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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Los Angeles

- 2023-present Professor, Department of Public Policy
- 2023-present Luskin Endowed Chair in Innovation and Sustainability
- 2023-present Faculty Director, Luskin Center for Innovation

Duke University

- 2022 Professor of Environmental Politics, Nicholas School of the Environment
- 2020-2022 Dan and Bunny Gabel Associate Professor of Environmental Ethics and Sustainable Environmental Management
- 2014-2022 Associate Professor of Environmental Politics, Political Science, and Public Policy

Temple University

- 2011-2014 Associate Professor of Political Science
- 2005-2011 Assistant Professor of Political Science
- 2008-2014 Faculty Affiliate, Department of Geography and Urban Studies
- 2006-2014 Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Public Affairs

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

- 2005 Ph.D., Political Science
- 2000 M.A., Political Science
- 1997 B.A., Political Science
(Prior undergraduate: San Bernardino Valley College, 1995;
Bowdoin College, 1991-1992, 1993-1994)

AWARDS AND AFFILIATIONS

Andrew Carnegie Fellow, 2020

Duke Graduate School Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentoring, 2019

Research Fellow, Center for Organization Research & Design, Arizona State University,
2016-present

Stone Scholar Award, Urban Politics section, American Political Science Association, 2011

Lynton Keith Caldwell Prize, for the best book published on environmental politics and policy, American Political Science Association, 2010

Deil Wright Best Paper Award, for the best paper on federalism and intergovernmental relations presented at the 2004 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

Urban Politics Section Best Paper Award, for the best paper on urban politics presented at the 2003 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

State Politics and Policy Section Best Paper Award, for the best paper on the U.S. states presented at any political science conference in 2002, with Raymond E. Wolfinger and Benjamin Highton

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Mullin, Megan. 2009. *Governing the tap: Special district governance and the new local politics of water*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

- Received the 2010 Lynton Keith Caldwell Prize for the best book published on environmental politics and policy.
- Featured as part of a "Critical Dialogue" in *Perspectives on Politics*; reviewed in *Choice*, *Environment and Planning C*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, and *Urban Affairs Review*.

Journal Articles

Bell, Emily V., Katy Hansen, and Megan Mullin. 2023. Assessing performance and capacity of U.S. drinking water systems. *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management* 149 (1).

Mullin, Megan, and Katy Hansen. 2022. Local news and the electoral incentive to invest in infrastructure. *American Political Science Review*. doi: 10.1017/S0003055422001083.

Bell, Emily V., Amanda Fencl, and Megan Mullin. 2022. External drivers of participation in regional collaborative planning. *Policy Studies Journal* 50: 945-969.

Hansen, Katy, and Megan Mullin. 2022. Barriers to water infrastructure investment: Findings from a survey of U.S. local elected officials. *PLOS Water* 1(8): e0000039.

Keeler, Andrew G., Megan Mullin, Dylan McNamara, and Martin D. Smith. 2022. Buyouts with rentbacks: A policy proposal for managing coastal retreat. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 12: 646-651.

Egan, Patrick J., David M. Konisky, and Megan Mullin. 2022. Ascendant public opinion: The rising influence of climate change on Americans' attitudes about the environment. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 86: 134-148.

Hansen, Katy, Shadi Eskaf, and Megan Mullin. 2022. Avoiding punishment? Electoral accountability for local fee increases. *Urban Affairs Review* 58: 888-906.

- Mullin, Megan. 2021. Learning from local government research partnerships in a fragmented political setting. *Public Administration Review* 81: 978-982.
- Mullin, Megan. 2020. The effects of drinking water service fragmentation on drought-related water security. *Science* 368: 274-277.
- Mullin, Megan, Richard C. Feiock, and Deb Niemeier. 2020. Climate planning and implementation in metropolitan transportation governance. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. doi: 10.1177/0739456X20946443.
- Woodruff, Sierra C., Megan Mullin, and Malini Roy. 2020. Is coastal adaptation a public good? The financing characteristics of good characteristics in coastal adaptation. *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management* 63: 2082-2101.
- Hansen, Katy, Megan Mullin, and Erin Riggs. 2020. Collaboration risk and the choice to consolidate local government services. *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance* 3: 223-238.
- Mullin, Megan, Martin D. Smith, and Dylan E. McNamara. 2019. Paying to save the beach: Effects of local finance decisions on coastal management. *Climatic Change* 152: 275-289.
- Mullin, Megan, and Dorothy M. Daley. 2018. Multilevel instruments for infrastructure investment: Evaluating State Revolving Funds for water. *Policy Studies Journal* 46: 629-650.
- Mullin, Megan, and Meghan R. Rubado. 2017. Local response to water crisis: Explaining variation in usage restrictions during a Texas drought. *Urban Affairs Review* 53: 752-774.
- Egan, Patrick J., and Megan Mullin. 2017. Climate change: U.S. public opinion. *Annual Review of Political Science* 20: 209-227. [Featured in "Unpersuasive: Why arguing about climate change often doesn't work," a comic strip by Andy Warner in *Knowable Magazine* (February 5, 2018).]
- Egan, Patrick J., and Megan Mullin. 2016. Recent improvement and projected worsening of weather in the United States. *Nature* 532: 357-360.
- Daley, Dorothy M., Megan Mullin, and Meghan E. Rubado. 2014. State agency discretion in a delegated federal program: Evidence from drinking water investment. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 44: 564-586. [Reprinted in U.S. Federalism and Environmental Policy, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* Virtual Issue (2015).]
- Arceneaux, Kevin, Thad Kousser, and Megan Mullin. 2012. Get out the vote-by-mail? A randomized field experiment testing the effect of mobilization in traditional and vote-by-mail precincts. *Political Research Quarterly* 65: 882-894.
- Egan, Patrick J., and Megan Mullin. 2012. Turning personal experience into political attitudes: The effect of local weather on Americans' perceptions about global warming. *Journal of Politics* 74: 796-809.

Mullin, Megan, and Dorothy M. Daley. 2010. Working with the state: Exploring interagency collaboration within a federalist system. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 20: 757-778.

Mullin, Megan. 2008. The conditional effect of specialized governance on public policy. *American Journal of Political Science* 52: 124-140.

Kousser, Thad, and Megan Mullin. 2007. Does voting by mail increase participation? Using matching to analyze a natural experiment. *Political Analysis* 15: 428-445.

Wolfinger, Raymond E., Benjamin Highton, and Megan Mullin. 2005. How postregistration laws affect the turnout of registrants. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 5: 1-23.

Mullin, Megan, Gillian Peele, and Bruce E. Cain. 2004. City Caesars? Institutional structure and mayoral success in three California cities. *Urban Affairs Review* 40: 19-43.

Besleme, Kate, and Megan Mullin. 1997. Community indicators and healthy communities. *National Civic Review* 86: 43-52.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Konisky, David M., and Megan Mullin. 2021. Politics and the EPA. In *Fifty years at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Progress, retrenchment, and opportunities*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Hughes, Sara, and Megan Mullin. 2018. Local water politics. In *Oxford handbook of water politics and policy*, eds. Ken Conca and Erika Weinthal. New York: Oxford University Press.

Mullin, Megan. 2014. Local boundaries. In *Oxford handbook of state and local government*, ed. Donald P. Haider-Markel. New York: Oxford University Press.

Mullin, Megan. 2010. Oakland, California: The power of celebrity? Explaining strong-mayor charter reform. In *More than mayor or manager: Campaigns to change form of government in America's large cities*, eds. James H. Svara and Douglas J. Watson. Washington: Georgetown University Press.

Mullin, Megan. 2010. Special districts versus contracts: Complements or substitutes? In *Self-organizing federalism: Collaborative mechanisms to mitigate institutional collective action*, eds. Richard C. Feiock and John T. Scholz. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Mullin, Megan. 2008. Federalism. In *Public opinion and constitutional controversies*, eds. Nathaniel Persily, Jack Citrin, and Patrick Egan. New York: Oxford University Press.

Mullin, Megan. 2006. California water: A case study in federalism. In *Governing California*, second edition, ed. Gerald C. Lubenow. Berkeley: Institute of Governmental Studies Press. [Updated and revised for third edition, ed. Ethan Rarick (2013).]

Cain, Bruce E., and Megan Mullin. 2002. Competing for attention and votes: The role of state parties in setting presidential nomination rules. In *The parties respond: Changes in American parties and campaigns*, fourth edition, ed. L. Sandy Maisel. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

Cain, Bruce E., and Megan Mullin. 2002. Strategies and rules: Lessons from the 2000 presidential primary. In *Voting at the political fault line*, eds. Bruce E. Cain and Elisabeth R. Gerber. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Scholarly Reviews and Commentary

Mullin, Megan. 2022. To adapt to climate impacts, come to grips with politics. *Nature* 609 (7925): 9.

Gonsenhaus, Rachel, Katy Hansen, Walker Grimshaw, Jannette Morris, Klaus Albertin, and Megan Mullin. 2020. Digitizing a statewide map of community water system service areas. *Journal of the American Water Works Association* 112 (10): 56-61.

Green, Jessica F., David Konisky, Megan Mullin, Stacy D. VanDeveer, and Johannes Urpelainen. 2019. Changing the atmosphere in political science: Ten key political questions about climate change. *Duck of Minerva* blog (August 1).

Hansen, Katy, and Megan Mullin. 2018. How local government fragmentation drives disparities in water infrastructure. *Water Resources IMPACT* 20 (4): 6-7.

Egan, Patrick J., and Megan Mullin. 2014. Psychology: Local weather and climate concern. News and Views. *Nature Climate Change* 4: 89-90.

Mullin, Megan. 2014. Book review of Joanna L. Robinson, *Contested water: The struggle against water privatization in the United States and Canada*, MIT Press (2013). *Review of Policy Research* 31: 148-150.

Mullin, Megan. 2011. Critical dialogue (review of Henrik Selin, *Global governance and hazardous chemicals: Challenges of multilevel management*, MIT Press [2010]; response to Henrik Selin's review of *Governing the tap*). *Perspectives on Politics* 9: 103-107.

News Media Contributions

Contributions in the *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage blog):

Mullin, Megan. 2018. How did climate change initiatives do in the midterms? Some lost – but some won (November 16).

Mullin, Megan. 2017. Will the March for Science backfire by politicizing science? It depends on this (April 21).

Egan, Patrick J., and Megan Mullin. 2017. Scott Pruitt wants to switch direction for federal environmental policy. That may be hard to do (January 18).

Egan, Patrick J., and Megan Mullin. 2016. Trump has picked the most conservative EPA leader since 1981. This one will face much less resistance. (December 13).

Mullin, Megan. 2015. Will Obama's new Clean Water Act rule stir states to revolt? (June 5).

Mullin, Megan. 2015. Why California's local governments can't manage their water (April 13).

Egan, Patrick J., and Megan Mullin. 2016. Global warming feels quite pleasant. Sunday Review. *New York Times* (April 21).

Research Reports

Bell, Emily V., Colt Jensen, and Megan Mullin. 2021. The state of community water systems: Pressures, goals, and innovations in North Carolina.

Mullin, Megan. 2012. Literature review: Findings from academic research on state government institutions and reforms. Volume V in *The Temple papers on the Pennsylvania General Assembly*. Philadelphia: Institute for Public Affairs, Temple University.

Stafford, Richard A., Joseph P. McLaughlin, Jr., Michelle J. Atherton, Megan Mullin, and Nathan Shrader. 2012. A discussion of topics related to the continuing evolution of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Volume IV in *The Temple papers on the Pennsylvania General Assembly*. Philadelphia: Institute for Public Affairs, Temple University.

Kousser, Thad, and Megan Mullin. 2006. Will vote-by-mail elections increase participation? Evidence from California counties. Report to California county registrars.

Tyler Norris Associates, Redefining Progress, and Sustainable Seattle. 1997. *The Community Indicators Handbook*. San Francisco: Redefining Progress.

SELECTED GRANTS

Reshaping communities: Local political response to climate risks. Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, Carnegie Corporation of New York (\$200,000), 2020. PI: Megan Mullin.

Building a Collaboratory for Coastal Adaptation over Space and Time (C-CoAST). National Science Foundation Coastlines and People (CoPe) Research Coordination Network (\$499,864), 2020. PI: Laura Moore. Co-PIs: Richard Luettich, Dylan McNamara, Megan Mullin, Martin Smith.

Multidimensional assessment of North Carolina community water system vulnerabilities. Water Resources Research Institute of the University of North Carolina, U.S. Geological Survey (\$56,299), 2020. PI: Megan Mullin.

Innovations in infrastructure. Provost's Collaboratory initiative (\$194,120), 2018; renewed in 2019. PI: Megan Mullin.

Making vote-by-mail elections work: The impact of mobilization. JEHT Foundation (\$54,306), 2008. PIs: Kevin Arceneaux, Thad Kousser, Megan Mullin.

Evaluating an election reform by isolating the effects of voting by mail. John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation (\$35,687), 2006. PIs: Thad Kousser, Megan Mullin.

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2022 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Keynote, Graduate Colloquium, Northern Illinois University
Coastal Resilience and Sustainability Initiative, North Carolina State University
- 2021 University of California, Santa Barbara
Household Water Insecurity Experiences (HWISE) Network
Fifty Years at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Discussion Series,
Indiana University
- 2020 Keynote, Eagleton Science and Politics Workshop, Rutgers University
Natural Resources Defense Council Climate Adaptation Speaker Series
- 2019 New York University Abu Dhabi
Quality Water from Every Tap, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering,
and Medicine
Bradford Seminar, Princeton University
Local Political Economy Conference, George Washington University
Subnational Environmental Administration Conference, University of Missouri
Workshop on Climate Politics and Policy, University of Pittsburgh
Sharing the Burden? Public Values, Attitudes, and Preferences about Climate
Policy Workshop, Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm
- 2018 Mass Politics of Environmental Policymaking Workshop, Stanford University
MIT Water Summit
National Science Foundation Coastlines and People (CoPe) Scoping Session
University of Toronto
Aspen Nicholas Water Forum, Aspen Institute
- 2017 Indiana University
Texas A&M University
Environmental Health Summit, Research Triangle Environmental Health
Collaborative
Aspen Nicholas Water Forum, Aspen Institute
Urban Political Economy Conference, Vanderbilt University
Adapting to Climate Change, University of Notre Dame
Duke University Political Science Department
- 2016 SSRCdemocracy Working Group on Climate Change, Princeton University
Rationalizing the Allocation of California Water, Caltech
Climate Advocacy Lab, Skoll Foundation
- 2014 Stanford University
- 2013 National Science Foundation Workshop on Climate Change and Governance
Governments Division Seminar Series, U.S. Census Bureau
University of California, Davis
- 2011 Johns Hopkins University
- 2010 Columbia University
Visions in Methodology Conference, University of Iowa
- 2008 University of Kansas
- 2007 Institute for Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, University of
Kentucky and Morehead State University
Workshop on Coordination of Fragmented Authority, Florida State University

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

American Political Science Association, 2001-2009, 2011-2015, 2017-2019, 2021-2022
Midwest Political Science Association, 2002-2004, 2006-2010, 2012-2017, 2019, 2022
Western Political Science Association, 2002, 2013, 2019, 2021
Southern Political Science Association, 2020
Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2010, 2014-2015
Local Political Economy Conference, 2017-2020, 2022
Environmental Politics and Governance Conference, 2015, 2019
Society for Political Methodology, 2009
West Coast Experimental Political Science Conference, 2009
State Politics and Policy Conference, 2008-09
At What Point Managed Retreat?, Columbia University Earth Institute, 2021

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate

Environmental Politics
U.S. Water Governance
Politics of the Urbanized Environment
Political Institutions
American Politics Core Seminar
Research in State Politics
American Federalism
The Policy Making Process

Undergraduate

Public Policy Analysis
American State and Local Politics
Evidence and Knowledge
Power and Politics in State Government
American Federalism

Ph.D. AND POSTDOCTORAL ADVISING

Postdoc Supervisor

Emily Bell, Duke University (2019-2020; Assistant Professor, University of Georgia)

Ph.D. Supervisor

Katy Hansen, Duke University (2021 Ph.D., University Program in Environmental Policy [UPEP]; Deputy Director for Water, Environmental Policy Innovation Center [EPIC])
Danielle Purifoy, Duke University (2018 Ph.D., UPEP; Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
Meghan Rubado, Temple University (2016 Ph.D., Political Science; Associate Professor, Cleveland State University)
Jenna Becker Kane, Temple University (2015 Ph.D., Political Science; Associate Professor, West Chester University)

Ph.D. Committee Member

Erika Smull, Duke University (2022 Ph.D., Environment)
Farah Hegazi, Duke University (2019 Ph.D., UPEP)
Emily Pechar Diamond, Duke University (2019 Ph.D., UPEP)
Patricia Kirkland, Columbia University (2017 Ph.D., Political Science)
Jack Zhou, Duke University (2016 Ph.D., Environment)
Christen Rexing, Temple University (2014 Ph.D., Public Health)
Wes Farmer, Temple University (2014 Ph.D., Political Science)
Jessica Jengeleski Philipp, Temple University (2012 Ph.D., Political Science)
Kathy Seizer Javian, Temple University (2012 Ph.D., Political Science)
Dan Dougherty, Temple University (2012 Ph.D., Political Science)
Tamar Klaiman, Temple University (2009 Ph.D., Public Health)
Justin Gollob, Temple University (2007 Ph.D., Political Science)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Editorial Appointments

Climatic Change, Associate Deputy Editor, 2020-2021

Editorial boards

Politics of Climate Change, Cambridge University Press book series, 2020-present
Journal of Politics, 2021-present
Political Behavior, 2021-present
State Politics & Policy Quarterly, 2020-present
American Journal of Political Science, 2014-2018
Commonwealth: A Journal of Pennsylvania Politics & Policy, 2015-2021
Urban Affairs Review, 2012-2015

Steering Committees and Advisory Boards

Conference on Environmental Politics and Governance, 2017, 2019-present
CivicPulse, 2019-present
Laboratories of Democracy, 2013-2020
Summer Institute on Politics and Climate Change, 2018-2019
Center on Regional Politics, Temple University, 2012-2014
Pennsylvania Policy Forum, 2010-2014
Philadelphia Region American Politics Conference, Coordinator, 2012

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Association-wide

William Anderson Award Committee for best dissertation in the general field of federalism or intergovernmental relations, state and local politics, 2020 (chair)
Standing Committee on Civic Education and Engagement, 2009-2012
Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics (STEP) Section
Elinor Ostrom Career Achievement Award Committee, 2020
Executive Council, 2015-2018
Emerging Young Scholar Award Committee, 2017, 2018 (chair)
Virginia K. Walsh Dissertation Award Committee, 2015
Lynton Keith Caldwell Award Committee, 2011

Urban and Local Politics Section

Norton Long Career Achievement Award Committee, 2014, 2016

Executive Council, 2011-2013

Annual Meeting Program Chair, 2013

Nominating Committee, 2012

Best Book Award Committee, 2009

Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Section

Deil Wright Best Paper Award Committee, 2006

Public Policy Section

Nominating Committee, 2022 (chair), 2023 (chair)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Annual Meeting Program Chair, Environmental Politics and Policy Section, 2012, 2016

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

Annual Meeting Program Chair, Environmental Politics Section, 2019

Annual Meeting Program Chair, Civic Education Section, 2013

Academic Program Reviews

Department of Environmental Science, Barnard College, 2016

Manuscript and Proposal Review

Journals

American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; American Review of Politics; Annals of Regional Science; AWWA Water Science; Behavioural Public Policy; British Journal of Political Science; Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society; Climatic Change; Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space; Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space; Environmental Management; Environmental Politics; Environmental Practice; Global Environmental Change; Global Environmental Politics; International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Journal of the American Planning Association; Journal of the Association of Environmental & Resource Economists; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, & Parties; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law; Journal of Policy Analysis & Management; Journal of Political Marketing; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory; Journal of Urban Affairs; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Natural Hazards Review; Nature Climate Change; Perspectives on Public Management & Governance; Policy Studies Journal; Political Analysis; Political Behavior; Political Geography; Political Science Research & Methods; Polity; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Public Administration Review; Public Budgeting & Finance; Public Opinion Quarterly; Public Works Management & Policy; Publius; Science; Society & Natural Resources; State & Local Government Review; State Politics & Policy Quarterly; Urban Affairs Review; Urban Climate; Urban Studies; Utilities Policy; WIRES Water

Publishers

Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press; University of Chicago Press; MIT Press; Temple University Press

Funders/Other

National Science Foundation (Political Science; Decision, Risk, and Management Sciences; Economics; Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability; Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems); Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences; Columbia River Gorge Commission

Selected Media Appearances

Print/Online

Associated Press; Reuters; Stateline; New York Times; Los Angeles Times; Washington Post; USA Today; U.S. News & World Report; TIME; Christian Science Monitor; ABC News; Guardian; Daily Mail; Huffington Post; New Scientist; Atlantic; Vox; MarketWatch; Pacific Standard; Bloomberg Environment; MIT Technology Review; Scientific American; E&E News; Grist; ClimateWire; Climate Central; Inside Climate News; Ars Technica; Jackson Clarion-Ledger

Radio/TV

KCBS San Francisco; WNYC New York; WPTF Research Triangle; WESA Pittsburgh; SiriusXM; PCNTV; KCET Los Angeles; WRAL Raleigh; WUNC Chapel Hill; ABC11 Raleigh

Podcasts

Political Research Digest; Resources Radio; Ways & Means