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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2003–present Harvey Mudd College, Department of Humanities, Social Sciences, & the Arts – Professor of Political Science and Environmental Policy
- 2021 Visiting Scholar, London School of Economics and Politics, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment (postponed due to Covid)
- 2017–2020 Department Chair, Department of Humanities, Social Sciences, & the Arts, Harvey Mudd College
- 2004–present Claremont Graduate University, Department of Politics & Policy – Affiliated Faculty
- 2005–2011 Firestone Center for Restoration Ecology (Costa Rica), Pitzer College – Faculty
- 2009–10 University of California at Berkeley, Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management – Visiting Scholar
- 2003–10 Center for Environmental Studies, Harvey Mudd College – Director
- 2001–03 Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies – Visiting Scholar
- 1999–01 Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment – Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Policy

EDUCATION

- 1999 Ph.D., University of California at Santa Cruz, Political Economy and Policy Analysis
- 1994 M.P.A., Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Public Administration
- 1988 B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara, Biological Sciences (Honors)

Languages: fluent French and Spanish

HONORS AND AWARDS

Deborah Gerner Innovative Teaching Award, International Studies Association, 2015

Inaugural Malcolm Lewis Professor of Sustainability and Society, 2013-present

Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for the best book in international environmental affairs, International Studies Association, 2002

Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award, Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences, 2001

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of California at Santa Cruz, Environmental Studies Department, 1995

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 Inaugural Strava Metro for Academic Researchers Program
- 2022 Hixon-Riggs Program for Responsive Science & Engineering Grant
- 2014-18 Holen Community Engagement Faculty Fellow
- 2015-17 Dan Strich '80 Course Development Grant
- 2015-16 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Digital Humanities Grant
- 2012-15 Designing Futures Foundation (4 grants)
- 2012 Mellon Foundation/Environmental Analysis grant
- 2012 Lewis Stewardship Foundation grant

2012	MA Engineers corporate sponsorship
2012	HMC Center for Environmental Studies grant
2011-12	Teaching with Technology Innovation Award
2007-12	Beckman faculty research grant (3 grants)
2009-10	Mellon Foundation Career Enhancement Award
2006	Haynes Foundation faculty research grant
2003-05	Mellon Foundation Career Enhancement Award
2002-03	Leo Model Foundation/RARE Conservation grant
1997-98	MacArthur/U.C. Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Fellow in International Environmental Policy
1996-97	National Science Foundation Dissertation Enhancement Award
1996-97	Hewlett/IGCC Research Fellow
1996-97	Organization of American States Fellow
1995-96	Switzer Environmental Fellow

BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

Steinberg, Paul F. *Who Rules the Earth? How Social Rules Shape Our Planet and Our Lives*, Oxford University Press, 2015.

Steinberg, Paul F. and Stacy VanDeveer (eds.), *Comparative Environmental Politics: Theory, Practice, and Prospects*, MIT Press, 2012.

Steinberg, Paul F. (ed.), *The Impact of Academic Research on Global Environmental Practice*, special issue of *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law, Economics*, Kluwer Academic Publishers/Springer, Vol 5(4) December, 2005.

The World Bank, *World Development Report 2003: Sustainable Development in a Dynamic World*, Oxford University Press, 2003. Contributing author.

Steinberg, Paul F., *Environmental Leadership in Developing Countries: Transnational Relations and Biodiversity Policy in Costa Rica and Bolivia*, The MIT Press, 2001.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Steinberg, Paul F. (2024) From Apocalypse to Empowerment: Reframing Climate Action, *Global Environmental Politics* 24(4):105–28.

Haushalter, Karl and Paul F. Steinberg (2024) Collaboration Across Social Boundaries: A Practical Guide, *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, May 2 <https://doi.org/10.48558/0DRD-E717>

VanDeveer, Stacy D., Paul F. Steinberg, Jeannie L. Sowers and Erika Weinthal, Comparative Environmental Politics: Contributions from an Emerging Field, *Routledge Handbook of Global Environmental Politics*, ed. Paul G. Harris, 2022.

Steinberg, Paul F. (2019) Investing in Cycling Infrastructure Can Promote Social Justice While Tackling Climate Change, *Public Administration Review* (Special symposium – The Green New Deal: Pathways to a Low Carbon Economy, online at publicadministrationreview.com).

Steinberg, Paul F. (2015) Can We Generalize from Case Studies? *Global Environmental Politics* 15 (3):152–75.

Steinberg, Paul F. and Stacy D. VanDeveer, Comparative Environmental Politics: An Emergent Field, in Paul G. Harris (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Global Environmental Politics*, 2013.

Steinberg, Paul F. (2010) Comparative Environmental Politics: Beyond an Enclave Approach. *Review of Policy Research* 27(1):95–101.

Steinberg, Paul F. (2010) Surviving the Political Storms. *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies* Spring/Summer: 66–70.

Steinberg, Paul F. (2009) Institutional Resilience amid Political Change: The Case of Biodiversity Conservation. *Global Environmental Politics* 9(3):61–81.

Steinberg, Paul F. (2007) Causal Assessment in Small-N Policy Studies. *Policy Studies Journal* 35(2):181–204.

Steinberg, Paul F. (2005) Bringing Political Science to Bear on Tropical Conservation. *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law, Economics* 5(4):395–404.

Steinberg, Paul F. (2005) From Public Concern to Policy Effectiveness: Civic Conservation in Developing Countries. *Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy* 8:341–365.

Steinberg, Paul F. (2003) Understanding Policy Change in Developing Countries: The Spheres of Influence Framework. *Global Environmental Politics* 3(1):11–32.

Steinberg, Paul F. (1998) Defining the Global Biodiversity Mandate: Implications for International Policy. *International Environmental Affairs* 10(2):113–130.

Steinberg, Paul F. (1998) Consensus by Design, Policy by Default: Implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity. *Society and Natural Resources* 11(4):375–385.

Press, Daniel, Daniel F. Doak and Paul Steinberg (1996) The Role of Local Government in the Conservation of Rare Species. *Conservation Biology* 10(6):1538–1548.

SELECTED OP-EDS AND NEWS COVERAGE

"Paul Steinberg on Reframing Climate Action," interview with Kate Neville, *Global Environmental Politics* journal, MIT Press, January 20, 2025.

"Student Health and Climate Awareness: We Can Have Both," *Inside Higher Ed*, February 1, 2023.

"The World's Most Eco-Friendly Countries (and What They're Doing Right)," Aristos Georgiou, *Newsweek*, July 6, 2022. (Featured expert.)

"Is It Safe to Walk or Ride a Bike in Claremont?" *Claremont Courier*, February 9, 2023.

"Bicycle Revolution, a Course on Wheels, Teaches Students about the Politics of Social Change," *Forbes Magazine*, March 20, 2018.

"The Chaos Factor," *Geographical*, May 8, 2015.

"Harvey Mudd Professor Engages Students in Saving Tropical Forests," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 27, 2015

"Poor Countries Commit to Climate Treaty, So Why Won't the GOP?," *Huffington Post*, January 13, 2015.

"The Secret to Saving the World," *Salon.com*, March 21, 2015.

"Campaign Against Gas Tax Is Foolhardy," *Sacramento Bee*, September 15, 2014.

"Global Environmental Leadership," WAMC Northeast Public Radio, Academic Minute, August 4, 2011.

"It Takes a Nation to Save a Planet" (with Stacy VanDeveer), *AOL Online*, November 30, 2010.

"Black and Green," *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, February 8, 2009.

MULTI-MEDIA EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTIONS

Bicycle Revolution – Director. One-hour documentary film exploring the political challenge of creating more bicycle-friendly cities. Released in September 2017. Official selection, New Urbanism Film Festival, 2017. Screened at the California Bicycle Summit, 2017.

Who Rules the Earth? – A short animated film exploring the concept of institutions and why they matter for sustainability. Official selection, Wild & Scenic Film Festival, 2014. Official selection, Hawaii Ocean Film Festival, 2014. Official selection, Cinema Verde Film and Arts Festival, 2014. Screened at Evanston Environmental Association, Gettysburg College, Western North Carolina Alliance, Guildford College (Greensboro, NC), River Revitalization Foundation (Milwaukee, WI), Charles City Arts Center (Charles City, IA), Northern Plains Resource Council (Billings, MO), Sierra Film Festival, Oregon Natural Desert Association, Marin County Bicycle Coalition, Yakin Riverkeeper (Winson-Salem, NC), South Boston Grows, Scripps College, Boston Cyclists Union, and Cannon River Watershed Partnership (Northfield, MN).

Law of the Jungle – A role-player videogame exploring the institutional dimensions of tropical conservation. Created as founder of The Social Rules Project (rulechangers.org), an educational initiative created by over 100 students from six universities in southern California.

RESEARCH REPORTS

United Nations Environment Programme, *Fifth Global Environmental Outlook (GEO-5)*, 2012. Contributing author.

Tighe, Cristin and Paul F. Steinberg, "Community Watch Dog Activities: The 'Eyes and Ears' for Environmental Protection," RARE Center for Tropical Conservation, 2003.

Kutney, Mary Ann and Paul F. Steinberg, "Eco-Hotlines: Improving Environmental Protection through Civic Participation," RARE Center for Tropical Conservation, 2003.

"'Citizen Standing': A Tool Empowering Citizens to Take Legal Action for the Environment," RARE Center for Tropical Conservation, 2003.

"Community Watch Dog Activities – Part II: The 'Eyes and Ears' for Wildlife Conservation," RARE Center for Tropical Conservation, 2003.

Steinberg, Paul F., "Civic Environmentalism in Developing Countries: Opportunities for Innovation in State-Society Relations," background paper for *World Development Report 2003*, The World Bank, 2002.

Steinberg, Paul F., "The Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research: A Model for International Policy-Driven Research?," paper prepared for the Harvard-CIESIN Commission on Global Environmental Change Information Policy, 1993.

Steinberg, Paul F., "The Forests of Russia: New Threats, New Opportunities for Protection." Background paper for the Natural Resources Defense Council's first visit to the Russian Republic, 1990.

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Perspectives on Politics, Editorial Board, 2024–present

Global Environmental Politics, Editorial Board, 2004-2006, 2012 - present

International Environmental Agreements, Politics Book Review Editor, 2002-2009

PEER REVIEW REFEREE

Journals: *Comparative Politics*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *The Journal of Environment & Development*, *Environmental Politics*, *Conservation Biology*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Ecological Economics*, *Journal of Asian Public Policy*

Book Manuscripts: Oxford University Press, University of Wisconsin Press, Island Press, Rowman & Littlefield Press, Routledge, University of Arizona Press, MIT Press

Granting Agencies: National Science Foundation, National Research Council of Canada

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate: Global Environmental Politics; Comparative Environmental Politics; Political Innovation; Tropical Forests: Policy and Practice; Political Analysis; Public Speaking for Science and Citizenship; Bicycle Revolution; Social Impact: Climate Change; Science, Technology, and Public Policy

Graduate: Biodiversity Policy; Transnational Environmental Actors; Environmental Policy and Management: International Perspectives; Comparative Environmental Politics and Policy.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PUBLIC INTEREST EMPLOYMENT

2023–present	Founder and CEO, <i>PS Public Speaking</i>
2023–present	CalBike Policy Advisory Council
2022–present	Co-founder and facilitator, Claremont Streets for People
2015–present	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, City of Claremont
2015–17	Taskforce on the Conceptual Foundations of Earth System Governance, International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change
2010–15	International Union for the Conservation of Nature, World Commission on Protected Areas – Member, Urban Specialist Group
2002–03	RARE Conservation, Program in Conservation Policy and Governance – Founding Director
2002–03	Conservation International, Healthy Communities Initiative – Expert Review Panel Member
2001–02	The World Bank, <i>World Development Report 2003</i> – Principal Consultant
2001	Conservation International, Center for Applied Biodiversity Science – Senior Consultant
1998–99	California Institute of Public Affairs – Associate
1996	The World Conservation Union (IUCN) Commission on Environmental Strategy and Planning – Policy Advisor
1991	Pesticide Action Network International – Research Associate
1990	Natural Resources Defense Council – Science and Policy Analyst
1990	Bendix Environmental Research – Research Analyst
1988–90	United States Peace Corps, Liberia, West Africa – Teacher
1986–88	Scientists and Engineers for Responsible Technology – Founding Director

COLLEGE SERVICE AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

2021–present	Scholarly Standing Committee
2009–24	5-College Environmental Analysis Steering Committee
2022–23	Study Abroad Committee
2017–20	Department Chairs Committee
2014–15	Computing Committee
2013–14	Curriculum Committee
2012–14	Advising Coordinator, Humanities, Social Sciences, & the Arts
2010–13	Faculty Executive Committee
2008–11	Pitzer/Firestone Center for Restoration Ecology Steering Committee
2003–10	Director, Harvey Mudd College Center for Environmental Studies
2006–09	Research Committee
2007	Grant Review Committee, Claremont Colleges Council of Presidents
2007	Grant Review Committee, A.W. Mellon Summer Environmental Research Fellows Program
2005–06	Scholarly Standing Committee

LECTURES

American University, School of International Service
 Brown University, Watson Institute for International Studies
 California Botanic Garden
 Cambridge University, Department of Geography
 Claremont McKenna College, International Place
 Claremont University Club
 Colby College, Environmental Studies Program
 Conservation International, Center for Applied Biodiversity Science
 Duke University, Sanford Institute of Public Policy

George Mason University, Department of Public and International Affairs
Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government
HMC Architects
International Whitehead Conference
Marin County Bicycle Coalition
Monte Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Monterey Institute of International Studies
Pomona College, Environmental Analysis Program
San Gabriel Valley Bicycle Coalition
Society of Women Engineers
TEDx – City of Industry
University of California at Berkeley, Dept. Environmental Science, Policy, and Management
University of California at Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy
University of California at Berkeley, Center for Latin American Studies
University of California at Irvine, School of Social Ecology
University of California at Riverside, Department of Political Science
University of California at Santa Barbara, Political Science Department
University of California at Santa Barbara, Environmental Studies Program
University of California at Santa Cruz, Environmental Studies Department
University of Colorado at Boulder, Political Science Department
University of La Verne, La Verne Academy Lecture
University of Maryland at College Park, School of Public Affairs
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Public Policy
University of Oregon, Ecological Design Center
University of Redlands, Environmental Studies Department
University of Southern California, Political Science Department
University of Washington, Evans School of Public Policy and Governance
US Green Building Council
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning
Winrock International
World Wildlife Fund – U.S.
Yale University, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies