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EDUCATION **Duke University** 2017 - Present
Ph.D., Environmental Policy and Politics
Major Field: Political Institutions

Harvard University 2015
B.A., Environmental Science and Public Policy, *cum laude*
Thesis: “Voices of Vulnerability: Shock, Stress, and Well-Being from Climate-Induced Floods in Surat, India.”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Water and Development
- Global Environmental Governance
- Public Service Provision
- State and Non-state Actors
- Climate Adaptation
- Wildlife Conservation
- Human-Nature Relations

WORKING PROJECTS

Seawater Desalination, ‘New’ Water Governance, and the Role of Public and Private Stakeholders Across Scales

Scaling Back Wildlife Trade in the Mekong: A Look into the Farmer Loophole.

Water Infrastructure and Situated Politics in Bengaluru.

The Role of Religious Organizations in Urban Water Crises: A Case-Study on Cape Town.

Untitled: Land Rights and Tenure Security in Urban Slums.

REPORTS

“Scaling Back Wildlife Trade in the Mekong Delta: Applying a Political Economy Lens to the Farmer Loophole with a Focus on Vietnam and Laos,” (with Edmund Malesky, Songkhun Nillasithanukroh, and Erika Weinthal), prepared for USAID, June 2019. https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PA00TTQ8.pdf

TEACHING

Project Manager, Mapping WASH and COVID-19 in the MENA 2020 - 2021
Instructor: Erika Weinthal. *Bass Connections - Undergraduate Level*

Head TA, ENV 577, Environmental Politics Spring 2021
Instructor: Jack Zhou. *Graduate Level*

Head TA, ENV 216, Environment, Conflict and Peacebuilding Fall 2020
Instructor: Erika Weinthal. *Undergraduate Level*

Head TA, ENV 577, Environmental Politics Spring 2020
Instructor: Megan Mullin. *Graduate Level*

Teaching Assistant, ENV 964, Environmental Law and Policy Fall 2019
Instructor: Robert Bonnie. *Graduate Level*

Teaching Assistant, ENV 577, Environmental Politics Spring 2019
Instructor: Megan Mullin. *Graduate Level*

PROFESSIONAL	Business Analyst & Product Designer zyBooks (A Wiley Brand), <i>Los Gatos, CA</i>	2015 - 2017
	Campus Organizer Elizabeth Warren for Senate, <i>Cambridge, MA</i>	2012
RESEARCH	Research Assistant USDA/NIFA Project: Assessing Potential Human Health Impacts Associated with the Use of Oilfield Produced Water for Crop Irrigation, <i>California</i>	2019 - 2020
	Research Assistant Professors Edmund Malesky and Erika Weinthal	2018 - 2019
	Fieldworker Urban Health and Climate Resilience Center, <i>Surat, India</i>	2014
	Student Researcher Vecitis Environmental Technology Lab Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, <i>Cambridge, MA</i>	2013
	Research Intern Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights, <i>Boston, MA</i>	2012
SEMINARS & CONFERENCES	Sustainability and Development Conference, Ann Arbor, MI	2019
	Duke Global Environmental Health & Energy Student Working Group	2018
	NICAR Conference - Investigative Reporters and Editors	2018
GRANTS & AWARDS	Duke Dissertation Research Travel Award: International	2020
	Duke Africa Initiative Student Award	2020
	Duke Environmental Impacts Fellow	2020
	Duke Summer Research Fellowship	2018, 2019, 2020
	PBHA Outstanding Senior in Service	2015
	Harvard South Asia Institute Prasad Fellow	2014
	Harvard University Center for the Environment Award	2013, 2014
SERVICES	Graduate Seminar Co-organizer, Environmental Policy Board member, Duke African Graduate and Professional Students Association (DAGPSA)	2018 - 2020 2020
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	2019
	ICPSR Summer Program (Empirical Modeling and Causal Inference)	2018
FIELDWORK	USA (4 months), India (3 months)	
LANGUAGES	Fluent: English, Gujarati, Hindi Basic: Swahili, Spanish	
COMPUTER	R, MATLAB, HTML/CSS, L ^A T _E X, Sketch, Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop	