer (2010–2017): School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington, Bothell

Associate Director (2014–2019): Discovery Core and First Year & Pre-Major Program, University of Washington, Bothell

Education

University of Chicago: Ph.D., English Language and Literature, 2009

Area of focus: 20th Century American Literature; Environmental Humanities.

Dissertation: "Seeds of Change: Rewriting the Garden in American Literature, 1854-2009"

Director: Lauren Berlant / Advisor: Bill Brown

University of California, Santa Barbara, 1999

B.A., English (*summa cum laude*)

B.A., History (*summa cum laude*)

Teaching

University of Washington, Bothell

- Ethics & the Environment (BIS 356)
- Climate Anxiety, Grief & Resilience (BIS 456)
- Our Home in the Forest: Ecology, Literature & Culture. Co-taught w/ Dave Stokes (BCORE 104/110)
- Senior Capstone Portfolio (BIS 499)
- Environment & Humanities (BIS 245)
- Academic Research & Writing Seminar (BISSKL 375)
- Special Topics: Climate & Mental Health (BIS 293)
- Study Abroad in Peru: "From Andes to Amazon: Biodiversity, Sustainability & Conservation." Co-directed with Dr. Ursula Valdez.
- Place & Displacement in the Americas: Human Rights, Culture & Ethnicity. Co-taught w/ Julie Shayne (BCORE 104/107)
- Twentieth-Century American Literature (BIS 371)
- American Environmental Thought (BIS 345)
- Environmental Ethics and Literature (BCUSP 118)
- Environmental Literature & Thought (BIS 393 - Special Topics)
- Interdisciplinary Writing: Politics & Ecology of Food (BCUSP 134)
- Introduction to Literary Analysis (BCUSP 187)
- Studies in American Literature: Place & Environment (BIS 361)

Graduate Lecturer: University of Chicago, Division of the Humanities (2003–2007)

English Language Instructor: ADESOL, Salvador, Brazil (2002)

Publications

Books (Peer-Reviewed)

Atkinson, Jennifer and Sarah Jaquette Ray. *An Existential Toolkit for the Climate Crisis: How to Teach in a Burning World*. University of California Press, May 2024.

Atkinson, Jennifer. *Gardenland: Nature, Fantasy, and Everyday Practice*. University of Georgia Press, 2018.

Articles & Chapters (Peer-Reviewed)

Atkinson, Jennifer. "Stories from our Future: Beyond the Binaries of Climate Hope and Grief." In *Teaching the Literature of Climate Change*. Ed. Debra Rosenthal. Modern Language Association, forthcoming Spring 2024.

Atkinson, Jennifer. "Eco-Grief and Climate Anxiety in the Classroom." In *Contemplative Practices and Anti-Oppressive Pedagogies for Higher Education: Bridging the Disciplines*. Ed. Greta Gaard and Bengu Erguner-Tekinalp. Routledge, 2022.

Atkinson, Jennifer, and Sarah Jaquette Ray. "The Emotional Curriculum of Climate Justice Education: An Existential Toolkit." *CSU Journal of Sustainability and Climate Change*. Vol 1, Article 6. 2021.

Atkinson, Jennifer. "Mourning Climate Loss: Ritual and Collective Grief in the Age of Crisis." *CSPA Quarterly* 32, Spring 2021.

Atkinson, Jennifer. "Multi-Sensory Experience and Environmental Encounter: Rethinking the Sustainability of Humanities Education." *Interdisciplinary Environmental Review* 16.2-4, 2015, pp. 253–266.

Atkinson, Jennifer. "Comedies of Surplus." *Earth Perfect? Nature, Utopia, and the Garden*. Ed. Annette Giesecke and Naomi Jacobs. London: Black Dog Publishing, 2012, pp. 258-271.

Atkinson, Jennifer. "Seeds of Change: The New Place of Gardens in Contemporary Utopia." *Utopian Studies* 18.2, 2007, pp. 237-260.

Other Book Chapters

Atkinson, Jennifer. "How to Love a Burning World." In *Solastalgia: An Anthology of Emotion in a Disappearing World*. Ed. Paul Bogard. University of Virginia Press, 2023.

Articles in Popular Media

Atkinson, Jennifer and Sarah Jaquette Ray. "Introduction to The Existential Toolkit for Climate Justice Educators." Climate Psychology Alliance of North America (CPA-NA). October 2023.

Atkinson, Jennifer. "Climate Grief: Our Greatest Ally?" *Resilience*. Aug 27, 2020.

Atkinson, Jennifer. "Gardening in Hard Times: A Hidden History from Jim Crow to Covid-19." *Association for the Study of Literature and Environment (ASLE)*, Monthly Feature. June 2020

Atkinson, Jennifer. "The Impulse to Garden in Hard Times has Deep Roots." *The Conversation*. May 1, 2020

Atkinson, Jennifer. "Why the Covid Gardening Boom is About More than Food." *Earth Island Journal*. June 10, 2020

Atkinson, Jennifer. Opinion: "Addressing climate grief makes you a badass, not a snowflake." *High Country News*. May 29, 2018

Creative Productions / Collaborations

- Creator and host: "Facing It," a podcast about love, loss, and the natural world. Written and narrated by Jennifer Atkinson. Music by Roberto David Rusconi. Produced by Intrasonus UK. (2020 - 2021)
- Creator (with Dr. Sarah Jaquette Ray and Dr. Elin Kelsey). "An Existential Toolkit for Climate Justice Educators: An online resource of college-level teaching modules, syllabi, student testimonials, and pedagogical tools for helping students build resilience for a climate-changed future." <https://www.existentialtoolkit.com/> (2021-present)
- Contributor (content): "Endlings." Directed by Mara Richards Bim. Cry Havoc Theater, Dallas TX (2020). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5akxYZ-kn2M&feature=youtu.be>

Invited Talks & Keynote Lectures

- "Collective Climate Action: Inspired Organizing for Our Future." Sponsored by the Spring Creek Project at Oregon State University. Mar 2023.
- Earth Day Keynote. South Puget Sound Community College. Apr 27, 2023.
- "Creative Responses to Climate Doom: Strategies for an Age of Crisis." Keynote talk for Whidbey Earth & Ocean Month. Apr 5, 2023.
- "Advancing Conservation through Empathy for Wildlife." Keynote talk at Woodland Park Zoo. Feb 8, 2023.
- "Coping with Climate Anxiety." National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Seminar Jam. Jan 12, 2023.
- Climate Lecture Series: Center for Climate Action and Sustainability. Evergreen State College. Oct 12, 2022
- "Beyond Climate Despair: navigating an age of crisis and engaging for change." American Museum of Natural History, New York City. Student Conference on Conservation Science. Oct 4, 2022.
- "Author Talk: Jennifer Atkinson on The Emotional Toll of a Warming World." San Francisco Public Library. July 26, 2022.
- "Beyond Climate Despair: From Anxiety to Agency." Keynote address, Earth Educators' Rendezvous at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Annual conference of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers. July 14, 2022.
- "Earth Day Lecture 2022: Beyond Climate Doom." Keynote address at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA. Apr 18, 2022.
- "Climate Anxiety and Grief: Moving Beyond Despair in a Warming World." Keynote address at the Rocket Companies Mental Health Summit. Detroit, MI. May 11, 2022.
- "Building Resilience for a Climate-Changed Future." Plenary Speaker, Association of Art Museum Curators Conference, New York City, May 3, 2022.
- "Environmental Summit: Climate Change and How It Impacts Us," co-presented with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Elizabeth Kolbert. The Delta College President's Speaker Series, Feb 23, 2022.
- "Climate Anxiety, Grief and Hope: Moving from Angst to Action." New Mexico State University Climate Change Education Seminar Series. Oct 20, 2021.
- "Navigating Climate Anxiety." University of Minnesota. May 4, 2021.
- "Beyond Despair: Generating Bold Action from Dark Emotions." tUrn: University-wide Climate Crisis Awareness & Action. Santa Clara University. Apr 22, 2021.
- "Eco-grief and climate anxiety: managing the crisis." University of Massachusetts Lowell, Climate Change Initiative. Feb 22, 2021.
- "Navigating Climate Anxiety." Whitman College. Nov 18, 2020.
- "Confronting Climate Grief and Anxiety." Edge of Amazing: A Virtual Health and Well-being Summit. Providence Institute for a Healthier Community. Oct 8, 2020
- "Dealing with Climate Despair." Aspen Institute, Future Leaders Climate Summit. Aug 12, 2020.
- "Solastalgia: 'The pain was necessary to know the truth.'" KUOW Speakers Forum. Jun 25, 2020.
- "Climate Despair: Harnessing Grief as an Agent of Transformation." Festival of Live Digital Art, Canada Council for the Arts. Toronto. Jun 11, 2020

- "Climate Grief and Eco-Anxiety: Staying Engaged Without Getting Overwhelmed." Triton Talk series. Edmonds Community College. May 19, 2020
- "Climate Anxiety – Staying Engaged Without Getting Overwhelmed." City of Bellevue, virtual Earth Day event. Apr 22, 2020.
- "Facing Down Climate Despair: Anxiety, Grief, and Action in the Age of Crisis." California Lutheran University. Thousand Oaks, CA. Mar 9, 2020.
- "Climate Depression: Confronting Eco-Anxiety in the Age of Crisis." Pacific Science Center, Science in the City lecture series. Co-sponsored by *The Seattle Times* and KUOW. Feb 28, 2020.
- "The Weight of Nature: A workshop on climate change and mental health." Co-sponsored by the City of Seattle's Office of Arts & Culture and *Grist* magazine. Seattle, WA. Nov 3, 2019.
- "Depressed About Climate Change? Moving from Angst to Action in an Age of Ecological Disruption." McMenemy's Pub Night Talks, co-sponsored by University of Washington and McMenemy's History Department. May 28, 2019.
- "Climate Depression & Environmental Angst: Navigating the Emotional Toll of Ecological Loss." Lecture series on "Crisis Earth: Ethics of the Anthropocene." Muhlenberg College, Center for Ethics. Pennsylvania. Feb 15, 2019.
- "Climate Hope for the holidays: turning angst into action." Climate Science on Tap, hosted by Cascadia Climate Action and UW Program on the Environment. Seattle. Dec 3, 2018.
- "Despair & Hope in Environmental Education." Presentation at Wayqecha Biological Station, Manu National Park, Peru. Sept 4, 2018.
- "Cultures of the Garden." Lecture and book signing at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC. Jun 22, 2018.
- "How can the humanities address our Environmental Mess?" Lecture at "Games for our Future," Pacific Science Center, Seattle. Apr 6, 2018.
- "Climate Change and Health: More than Getting Hot." Panelist, Bastyr University, Seattle. Apr 11, 2018.
- "A Sense of Place: our rapidly urbanizing environment." Panel discussion with Warren Gold and Caren Crandell, UWB Community Research Connections Series. Bothell Public Library. Oct, 2017.

Interviews (audio and print)

- In This Climate* podcast. "Existential loneliness, the climate crisis, and intrinsic hope." Mar 2, 2022.
- NPR: Weekend Edition*. "Pandemic Gardens Satisfy a Hunger for More Than Just Good Tomatoes." By Petra Mayer. Aired Mar 9, 2020.
- Las Cruces Public Radio*. "Speak Up Las Cruces: Jennifer Atkinson on Climate Anxiety." Interview with Peter Goodman. Aired Oct 13, 2021
- Seattle Met Magazine*. "An Omnivore's Guide to Eating Less Meat." By Stefan Milne. July 14, 2020.
- Smithsonian Institution Newsletter*. "Garden Variety," an interview with Jennifer Atkinson on *Gardenland*. By Jeanne Maglaty. July 2018.
- Big Planet, Big Feels* podcast (Episode 2). "Dr. Jennifer Atkinson on Teaching in the Age of Eco-Grief." Produced by Sarah Jaquette Ray and Madi Whaley. Aired December 19, 2018.
- BYU Radio, Constant Wonder* with Marcus Smith. "Jennifer Atkinson: Gardenland." Aired December 3, 2018.
- Writing with Dirty Hands* podcast. "Gardenland with Jennifer Atkinson." Produced by Jenks Farmer. Aired June 2019.

Interviews (featured in books)

- Generation Dread*, by Britt Wray. Knopf-Random House: 2022.
- Taking the Heat: How Climate Change is Affecting Your Mind, Body, and Spirit*, by Bonnie Schnieder. Tiller Press: 2022.
- Growing up in the Grassroots* by Joy Reeves. New Degree Press: 2020.

Academic Conference Presentations

- "Why Emotions Matter in the Climate Justice Classroom." Association for the Study of Literature & Environment. Portland, OR, July 2023.
- "Dispatches from the End of the World: Coping with Existential Dread through Podcasts." Association for the Study of Literature & Environment. July 2021.
- Keynote Speaker: "Eco-Grief & Climate Anxiety." California State University, Chico: This Way to Sustainability Conference. Mar 25, 2021
- Keynote Panel: "Climate Grief, Eco-Anxiety, and Mental Health in the Face of Overlapping Crises." Washington & Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference. Feb 12, 2021.
- "An Existential Toolkit for Climate Educators." A workshop convened by Jennifer Atkinson, Elin Kelsey, and Sarah Ray. Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich, Germany (July 2-6, 2020)
- "Climate anxiety, environmental grief, and pretraumatic stress on campus and in the classroom." Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Spokane, WA, Oct. 2019.
- "Confronting Despair in the Classroom: Lessons from an Undergraduate Seminar on Ecological Grief." Association for the Study of Literature and Environment. University of California, Davis, June 2019.
- "Plots of Paradise: Gardening and the Utopian Impulse" Panel Organizer. Association for the Study of Literature and Environment. University of California, Davis, June 2019.
- "From Progressive Paradise to Dystopian Persistence: How Are We Discussing the Goalposts of Sustainability with Students and Peers?" Washington & Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference. University of Washington, February 2019.
- "IAS Scholars and Artists in Context": a talk by Jennifer Atkinson on her book *Gardenland: Nature, Fantasy and Everyday Practice*. UW Bothell, November 2018.
- "Navigating Environmental Grief: Resilience and Hope in an Age of Climate Consequences." Washington & Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference. Portland State University, February 2018.
- "The Sensual City: Multispecies Encounter & Embodied Pleasure in Urban Farmer's Markets." Knowledge/ Culture/Ecologies International Conference. Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile. Nov 2017.
- "A Famine of the Senses: Midcentury Food Writing and Farmer's Markets." Association for the Study of Literature and Environment. Wayne State University, Detroit, June 2017.
- "Crime Scenes in Paradise: Displacement and Recovery in Leslie Marmon Silko's *Gardens in the Dunes*." Association for the Study of Literature and Environment. Western New Mexico University, Silver City, June 2016.
- Conference Session Organizer & Chair, "Utopias Imagined and Attempted." Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association. Portland, November 2015.
- "The Poetics of Dirt: Nature Writing and the Phenomenology of Everyday Practice." Association for the Study of Literature and Environment. University of Idaho, Moscow, June 2015.
- "The Discovery Core: Academic Support Built In and Qualitative Assessment through the e-Portfolio." Co-presented with Russell Cannon, Ismaila Maidadi and Danielle Rowland, Pacific Northwest Association for Institutional Research and Planning, Seattle, November 2014.
- "Toward a Sustainable Humanities: Student Encounters with Literature and the Environment." Conference on Just Sustainability: Hope for the Commons, Seattle University, August 2014.
- "Why Sustainability Education Needs the Humanities." Panel on Interdisciplinary Pedagogies of Sustainability Education, Washington Higher Education Sustainability Conference, Western Washington University, February 2014
- "Promoting First Year Student Success: Creative Collaborations between Academic Services and Academic Programs." Poster presentation developed with Leslie Ashbaugh, Dani Rowland & Kristin Gustafson for Association of American Colleges and Universities, Portland, February 2014
- "Transformative Learning: A Roundtable on High-Impact Practices" (panel member). Co-sponsored by Undergraduate Learning, Academic Affairs, the Provost's Office, and TLC. UW Bothell, February 2014.

- “Capstone Portfolio Challenges and Solutions: A Student Perspective” (session coordinator and presenter). University of Washington ePortfolio Symposium. UW Bothell, September 2013.
- “Teaching Literature in the Field: Student Work in the Outdoor Classroom.” Symposium on Teaching and Learning, University of Washington, Seattle, April 2013.
- “American Gardening Writing: Some Notes on a Fantasy Genre.” Earth Perfect? Nature, Utopia, and the Garden Conference, University of Delaware, June 2013.

In the News

National Media

- National Geographic*, “Climate anxiety is widespread among youth—can they overcome it?” By Richard Schiffman (June 29, 2022)
- Slate*, “What Climate Scientists Are Saying About This Catastrophic Summer.” By Sofia Andrade (Jul 15, 2021)
- Discover Magazine*, “How Does Climate Change Affect Human Health?” By Carla Delgado (Nov 29, 2021)
- Washington Post Magazine*, “The Search for Environmental Hope.” By David Montgomery (April 12, 2021)
- New York Times*, “Got Climate Anxiety? These People Are Doing Something About It.” By Susan Shain (Feb 4, 2021).
- Los Angeles Times*, “Feeling distressed about climate change? Here’s how to manage it”; and “An artist set out to paint climate change. She ended up on a journey through grief.” By Julia Rosen (Jan 11, 2020)
- KCLU Public Radio*, “‘Eco-Grief:’ New Term Describes Emerging Trend of Climate Anxiety.” By Andy Vasoyan (Mar 9, 2020)
- Natural Awakenings*, “Climate Anxiety: Navigating Our Emotions as the Planet Changes.” By Sandra Yeyati (Dec 30, 2020)
- Outside magazine*, “The 4 Stages of Climate Grief: How do we deal with the prospect of losing the places we love?” By Heather Hansman (Nov 8, 2019)
- The Washington Post*, “Climate change, language and politics: How should we talk about what’s happening to the planet?” By Dan Zak (Aug 27, 2019)
- Seattle Times*, “Feeling it: UW Bothell class helps students face emotional impact of a warming planet.” By Katherine Long (March 13, 2018)
- Grist*, “The life-altering, world-ending topic they’re still not teaching you about in school.” By Paola Rosa-Aquino (Jun 4, 2019)
- Medium*, “Climate Change’s Hidden Victim: Your Mental Health.” By Ciara O'Rourke (Jan 24, 2019)
- Fox News at Night*, “Global warming bringing you down? Washington state college offers course on ‘eco-anxiety,’ ‘climate grief.’” By Dan Springer (April 2, 2019)
- UPI*, “‘Eco-anxiety’ over climate change causing stress, panic in millions, experts say.” By Josephine Chu (Aug. 28, 2019)
- NBC News*, “‘Climate grief’: The growing emotional toll of climate change.” By Avichai Scher (Dec 24, 2018).
- Inverse*, “You are not safe: My life under the existential dread of climate change.” By Thor Benson (Sept 26, 2019)
- Grist*, “How one school is getting kids fired up about climate solutions.” By Zoe Sayler (June 20, 2019)
- Nexus Media*: “Uncovering the Mental Health Crisis of Climate Change.” By Jeremy Deaton (June 12, 2018)
- MSN News*: “Tomorrow’s Doctors Will Diagnose the Mental Toll of Climate Change.” By Carly Stern (July 22, 2019)

Local and UW News

- Population Health*. "Spotlight: Jennifer Atkinson supports the processing of anxiety from climate change." By UW Population Health Initiative. (Feb 9, 2022)
- UW Bothell News*. "Our home in the forest." By Elisabeth Schnebele (Dec 20, 2021)
- Crosscut*. "A first for Washington, locals advise lawmakers on climate change." By Mandy Godwin (Apr 16, 2021)
- The Daily*, "Creating space for climate grief." By Aspen Anderson (Feb 22, 2021)
- University of Washington*. "20 from 2020: A Year in Focus." A retrospective on the biggest stories of 2020 at UW (Dec 14, 2020)
- UW Bothell News*. "Turning environmental angst into activism." By Douglas Esser (Jul 9 2020).
- Currents: A Student Blog. Navigating Society and Sea*. "The Phoenix and the Boulder." By Brittany Hoedemaker (May 8, 2020)
- The UW Daily*. "Dealing with the emotional impact of climate change." By Andrew Ronstadt (Feb 10, 2020)
- UW Bothell News*. "Bringing together culture and ecology." By Douglas Esser (Nov 7, 2019)
- UW Bothell News*. "Where Do IAS Grads Work? Ask an Alum." By Douglas Esser (Aug 14, 2019)
- UW Bothell News*. "Acknowledging eco grief and climate anxiety." By Douglas Esser (Feb 28, 2018)
- Bothell Kenmore Reporter*. "UW Bothell seminar aims to help students cope with climate change concerns." By Blake Peterson (Feb 21, 2018)
- Q13 Fox*. "Feeling hopeless about climate change? There's a class for that at UW Bothell." (Jan 24, 2018)

Community Engagement & Collaborations

- Mentor, National Wildlife Federation EcoCareers (2022)
- Director, "An Existential Toolkit for Climate Educators": a monthly discussion series supported by the Rachel Carson Center to help climate experts share research and teaching strategies with audiences around the world. Available at existentialtoolkit.com. (2020-22)
- Speaker and Curriculum Consultant, Washington Climate Assembly, "[Social Emotional Learning and Climate Change](#)." Jan 16, 2021
- Contributor, *Student Guide to the Climate Crisis: A Handbook for Climate Grief, Science and Action*. Published by the University of Manchester in collaboration with Climate Emergency Manchester. (Sept 2020)
- Mentor, IndieCade Climate Jam: "*Adapt, Engage, Protect*." (Apr 18-22, 2020)
- Organizer, "The cultural and ecological importance of Cedar trees to Coast Salish people," featuring Tulalip storyteller and master woodcarver Kelly Moses (sduuk"qidəb). Co-sponsored by the UWB Diversity Center. UW Bothell (Oct 2019 and Oct 2020)
- Speaker, "Ask A Scientist." Hosted by Cascadia Climate Action. Lagunitas Brewing Company, Seattle, (Aug 26, 2019)
- Talkback Moderator, "Time to Tell." Directed by Shawn Ketchum Johnson. ACT Theater, Seattle (May 23, 2019)
- Research Mentor and Speaker at EARTH GAMES: "Surviving Climate Change." Co-hosted by UW Center for Creative Conservation, Pacific Science Center, Seattle Indies, and Seattle Serious & Social Impact Games Group. Pacific Science Center, Seattle (May 2019 and April 2018)
- Interviewee for voice soundtrack, "Sea Change Within Us." Written and choreographed by Karin Stevens. Base theater, Seattle (May 2019)
- Organizer, KUOW Public Radio conversation with UWB students. Coordinated with Zaki Hamid, KUOW Director of Community Engagement. UW Bothell (Apr 17-23, 2018)
- Organizer, "Pacific Northwest Tribal Communities – Climate Change, Adaptation, and Resistance." UWB Lecture and Q&A with Colin Wahl, Environmental Scientist with the Tulalip Tribes (Feb 2018)

Organizer, "Beautiful Trouble: Picking fights and creating community in a time of climate chaos." Conversation with Meg Wade, 350Seattle Movement Building Organizer. UWB (Mar 2018)
Organizer and Moderator, "Civil Disobedience for Direct Climate Action: Valve Turner Panel." UWB (Apr 2017)
Organizer and Moderator, "Protecting Land and Water Rights: Standing Rock & Beyond." A panel discussion with Native American EJ activists. UWB (Feb 2017)
Organizer, "The Ethics of Energy: Imagining a Just and Sustainable Future," a lecture by Dr. James Conca, Senior Scientist at UFA Ventures. UWB (Mar 2017)
Organizer, "The Thin Green Line," a lecture on Puget Sound energy policy and community resistance to coal & oil trains. Featuring Eric de Place, Policy Director with Sightline Institute. UWB (Mar 2016)
Instructor, mock college course: Voyager Middle School early college exposure program. UWB (May 2015)
Organizer, lecture on climate change ethics with NASA scientist Bob Bindschadler; community organizing workshop on climate change activism in partnership with 350.org. UWB (Mar 2015)
UWB organizer, Shell Oil rig "kayak flotilla" protest, a collaboration with sHellNo.org, the UWB Sustainability Organization, and Backbone Campaign. Seattle, WA (Apr - May 2015)
Organizer, 350.org talk on Fossil Fuel Divestment. UWB (Spring 2014)

Professional Service

UW Bothell:

IAS Personnel Committee member (2021-23)
FYPP representative (interim), Campus Council on Academic Standards & Curriculum (2023)
Coordinator, private donor gift (\$50,000) for Environmental Humanities programming in IAS (2023)
Coordinator, IAS Mentor Chat Program (2020-22); Co-coordinator (2018-20) with IAS Alumni and Community Relations Manager Lisa Olason
Promotion Committee member for Masahiro Sugano, IAS (2021)
Speaker, "Coping with Climate Grief: A Panel Discussion on Eco-Anxiety." University of Washington Libraries (Dec 2, 2021)
Search Committee member, Rhetoric & Composition Teaching Professor in IAS (2020-21)
Promotion Committee member for Silvia Ferreira, IAS (2019)
Co-coordinator, Distinguished Speaker visit with Cecilia Vicuña (co-coordinated with Amaranth Borsuk). UW Bothell (Apr 15-17, 2019)
Committee member: Initiatives to Develop Interdisciplinary Scholarship & Collaboration (I-DISCO) 2018-19; 2020-22
Associate Director, Discovery Core and First Year & Pre-Major Program (2014-2019)
Chair, Academic Oversight Council, First Year & Pre-Major Program (2016-2019)
Search Committee member for Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, UW Bothell (2018-19)
Campus Council on Assessment and Learning, UWB (2017-2019)
Search Committee member for Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Learning (2017-18)
Co-chair with David Goldstein, BIS 300 & 499 Working Group (2017-18); IAS Assessment Committee (2011-present)
Co-Director, UWB Learning Community on Field-Based Teaching (2018-19)
Director, UWB Learning Community on Peer Mentoring (2017-18)
Promotion Committee member for Kim O'Neill, School of Business, UW Bothell (2018)
Chair, Discovery Core Working Group (2017-18)
Co-Director, UWB Earth Week Steering Committee/ Sustainability Series (with Cassie Lubenow) (2017)
Coordinator, Environmental Humanities Subcommittee (developed new core course for revised Environmental Studies major; realigned Enviro Humanities curricular bin) (2017)

Mentor, Project for Interdisciplinary Pedagogy (PIP). Mentor to Caitlin Littlefield, Ph.D. candidate, UW School of Environmental & Forest Sciences (2016-17)

Presenter, "IAS Alumni Downtown Networking Event." Sponsored by the Office of Advancement and External Relations. Seattle (May 2017)

Presenter and Faculty Coordinator, UWB Parent & Family Night (Apr 2017)

Convener, Faculty Oversight Committee for University Studies (2014 – 2016)

School Council member, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (2014–2017)

Review Committee member, UWB Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (2015)

Search Committee member, Environmental Science (2014–15)

Search Committee member for FYPP Program Manager (2015)

Coordinator of UWB faculty workshop and wetlands tour with Dr. Christof Mauch, Director of the Rachel Carson Center in Munich. In conjunction with the Katz Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities (Dec 2015)

Co-Coordinator, UWB Campus Garden Initiative (co-coordinated with Rebeca Rivera, the Office of CBLR and the UWB Campus Gardeners) (2014-15)

IAS Undergraduate Admissions Committee member (2012 – 2014)

Coordinator of Discovery Core Initiative on "Creating Inclusive Communities," a collaboration with the Offices of Student Life, Disability Resources for Students, and Veteran's Affairs (2013-2014)

Co-Facilitator with Dr. Padilla: American & Ethnic Studies Chat 'n Chew conversation series, "How Do We Talk About Race on Campus?" (March 2014)

Co-Coordinator, American Studies CAWG (2011-2013)

UWB Undergraduate Learning Advisory Council member (2012 – 2014)

Mentor, Academic Transition Program (2011-2014)

Presenter on "First Year Student Success," UWB Donor Advisory Board (November 2013)

Featured speaker, Environmental Studies and CUSP website videos (2013)

Search Committee member: UWB Instruction Librarian (Spring 2012)

Coordinator of "Wetlands/Sports-Field Symposium" with Kenyon Chan, Marilyn Cox, Rich VanDeMark and Alan Wood (co-organized with ASB President Frederic Hensen): March 2012

Regional and National:

Guest Instructor, fall term: "[Interdisciplinary Climate Exploration](#)" at Northwood High School, Irvine, CA (Fall 2023)

Faculty mentor for Dr. McKenna Parnes, T32 postdoctoral fellow at University of Washington Dept of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences. Collaborating on NIMH K99/R00 research grant on youth mental health, climate anxiety and social media (2023)

Guest Presenter, "Confronting Emotions in the Climate Sciences." Stanford University, SUSTAIN 223. Dr. Britt Wray (Jan 10, 2023)

Facilitator, "[Creating social responses to our changing environment](#)," UW School of Social Work (Nov 17, 2022)

Facilitator, "Climate Grief: Moving from Despair to Action," University Unitarian Church Climate Action Team, Seattle (Oct 26, 2022)

Facilitator, Workshop on Climate Anxiety. School of Public Health, University of Washington Seattle. (Jan 27, 2021)

Steering committee member and mentor, "Games for Our Future." Pacific Science Center, Seattle. (2019-20)

Citizen Scientist/Volunteer, "Climate Change, Huckleberries, and Grizzly Bears." Earthwatch Institute expedition, Flathead National Forest, Montana (July 2017)

Co-organizer (with Gary Handwerk), "Faculty Workshop for Environmental Humanities." Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington (November 2014)

Conference Planning Committee and Panel Moderator, "The Future of the Environmental Humanities: Research, Pedagogies, Institutions, and Publics." University of Washington Seattle (Oct 31 – Nov 3, 2013)

Conference Planning Committee, University of Washington ePortfolio Symposium. UW Bothell (Sept 2013)

Tour Session Consultant, "Sharing the Harvest: Healthy Food Access & Justice." American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) Annual Conference, University of Washington Seattle (Aug 2013)

Flash Volunteer Internship Coordinator for University of Washington (2011 – 2012)

Founding member and service on Board of Directors, Flash Volunteer, Seattle (2009 – 2012)

Panel Co-Organizer with Julie Shayne, "Community Connections/Multiple Perspectives: Redefining Boundaries of Undergraduate Research." Association of American Colleges & Universities meeting. Seattle, WA. (Mar 2012)

Awards, Grants & Distinctions

UW Population Health Initiative Climate Change Grant for "Climate Justice, Decolonization, and Abolition." (co-PI with José Alaniz, Jasmine Mahmoud, Jedd Murr, Cleo Wölflé Hazard, and Georgia Roberts) 2023

UW Population Health Initiative Climate Change Grant for "The Climate Change Social Media Movement: Exploring Impacts on Youth Mental Health." (co-PI with Dr. McKenna Parnes) 2023

UW Bothell IAS Environmental Humanities Support Fund (\$50,000 private donor gift), 2023

Royalty Research Fund Grant, University of Washington, 2022-23

Husky Green Award, University of Washington 2022

Scholarship, Research, and Creative Practice (SRCP) Seed Grant: "An Existential Toolkit for Climate Justice Educators." University of Washington Bothell, 2021-22.

Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich. Workshop grant awarded for "An Existential Toolkit for Climate Educators." Co-convened by Jennifer Atkinson, Elin Kelsey, Sarah Jaquette Ray. June 2020.

Nomination for Distinguished Teaching Award. University of Washington, 2020.

IAS Speakers & Events grant for a campus visit by Tulalip storyteller and master woodcarver Kelly Moses (sduuk^wqidəb) on "The cultural and ecological importance of Cedar trees to Coast Salish people." UW Bothell, October 2019.

Research Interest Group grant awarded for "Expanding the Environmental Humanities." School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, 2017-2019.

Whitely Center Grant, School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UW Bothell, Spring 2018.

Nomination of the Discovery Core for UW Innovation Exhibit (nomination by Chancellor Bjong Wolf Yeigh) January 2016.

Discovery Core teaching and leadership recognized by the Provost's Office in "Connecting the Dots: Helping Students Link Academics and Careers" (Provost's report on innovative teaching). UW Bothell, 2015.

Simpson Center Grant for "Environmental Humanities Cluster," a Crossdisciplinary Research Cluster with UW Seattle Faculty (with S. Wilke, S. Gardiner, R. Watts, G. Handwerk and L. Nash). 2014-2015

Pedagogy Workshops (non-climate related): Led or Co-Facilitated

Faculty Retreat organizer: Inclusion in the First Year Experience (a day-long professional development retreat on "Supporting Survivors of Sexual & Relationship Violence"; "How to be a Culturally Responsive Teacher"; and "Using Writing to Learn") August 2018.

Facilitator of pedagogy workshops for Discovery Core faculty on First Year teaching: the series has covered topics including assessment, undergraduate research, supporting multilingual and first-generation students, reflective writing, supporting veterans and students with disabilities, expanding accessibility in course design, promoting co-curricular and community-based learning, and more. 2013-18.

PIP Workshop on “Contemplative Practice Inside & Beyond the Classroom” (co-facilitated with Caitlin Littlefield) UWB Project for Interdisciplinary Pedagogy, October 2016.

TIPS Workshop facilitator: “Teaching in the Discovery Core: How to Prepare an Effective Application.” UWB, October 2016.

Faculty Workshop organizer: “Is Your Course Content Accessible?” in collaboration with Terrill Thompson, UW-IT Technology Accessibility Specialist, March 2015.

Faculty Retreat organizer: “Integrative Learning and Reflective Practice,” a day-long professional development retreat for Discovery Core and FYPP faculty, July 2015.

Faculty Workshop organizer: “Sexual Harassment, Title IX and Bystander Intervention,” in collaboration with Terence Hill, Assistant Director of Student Life; Alison Greenwood, Assistant Director of Wellness; Rosemary Simmons, Assistant Director of Counseling, Dec 2014.

Consultant and presenter: ePortfolio Design Seminar for Integrated Social Science Online Degree, UW Seattle, January 2014.

Pedagogy & Professional Development (seminars attended)

Research Interest Group on “Surfacing, strengthening, & sharing SOTL practices.” A UWB faculty team focused on scholarship of teaching including course design, assessment, and team-teaching (2019-22)

FYPP Online Teaching Workshop: a 6-week series on remote teaching (Summer 2020-22)

UWB Learning Community on “Integration of Climate Change Teaching and Learning into Curricula” (2019-20)

“Science Communication Workshop,” UW College of the Environment (May 2019)

“Grading Writing without Grades: Antiracist Classroom Writing Assessment for a Variety of Courses” with Asao Inoue, Director of Writing, UW Tacoma (Apr 2017)

“Supporting Multilingual Students in First Year Classes.” Facilitated by Prof. Deirdre Vinyard, UW Bothell (Jan 2017)

“Teaching in an Age of Climate Consequences.” Whidbey Institute (Nov 2016 - June 2017)

“Inquiring into an Ethic of Place: A Workshop on Place-Based Learning.” Curriculum for the Bioregion, Evergreen State College (January 2016)

“Developing Your Teaching Portfolio.” IAS Faculty Workshop (April 2015)

“Diversity, Bias and Faculty Hiring.” IAS faculty workshop (Fall 2014)

“What Are We Doing Together? Designing Assignments to Foster Metacognition on Collaboration & Shared Leadership.” IAS Faculty Workshop (March 2014).

University of Washington tri-campus “Environmental Humanities Reading Group” (2013 – present)

“Feeling Our Way: New Pathways in Environmental Education,” Simon Fraser University’s Maple Ridge Environmental School Research Group and the Centre for Dialogue (October 2013)

Symposium on Teaching & Learning’s Undergraduate Research Group (Spring 2012 – Fall 2013)

IAS Capstone Portfolio Teaching Circle (2010-present)

Discovery Core Faculty Development Series (2010-present)

IAS Faculty Retreats (2009-present)

FYPP Faculty and Staff Retreats (2010-present)

Guest Lectures at UW Bothell & UW Seattle

Husky Highlights webinar: “An Existential Toolkit for Climate Justice Educators.” UW Bothell, Mar 2023. Youtube: <https://youtu.be/U9vjG0JnCTI>

“Climate Greif and Eco-Anxiety.” Guest lecture for Arctic Marine Vertebrate Ecology: FISH 464 (Professor Kristin Laidre). UW Seattle, Spring 2023, 2021, 2019.

“An Existential Toolkit for Climate Justice.” Husky Highlights Seminar Series, UW Bothell, Mar 2023.

- "Emotional Resilience: Cultivating hope in a time Ecological Grief & Planetary Anxiety." ENVIR 495 - Environmental Studies Fall Seminar (Prof Gary Handwerk and Prof Eli Wheat). UW Seattle, Oct 2022
- "Podcasting for Environmental Justice." ENVIR 302B: Environmental Communication (Professor Leah Rubinsky). UW Seattle, Mar 2022.
- "Gardening in Hard Times: A Hidden History from Jim Crow to Covid-19." BCORE 104 (Professor Julie Shayne). UW Bothell, Dec 2022 and 2020.
- "Why Climate Emotions Matter." English 121: Mental Health in an Age of Crisis (Dr. Jessica Holmes). UW Seattle, Oct 2020.
- "Storytelling in the Age of Climate Crisis." Guest lecture for the UW Program on the Environment (Professor Gary Handwerk). UW Seattle, Mar 2020.
- "Climate of Emotions: Supporting Environmental Justice Activists." Guest lecture for SMEA 502, School of Marine and Environmental Affairs (Dr. Eric Laschever). UW Seattle, June 2020.
- "Facing It: Eco-Emotions in the Age of Climate Chaos." Guest lecture for Interdisciplinary Program in the Built Environment (Dr. Elizabeth Umbanhowar). UW Seattle, Oct 2020.
- "Keeping Your Cool in a Warming World": Guest lecture for ENVIR 100 (Dr. Tim Billo and Dr. Eli Wheat). UW Seattle, Mar 2020.
- Leadership Firesides 2020: *Be the Change*. Husky Leadership Initiative's fireside series, UW Seattle, Feb 13, 2020.
- "Humanities, Narrative, and the Emotional Impact of Climate Change." Guest lecture for Studio Elements III, Interactive Media Design (Professor Micha Cardenas). UW Bothell, April 2018.
- "Gardens and Social Justice." Guest lecture for BIS 328 Diversity, Leadership and Engagement (Professor Scott Kurashige). UW Bothell, Winter 2017.