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Professor of Social Theory and Environmental Studies,
The Rhode Island School of Design,
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EDUCATION:

University of Essex, UK **Ph.D. Sociology** 2001.

Birkbeck College, University of London, UK. **M.Sc. Politics and Sociology** 1993.

Keele University, UK **B.A.Hons. Major: Politics and American Studies;** Subsidiary subject: Physics II (Energy Studies) 1991. First Class Honours.

HONORS:

2012 Winner of the 2012 *John R. Frazier Award for Excellence in Teaching*, The Rhode Island School of Design.

2010 Nominee for the 2010 *John R. Frazier Award for Excellence in Teaching*, The Rhode Island School of Design.

2008 Winner of the Edna Schaffer Humanist Award, James Madison University.

EMPLOYMENT:

Professor, RISD (2016 to date).

Nature Culture Sustainability Co-Coordinator (July 2026 – July 2028)

Dean of Liberal Arts, The Rhode Island School of Design (July 2017 to July 2022).

Head of the Department of History, Philosophy and the Social Sciences, RISD 2012-2016.

Nature, Culture, Sustainability Studies Undergraduate Coordinator, RISD, 2012-2014.

Associate Professor of Sociology, RISD, 2010-2016.

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Dept of History, Philosophy and the Social Sciences, RISD, 2008-2010.

Assistant Professor, Dept of Sociology and Anthropology, James Madison University. 2003-2008.

Lecturer in Sociology, Dept of Sociology, Goldsmiths, University of London, 2002-2003.

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Sustainable Technological Innovation and the Public Understanding of Science, Department of Innovation Studies, University of East London. 2001-2002.

Lecturer in Sociology (Part Time), Department of Sociology, University of East London, 1999-2001.

Lecturer in Sociology (Part Time), Tower Hamlets (Community) College, London. UK. 1993-1995.

Part Time Lecturer in Political Science, Hendon College, London. UK. 1993-1995.

Adjunct Lecturer in Political Science, Birkbeck College, University of London 1993-1994.

Intelligence Officer, Investigations Department, FIMBRA (Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association), Canary Wharf, London. 1992-1993.

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

White, D.F. and N. Pevzner (2026)

Designing the Just Transition: Design-Politics, Labor and the Battle for Post-Carbon Futures (London/New York Bloomsbury Academic).

White, D.F, (2016)
Rudy, A.
& Gareau, B.

Environments, Natures & Social Theory: Towards Critical Hybridities
Palgrave/Macmillian, London/New York.

Wilbert. C & White, D.F, (2011)
Editors

Autonomy, Solidarity & Possibility: The Colin Ward Reader A.K. Press; Edinburgh/Oakland.

White, D.F & Wilbert, C. (2009)
Editors

Technonatures: Environments, technologies, spaces and places in the 21st Century, Wilfred Laurier University Press.

White, D.F. (2008)

Bookchin: A Critical Appraisal
Pluto Press, London/
University of Chicago Press (US Distributor).

EDITED JOURNALS:

White, D.F, Wong, L & Berger, M. (2014).

Guest editor of *InTar: The Journal of Interior Architecture and Adaptive Reuse* Vol: 5, 2014.

White, D.F and Wilbert, C.(2006)

Guest editors of *Science as Culture* Vol 15; No.2. June, 2006.

ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS:

- White, D.F. (Forthcoming) “Design for Sustainable Transitions in an age of Right Populisms, Geopolitical Turbulence and Generalized Disenchantment” Book Chapter for *The Routledge Handbook in Transition Design*.
- White, D.F. (2023) “Alternative Hedonism, Communal Luxury, Troubled Pleasure” *Radical Philosophy* 210, Summer, pp. 92–97.
- White, D.F. (2022) “Racial Capitalism, The Stack and the Green New Deal: Design Futuring after the Pandemic” *Center for Complexity*.
- White, D.F. (2021) “Labor Centered Eco-Design?” *Environmental Labour Studies Handbook* (London, Palgrave).
- White, D.F. (2020) “The Institutional Gap in Critical Design Studies” for Tony Fry/Adam Nocek *Design in Crisis* (London, Routledge)
- White, D.F. & Roberts, J. (2020) “Post Carbon Transition Futuring: For A Reconstructive Turn in the Environmental Social Sciences?” *The Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Sociology* (Cambridge, CUP).
- White, D.F. (2020) “Just Transitions and design for transitions: Preliminary notes on a Design Politics for a Green New Deal.” *Capitalism Nature Socialism* June Volume 31:2.
- White, D.F. (2019) “Ecological Democracy, Just Transitions and a Political Ecology of Design” *Environmental Values* Vol 28:1 pp.31-54.
- White, D.F. (2018) “Critical Design, Hybrid Labor, Just Transitions: Moving beyond technocratic ecomoderisms and the it’s-too-late-o-cene”. Book chapter (Ed) *Rethinking the Environment for the Anthropocene: Political Theory and Socio-Natural Relations for a New Geological Age* London, Routledge.
- White, D.F, (2017)
Rudy, A.
& Gareau, B. “Red Green, Past, Present and Futures: From the Metabolic Rift to a Reconstructive, Dynamic and Hybrid Ecosocialism” *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism* 28 (2), pp. 22-40, March.
- White, D.F (2016) “Murray Bookchin’s New Life” *Jacobin* 7.11.16

- White, D.F. (2015) "Critical Design and the Critical Social Sciences – Or Why we need to engage in multiple, speculative critical design futures in a post-political and post-utopian age" Web essay written for <http://www.cd-cf.org/articles/critical-design-and-the-critical-social-sciences/>
- White, D.F. (2014) "Metaphors, Hybridity, Failure and Work: A Sympathetic Appraisal of Transitional Design" *Design Philosophy Papers* 13 (1), pp. 39-50.
- White, D.F. Wong, L; Berger, M, (2014) "Critical Resilience, Critical Reconstruction" Editorial *InTAR: The Journal of Interior Architecture and Adaptive Reuse* Vol:8; pp 1-4.
- Rudy, A.P.R. & White, D.F. (2013) "Hybridities" Book Chapter for Carl Death (Ed.) *Critical Environmental Politics* (London, Routledge) pp.120-133.
- White, D.F. & Wilbert, C. (2011) "Autonomy, Solidarity and Possibility: The World of Colin Ward" Preface/Introduction to the *Colin Ward Reader*; A.K Press Edinburgh/Oakland. pp. 1-35.
- White, D.F. & Kossoff, G. (2011) "Anarchisme, libertarisme et environnementalisme. La pensée anti-autoritaire et la quête de sociétés auto-organisées" *Écologie & Politique* no. 41 / 2011. pp.145-171 (Translation/Reprint of White/Kossoff 2007).
- White, D.F. & Wilbert, C. (2009) "Inhabiting Technonatural Time/Spaces" in White, D.F and Wilbert, C. *Technonatures: technologies, natures, spaces and places in the 21st Century*. Wilfred Laurier University Press. pp. 1-30.
- White, D.F. (2008) "Post Industrial Possibilities and Urban Social Ecologies" *Capitalism, Socialism, Nature* Vol. 19; No, 1. March. pp.67-81.
- White, D.F. Wilbert, C. & Rudy, A. (2007) "Contrarians, Eco-Skeptics and Anti-Environmentalism" Book Chapter for *The Sage Handbook in Environment and Society* (Edit by Pretty, J Et al). Sage, London, Pp.124-141.
- White, D.F. & Kossoff, G. (2007) "Anarchism, The Libertarian Tradition and Environmentalism" Book Chapter for *The Sage Handbook in Environment and Society* (Edit by Pretty, J Et al). Sage, London. pp.50-65.
- White, D.F & Wilbert, C. (2006) "Technonatural Time/Spaces" *Science as Culture* Vol 15; No. 2, pp.95-104.

- White, D.F. (2005) "A Political Sociology of Socionatures: Revisionist Manoeuvres in Environmental Sociology" *Environmental Politics*, Vol.15, No. 1, Feb, pp.59-77.
- White, D.F. (2004) "Environmental Sociology and Its Future(s)", *Sociology* (38,2) pp. 389-397.
- White, D.F. (2003) "Hierarchy, Domination, Nature: Considering Bookchin's Critical Social Theory". *Organization and Environment* Volume 15, Issue 5; March, 2003 pp.1-32.
- White, D.F. & Stein J.A. (2003) "Museums and Science Centres – Interactivity, Infotainment and Viability" pp.261-270 in U. Felt (Ed) *Optimising the Public Understanding of Science*. The European Commission/HPRP-CT-1999-00012 Shanghai Popular Science Press (in Chinese), ISBN 7-5427-3604-3, December 2006.
- Stein, J.A. & White, D.F (2003) "Media and New Media: The Public Understanding of Science in Print, On the Airways and Online" pp 189-204 in U. Felt (Ed) *Optimising the Public Understanding of Science* The European Commission. HPRP-CT-1999-00012 Shanghai Popular Science Press (in Chinese), ISBN 7-5427-3604-3, December 2006.
- White, D.F. & Stein, J.A. (2003) "The Public Understanding of Science in Academia: Research, Teaching and Community Outreach" pp.350-355 in U. Felt (Ed) *Optimising the Public Understanding of Science* The European Commission. HPRP-CT-1999-00012// Shanghai Popular Science Press (in Chinese), ISBN 7-5427-3604-3, December 2006.
- Stein, J.A. & White, D.F. (2003) "The Public Understanding of Science Industry in the UK: Who's Supporting Whom? What? How? Why?" pp.448-457 in U. Felt (Ed) *Optimising the Public Understanding of Science* The European Commission. HPRP-CT-1999-00012/ Shanghai Popular Science Press (in Chinese), ISBN 7-5427-3604-3, December 2006.
- Stein, J.A. and White, D.F. (2003) "The Role of the Government in The Public Understanding of Science: Education and Promotion While Keeping Science Advice in Safe Hands" pp.491-498; in Felt, U (Ed) *Optimising the Public Understanding of Science* The European Commission. HPRP-CT-1999-00012. / Shanghai Popular Science Press (in Chinese), ISBN 7-5427-3604-3, December 2006.
- White, D.F (2002) "Globalisation, The Third Way and Environmental Politics" English and Chinese translation to be found in

Trade Unions, The Environment and Globalisation, Pub: Labour Bureau of Kaoshiung; Chinese Translation pp.60-71; English Version pp.72-86.

White, D.F. (2002) “A Green Industrial Revolution? Sustainable Technological Innovation in a Global Age” *Environmental Politics* Vol.11, No.2. Summer 2002 pp.1-26.

White, D.F. (2001) “The Unhappy Legacy of Thomas Malthus” *Environmental Politics* Vol.10, No.4, winter, pp103-109.

Book Reviews:

White, D.F. (2005) Review of Nick Gane “The Future of Social Theory” *Sociology* 39(4) October.

White, D.F. (1999) Review of John McCormick’s “Acid House” *Environmental Politics* Vol.4, No.3 Jan 1999.

White, D.F. (1997) Review of Peter Dickens “Reconstructing Nature” *Sociology* Vol.31, no.2. May.

White, D.F. (1997) “Considering the Politics of Social Ecology: Urbanization Without Cities” *Environmental Politics* Vol.4. No.1. May. (Review Article of M.Bookchin's *Urbanization without Cities*.)

LECTURES/CONFERENCE PAPERS (Select).

KEYNOTE/INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES:

July 2024 “Design for Just Transitions” **Invited lecture** given to *Bauhaus Earth*, Berlin, Germany.

October 2020 “Labor Centered Design for Just Transitions?” **Invited lecture** Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, Tufts University (Online).

June 10-17th 2019. **Invited lecture** given to the Research Nucleus on Energy and Society, Universidad Diego Portales in Santiago, Chile to give a public lecture “Just transitions/transition design” and a workshop paper “The Institutional Gap in Critical Design Studies.”

April 2017 “Disaster Capitalism and the Chill-the-hell-out-o-cene: Kim Stanley Robinson’s Blue Green Urbanism in the 22nd Century” **invited talk**, the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, Boston.

July 2017 “Climate Change and Radical Hope” **invited keynote lecture** for “Radical Hope and Environmental Futures: A Conference”, The Rachel Carson Center, Munich, Germany.

May 2017 “Resisting the "Its-too-late-o-cene: Passive Nihilism, Melancholic Paralysis and the search for a Public Ecology” **invited keynote lecture** for “Auto-Experiment: Conference on Social and Political Thought” Arcadia University, Canada.

April 2016 “Urban Public Ecologies, Democratic Invention and Creative Labor: Design Futuring in the Anthropocene ” **Invited keynote lecture** The Graduate School of Design, Harvard College.

Nov 2018 “Just Transitions, Transition Design and Radical Hope” **invited lecture** Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University.

October 2017 “Just Transitions and a few questions for Critical Design Studies” **invited lecture** Dept of Design, Carnegie Mellon.

November 2015 “End Times Ecology, Technocratic Ecomodernism or Public Ecology” **Invited public lecture**, *Department of Sociology Departmental Seminar Series*, Boston College, MA.

April 2015 “Foxes, Hedgehogs, Zombies and Donkeys: How to avoid being disciplined by Disciplines” **Invited lecture** for the Brown Graduate Education Program Monday 6th April, Brown University Faculty Club.

November, 11th 2011 “Don’t Panic! Political Ecology, Climate Change and Authoritarian, Decorative and Social Forms of Eco-Design” **invited paper** given to *Climate Change and Design Symposium*, The Aiken Center, Cornell University. N.Y.

Nov 2011 “Eco-Design, Self Organization and Political Ecology” **invited paper** given to Dept of Architecture, Columbia University, New York.

Sept 2011 “For Redirective Practices/Against the ‘Dictatorship of the Sustainment’” **invited paper** given to the *Design History Society Annual Conference*, University of Barcelona, Spain.

April, 2011 “Murray Bookchin and American Environmentalism” **invited lecture** given to the Department of Environmental Studies and Forestry, Yale University, 14th April, 2011.

8th April, 2011. “Eco-Design, Mutualism and Political Ecology” **invited paper** given to *Design after the Gift Symposium*, Parsons, School of Design Strategies, The New School for Social Research.

October 13th 2010. “Rethinking Environmental Sociology” **invited paper** given to the Dept. of Sociology, Boston College, M.A

September, 2002. “Eco-Industrialisation?” **invited paper** presented to Department of Sociology, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan.

September, 14th, 2002 “The Third Way, Globalisation and the Environment”, **invited paper** presented at the Taiwanese Culture and Labour Association Conference on Trade Unions, Environment and Globalization, Sun Yat-Sen University; Kaoshiung City, Taiwan.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

June 2026 “Livable and Equitable Cities and Speculative Design Futures”. *Livable Cities Conference*, University of Salford.

June 2025 “Design and Urban Just Transitions” 16th International Sustainability Transitions (IST) Conference 2025, 24-26 June, 2025, Lisbon, Portugal

June 2024. Two Papers presented with Nick Pevzner: “Design Political Economies, Degrowth and the Just Transition: Ecology and Degrowth as Promise and Threat to the Design Professions” and “The class politics of the just transition: Labor environmentalism, working class climate politics and post carbon transitions”

European Society for Ecological Economics/Degrowth Pontevedra June, 2024.

March 2024 “Planetary Designs and Speculative Climate Design Futures” paper presented at the Delft Symposium on Environment and Design *What Was Sustainability?: The Past, Present, and Future of Sustainability in Design and its Education*, Industrial Design and Engineering, TU Delft.

June 15th 2020 “Labor Centered Eco-Design” SCORAI (Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative) Annual Conference 2020, Boston. (Online).

April 2019 “Coastal Futures, Eco-design and Ongoingness” RISD Coastal Futures Symposium

Sept 2017 “Visual Political Ecology and Critical Design Studies” Clark University, Dept of Geography.

June 2017 “A Political Theory of Transitions” paper given to the 8th International Sustainable Transitions Conference, Chalmers University, Gothenburg, Sweden.

April 2017 “Design Ecologies, Creative Labor and Hybrid Ecological Democracy” paper Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Vancouver.

April 2017 “Reconstructing Urban Natures? Building Engagements between Green Urbanism, the Resilient City, and Urban Political Ecology” paper written with Hannah Teicher, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, The American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Boston.

April 2017 “Environmental Futures after Trump” CNS Panel The American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Boston.

Feb 2017 “Ecological Democracy, Design and Critical Futures” University of Sydney, Australia.

April 2016 “Ecomodernism and its Futures”, *European Consortium for Political Science*, Annual Conference. Pisa, Italy.

November 2015 “Design, Climate Change and Sociology” class lecture for “Climate Change and Society” class, Boston College, MA.

April 2015 “Critical Design and the Critical Social Sciences” Opening remarks at *Critical Design/Critical Futures* Symposium, The Rhode Island School of Design.

March 2015 “Worker Centered Design: A Friendly Critique of Transition Design,” Symposium on Transition Design, The School of Design, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh P.A.

November 2014 “Critical Hybridity and Reconstructive Environmental Sociology” *The New England Critical Environmental Social Science Forum*, Brown University, Providence R.I.

Oct 2014 “Resilience, Adaptive Reuse, Critique” lecture *Department of Interior Architecture*, RISD.

Feb 2014 “The Great Non-Conversation Between Environmental Sociology and Political Ecology” *Dimensions of Political Ecology* Conference, University of Kentucky.

Sept 2014 Panel discussant “Critical Theory and Design” *Better World By Design*. Brown University Providence R.I.

May 2014 Paper “The Red and the Black: The Future of Social Ecology” for a panel on Murray Bookchin and his Legacy *Left Forum*, Fordham University, NY.

Feb 2014 Paper “Towards a Reconstructive Political Ecology” *Dimensions of Political Ecology*, University of Kentucky.

Sept 2013 “Nature, Culture Sustainability Studies at the Rhode Island School of Design” *PALS Conference Partnership for Academic Leadership in Sustainability*, The Art Institute, Los Angeles.

June 2013, “Sociology, Design, Ecology And Speculative Futuring” for *Envisaging Low Carbon Futures*. A one-day symposium, at the Nature Lab, RISD.

April, 2011 “Anarchy in the UK: Colin Ward’s Pragmatic Anarchism” Bluestockings Bookshop, New York City.

Sept 18th 2009. “Murray Bookchin: A Critical Appraisal” Talk given to the Lucy Parsons Bookstore, South End, Boston,

March 2009. “Urban Environmental Sociology” Lecture given to the Department of Architecture, Rhode Island School of Design.

Feb 20th, 2009. “Murray Bookchin: A Critical Appraisal” book talk given to the Bluestocking Bookstore, Allen Street, New York City.

March 2008. “An Urban Environmental Sociology” talk given to Dept of History, Philosophy and Social Science, The Rhode Island School of Design.

April 2006 “Technonatural Time/Spaces” paper presented to the American Association of Geographers, Annual Conference, San Francisco. With Chris Wilbert.

July 7th- 11th 2005. w. Chris Wilbert. “Environmental Sociology in Technonatural Times” paper presented to *The International Institute of Sociology. 37th World Congress of Sociology*, Stockholm, Sweden.

July 8th 2004. “Producing Socionatures” paper presented to the *International Institute of Sociology 36th World Congress of Sociology*, Beijing, China.

October 2003. “The Grow or Die Debate: A Revisionist View” Paper presented to *The ‘Treadmill of Production Symposium’*. *International Sociological Association RC 24 Interim Conference* Dept of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA.

May 2003. “Technonatural Worlds and the Grow or Die Debate in Environmental Sociology” paper presented to *Technonatures I* Dept of Sociology, Goldsmiths College Sociology, University of London UK

August 15th-17th 2002 “Greening the Network Society” presented to *The Nordic Sociological Association Annual Conference ‘Network Societies: Opportunity or Oppression*, Reykjavik, Iceland.

May 2002 “Marx, Weber, Durkheim and Beyond? Do we need to rethink the canon of social theory?” Dept of Sociology, Goldsmith College, University of London UK.

22nd October 2001. “Greening the Network Society” *The International Sociological Association RC24 Environment and Society Section. 'Environmental Sociology in the 21st Century Conference*, Bukkuyo University, Kyoto, Japan, 20th.

25th Feb, 2002. “Information Societies, Network Societies and Technological Determinism: Manuel Castells and his Critics”. Conference paper presented to the: *Convergence, Emergence, Divergence : Multimedia Production, Cultures and Theories, Postgraduate Seminar Series*, Dept of Innovation Studies, University of East London, London, UK.

5-7 July 2001. “A Green Industrial Revolution?” *The International Sociological Association, Environment and Society RC24 Section: New Natures, New Cultures, New Technologies Conference*, University of Cambridge, UK.

March 29th to April 31st 2001 “A Green Industrial Revolution?” paper presented at the *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference*, San Francisco, USA.

Dec 1-3, 2000 “Sustainable Technological Innovation in a Global World” Paper presented to *Policy Agendas for Sustainable Technological Development: The Third International Conference* University of East London, U.K.

August 25-27 2000 “On Babies and Bathwater: Why Factor Four and Natural Capitalism Deserve a Careful Critique,” *Between Natures: Nature, Culture and Performance at the Edge: An International Conference*, Lancaster University, U.K.

May 19th-22nd 2000 Higher Education and Sustainable Technological Innovation. Discussant at *The 4th POSTI Conference - Policy Agendas For Sustainable Technological Innovation In the 21st Century*. University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway.

May 31st- June 2nd 2000 “Social Ecology and Environmental Justice” paper presented at ‘Towards Sustainability: Social and Environmental Justice’, *The Royal Geographical Society, Planning and Environmental Research Group Annual International Conference*, Tufts University, Boston, M.A

March 2000 “On Babies and Bathwater: Why Factor Four and Natural Capitalism Deserve a Careful Critique”, Centre for Environmental Technology, Imperial College, University of London, U.K.

Feb 2000 “From Natural Limits To Ecological Rationality: Bookchin’s Socio-Ecological Critique” Invited paper presented to: Brighton University, Faculty of Social Science, Departmental Seminar, Brighton, U.K.

Feb 21st 2000. “From Natural Limits To Ecological Rationality: Bookchin’s Socio-Ecological Critique” *Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference*, University of Sussex, Brighton, U.K, Jan 5th-8th 2000. 1998 “Dialectics, Ethics and Nature” paper presented at *After Postmodernism? Critical Realism: The Third Annual Conference in Critical Realism*, University of Essex, U.K Sept 1st -3rd 1998.

GUEST CRITICS

April 2017 Guest Critic “Planetary Urbanism Symposium” Harvard, Graduate School of Design

Oct 2014 Guest Critic, Senior Thesis probe Department of Architecture, RISD.

May 2014 Thesis Reviews, “Planetary Urbanism” Graduate School of Design, Harvard University.

May 2014 Guest Critic “Climate Change Museum” Interior Architecture, RISD.

April 2014 Guest Critic, “Solar Decathlon” Dept of Architecture, RISD.

May 2014 Guest Critic, ‘Urban Systems’, Dept. of Architecture, Rhode Island School of Design,

May 2013 Guest Critic, ‘Urban Systems’, Dept. of Architecture, Rhode Island School of Design,

May 2012 Guest Critic Industrial Design Master's Thesis, RISD.
 October, 2012. Guest Critic, 'School of the Built Environment Studio', Dept of Landscape Design, Rhode Island School of Design,
 May 2013 Guest Critic, 'Urban Systems', Dept. of Architecture, Rhode Island School of Design.
 April 2010 Guest Critic, 'Design for Social Entrepreneurship; Dept of Industrial Design, Rhode Island School of Design, October.
 Dec 2009. Guest Critic, 'Innovation Studio', Rhode Island School of Design.
 Dec 2008. Guest Critic, 'Innovation Studio', Rhode Island School of Design.
 December, 2009.
 May 2009 Guest Critic, 'Urban Systems', Dept of Architecture, Rhode Island School of Design,
 Sept 26th 2009. Guest Speaker 'Greening the City' Talk given at the Urban Ecology RISE (RISD Initiative on Sustainability and the Environment' Community Day, The Rhode Island School of Design,
 Guest Lecturer 'Cities, Urbanization, Nature' JMU Honours Program, February, 2008.
 Guest Lecturer 'Climate change and the social sciences' 'A World of Views' JMU Dept of Psychology, /IBAVI, Dec, 2007.

GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS:

2024 RISD Professional Development Grant Imagining the Just Transition: Design Politics, Labor and Post-Carbon Housing Futures. (\$3,000 to study social housing in Vienna and Berlin).

2014 RISD Professional Development Fund (\$3,000 to fund research on histories of Worker Orientated Design in Sweden and Denmark.)

2013 RISD 2050 Fund \$9,000 to fund two *Critical Design/Critical Futures* events (With Prof. Anne Tate, Architecture, RISD.)

2013 Brown/RISD Collaboration Fund (with Ian Gonsher, Brown, Design/Engineering \$6,000 to fund *Critical Design/Critical Futures*).

2012 Kyobe Teaching Award w/Prof. Anne Tate (Architecture). Awarded \$8,500 to devise and teach a new Architecture-Sociology inter-disciplinary Course: "Rethinking Green Urbanism: Justice, Desire and the American City".

2006 "Internationalising the Curriculum" Awarded \$10,000 by the James Madison University Office of the Provost, to Conduct a Feasibility Study on a Proposed Masters Program in Globalization/Global Studies (w/L.Lewis.)

2006 Awarded Summer Research Grant, College of Arts and Letters, James Madison University.

2005 Awarded Semester Leave (competitive) by the College of Arts and Letters, James Madison University.

2001 Grant awarded by the Lippman-Miliband Trust (competitive) to complete research work on Murray Bookchin.

1995-98 Awarded British Academy PhD Fellowship (competitive).

1992-93 Awarded ESCR Economic and Social Research Council Masters Scholarship (competitive).

TEACHING:

The Rhode Island School of Design October 2008 to date:

Inventive Political Ecology (NCSS Core Seminar) Spring 2026, Fall 2025; Spring 2025, Fall 2024; Spring 2024, Fall 2023; Spring 2023, Fall 2022).

The Sociology and Political Economy of Architecture and Design (Fall, 2026 x 2; Fall 2025 x2; Fall 2024 x 2; Fall 2023 x 2)

Urban Political Ecology (Spring 2026 x2; Spring 2025 X2; Spring 2024 X2; Spring 2023 x2)

Post Carbon Futures Graduate Seminar (Fall 2019; 2020; 2021; Spring 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020).

Climate Futures and the Just Transition (RISD/Brown Course with Timmons Roberts (Fall 2017; Fall 2018)

The Future by Design: The History and Sociology of Design Futuring. (Spring 2015, 2016).

Rethinking Green Urbanism: Architectural and Sociological Perspectives on the Future of the city (Fall, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2027) (with Professor Anne Tate, Architecture, RISD).

The Sociology of Design (Fall, 2009; 2010; Summer, 2010, Summer 2011, Spring 2012, 2014, 2015).

The Sociology of the Environment (Fall 2008; Spring 2011; Spring 2012, 2013, 2014).

The Science and Sociology of Climate Change (Spring 2013 –with Dr. Jason Grear, Rhode Island, EPA).

Cities, Urbanization, Nature: An Introduction to Urban Political Ecology: Seminar (Spring 2009; Spring 2010, Spring 2010, Spring 2011).

An Introduction to Social Theory (Fall 2008 x2; Fall, 2009x2 Fall, 2010, Fall, 2012).
Global Sociology (Spring 2009 x2; Spring 2010 x2).

Dept of Sociology and Anthropology, James Madison University. Sept 2003 to July 2008.

Sociological Theory and Methods (Spring 2004; Spring 2005 x2; Fall 2005x2; Fall, 2007).

Critical Sociology and Methods (Fall 2003 x2; Spring 2004; Spring 2006 x 2; Spring 2007).

Sociology of the Environment (Spring 2005; Fall 2006; Spring 2007).

Cities, Urbanization, Nature. (Spring 2005,2006).

Sociological & Anthropological Perspectives on Urbanism, Architecture and the Built Environment (Fall, 2007). With Dr Fletcher Linder, Dept of Anthropology, James Madison University.

Social Issues in a Global World (Spring 2003; Spring 2004).

Dept of Sociology, Goldsmith College, University of London Sept 2002 to Sept 2003.

Political Sociology. (Fall 2002).

Contemporary Social Theory. (Spring 2003; Seminar Tutor).

Introduction to Sociology. (Fall/Spring 2003; Seminar Tutor).

Philosophy of Social Science. (Spring 2003: Seminar Tutor).

Department of Innovation Studies, School of Cultural and Innovation Studies, University of East London. Oct 2001 to Sept 2002.

Innovation, Technology and Culture: Theoretical Perspectives (Fall 2001; Seminar Tutor).

Information, Technology, Consumption: Social Theory and Information Societies (Spring 2001; Seminar Tutor).

Innovation and Regulation of Information and Communication Technologies (Spring, 2001; Seminar Tutor).

Department of Sociology, University of East London Oct 1999 to June 2001.

MA Modern Social Movements and Political Activism Unit Leader.

Contemporary Sociological Theory: Globalisation and the Information Society Final Year Core Course

Co-Unit Leader (12 Lectures, 24 classes).

Modern Social Theory: Modernity, Enlightenment and Beyond (2nd Yr Core course Unit Leader 12 Lectures, 12 classes).

Department of Sociology, University of Essex Oct 1995 - July 2000

Graduate Teaching Assistant for all the following classes:

Current Debate in Social Theory 3rd Yr Core (10 Classes) 2000.

Teaching the Sociological Classics 2nd Yr Core (20 Classes) 2000.

Sociology of the USA 1st Yr Option (10 classes 1 Lecture) 2000.

Introduction to Sociology 1st Yr Core 1995-1997 (20 Classes).

Ecology, Politics and Society- Joint Seminar in Philosophy, Government and Sociology 1997 (1 Lecture, 1 Class).

Department of Politics and Sociology, Birkbeck College, University of London Oct 1993-June 1994.

TA/ Seminar Tutor for Prof. Paul Hirst.

Political Sociology 2nd/3rd Yr Core (20 Classes, 1 lecture).

SERVICE:

Major:

Dean of Liberal Arts July 2017 to 2022

Department Head: Dept of History, Philosophy and Social Science, RISD Jan 2012-to July 2016.

Faculty Mentor 2025-2026.

Chair of the HPSS Accreditation Committee, HPSS, RISD 2015.

Concentration Co-ordinator: Nature Culture Sustainability Studies, RISD July 2012- July 2014. 2026-2028.

Committee on Faculty Appointments 2014-2015.

RISD Instruction Committee, Liberal Arts Representative 2008-2012.

RISD Winter Session Committee, Liberal Arts Representative 2008-2012.

Further (Selective):

Search Committee Graphic Design 2026.

Admissions Committee 2024-2025.

Nature, Culture, Sustainability Graduate Programs Committee. 2015-16

Search Committee member for HPSS Political Economy Post, Rhode Island School of Design 2015/16

Member of RISD Faculty Task Force Summer 2015; Chair of Curriculum Review Sub Group.

Chair of the HPSS Science Committee, HPSS, RISD 2013-2014.

Member of Feasibility Committee to developing a Masters Program in Social Practice/Critical Design Studies, 2013-2015.

Chair of the Nature-Culture-Sustainability Advisory Board July 2012- July 2014.

Search Committee member for Head of Landscape Architecture, Rhode Island School of Design 2012/13
RISD representative for AICAD PALS Network (The Partnership for Academic Leadership in Sustainability). Represented RISD at two PALS conferences in 2012 and 2013.

Committee Member for the John R. Frazier Award for Excellence in Teaching Committee 2013-14.

Liberal Arts Representative on the EPSCoR Committee 2011-2013.

HPSS Representative for RISD First Year Common Reading Program Committee Spring 2012.

Chair of Nature-Culture Sustainability Working Group 2009-2011.

Search committee member for Head of the Nature Lab, Rhode Island School of Design 2009/10.

Committee Member of the Sustainability Working Group of the Strategic Planning Process; Rhode Island School of Design; 2009/2011.

Instigator and co-chair of RISE: The RISD Initiative on Sustainability, Social Justice and the Environment with Prof. Anne Tate, (Dept of Architecture) the Rhode Island School of Design 2008-2010.

TALKS, CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, ROUNDTABLES AND EXHIBITIONS ORGANIZED:

2017 to 2022 Post Carbon Futures Speaker Series Organizer:

Over the five years I was Dean of Liberal Arts, I organized an extensive online speaker series (24 speakers in total) for the Nature/Culture/Sustainability Concentration/Post Carbon Futures Seminar (which I taught every semester whilst Dean). Invited speakers over the 2017-2022 period included:

Cara Daggett (Virginia Tech) on *Gender EcoFeminism and Petromasculinity*;

Ahmed Ansari (NYU) on *Decolonial Design*;

Myles Lennon (Brown University) on *Racial Justice and Solar Power*;

Holly Jean Buck (SUNY Buffalo) on *Climate Justice and GeoEngineering*;

Jesse Jenkins (Princeton) on *Energy Transition Modelling*;

Thea Riofrancos (Providence College) on *Extractivism*;

Dustin Mulvaney (SJSU) *Solar Power and Spatial Displacement*;

Daniel Aldana Cohen (UC Berkeley) on *Low Carbon and Just Public Housing*;

Kian Goh (UCLA) on *Climate Change Hydropolitics and Urban Futures*;

Gideon Kossoff (Carnegie Mellon) on *Transition Design*;

Jonathan Foley on *Project Drawdown*;

Kate Fletcher (Leeds University) on *Design, Fashion and Nature*;

Julian Agyeman (Tufts) on Just Sustainabilities, *Racial Justice and urban planning*;

Arturo Escobar (UNC) on *Designs for the Pluriverse*;

Nick Estes on *The Red Deal and Indigenous Resistance*;

Kali Akuno on *Cooperation Jackson and building the Solidarity Economy in Mississippi*;

Sophie Lewis on *Cyborg Feminism*;

Tony Fry on *Design Futuring*;

Timmon Roberts on *Climate Misinformation*;

Nick Pevzner on *Landscape Architecture and the Green New Deal*;

Shalanda Baker (Northeastern) *Wind/Social power and Energy Justice*;

Idil Gaziulusoy (Aalto) on *European Perspectives on Designs for Sustainable Transitions*;

Cameron Tonkinwise (UTS Sydney) on *System Level Change for Design Ecologies*;

Ankit Bhardwaj (NYU) on *Energy and Climate Change: A Just Transition for Indian Labor*.

2019 December “*Climate Futures II: Aesthetics, Politics and the Green New Deal*” One Day Conference/Symposium organized at the Rhode Island School of Design in collaboration with Timmons Roberts/Myles Lennon/Kai Bosworth, Brown University. We produced a multi-media website to compliment the event which is accessible here https://digitalcommons.risd.edu/liberalarts_climatefutures/climatefutures2019/

2018 November “*Climate Futures, Design and Just Transitions I*” Two Day Conference/Symposium organized at the Rhode Island School of Design in collaboration with Timmons Roberts, Brown White, Damian Finbar

University & Thea Riofrancos Providence College. We produced a multi-media website to compliment the event which is accessible here https://digitalcommons.risd.edu/liberalarts_climatefutures/climatefutures2018/

2018 July “*Critical Environmental Sociologies of the Just Transition*” Four paper panel organized at the International Sociology Association Conference, Toronto. Sponsored by RC Environment and Society. Organized with Timmons Roberts (Brown).

2018 April 2nd *Meeting of the North East Just Transitions Research Network*, One day symposium. Hosted by Dept of Sociology, North Eastern University, Boston. (Organized with Danny Faber, Northeastern University).

2017 Oct 1st *Meeting of the North East Just Transitions Research Network*, Symposium. Hosted by Brown University (Organized with Timmons Roberts, Brown).

2017 April 2017 “*Reconstructing Urban Natures? Building Engagements between Green Urbanism, the Resilient City, and Urban Political Ecology*” four sessions organized with Hannah Teicher, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT/Harvard University, The American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Boston.

2016 “*Critical Design, Critical Futures 2: Work/Labor/Ecology/Futures*” One day symposium I organized with Professor Pelle Ehn, Malmo University, RISD/Brown faculty and guests. Organized with Prof. Anne Tate Architecture, RISD & Ian Gonsler, Engineering/Design, Brown University; RISD Museum, May 7th 2016.) We produced a multi-media website to compliment the event which is accessible here https://digitalcommons.risd.edu/critical_futures_symposium/2016/

2015 “*Critical Design/Critical Futures 1.5: Debating the Sharing Economy*” (Lecture/roundtable panel I organized with speakers Professor Juliet Schor, Sociology, Boston College and Dr Bob Massie, New Economics Foundation, RISD Museum, October, 2015.)

2015 “*Critical Design/Critical Futures 1*” (1 day symposium, blog and website I organized drawing RISD faculty such as Daniel Peltz, FAV, Paulo Cardini, ID, Lili Herman, Landscape Design etc into conversation with colleagues from Brown, The New School, Carnegie Mellon. Organized with Prof. Anne Tate Architecture and Ian Gonsler, Engineering/Design, Brown University; RISD Museum, April 2015.) We produced a multi-media website to compliment the event which is accessible here https://digitalcommons.risd.edu/critical_futures_symposium/2015/

2014 “*New England Critical Environmental Social Science Forum: Hybridity, Climate Change and the Anthropocene*” (Symposium I organized with Timmons Roberts, Brown University, Urban Environmental Laboratory, Brown University, 21st November 2014.)

2014 “*A Critique of EcoDesign Futures: Hacking, Speculating, Visioning, Transitioning*”. (Evening lecture/roundtable I organized. Speaker - Cameron Tonkinwise Carnegie Mellon in conversation with Peter Dean Furniture, RISD; Nicole Merola, RISD, Thursday, April 3, 2014, The Old Library, RISD.)

2014 “*Political Ecology and the Environmental Sociology*” (Four paper session I organized with Dr Chris Oliver, Tulane and Alan Rudy, Central Michigan, *Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference*, University of Kentucky, Feb, 2014.)

2013 “*Envisaging Low Carbon Futures*” (Workshop I organized with Timmons Roberts, Brown University and the University Of Rhode Island, The Nature Lab, RISD, June 2013.)

2012 “Creative Communities and Sustainable Qualities: Design, Social Innovation and the New Sustainable Economy” (Lecture/roundtable discussion I organized with Professor Ezio Manzini, Polytechnic of Milan, RISD Museum, April, 2012.)

2012 “*Design, Design Activism and the Democratic Production of Future Social Natures*”. (Mini Conference/5 panels session I organized with/Cameron Tonkinwise, CMU American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City, Feb 24th-28th 2012.)

2012 “Design as Politics in the Age of Planetary Unsettling” (Lecture/Roundtable discussion I organized with Professor Tony Fry, Griffith University, RISD Museum, Sept 2012.)

2011 "Sustainable Design is Something You Have to Do; and then Redo, and Redo, and..." (Dept of Architecture, RISD lecture I organized with Cameron Tonkinwise, Wednesday, March 24th, 2011.)

2010 “*Green RISD 2010 An Exhibition: Nature, Culture, Innovation*” (An exhibition of RISD green/sustainability focused student art and design drawn from all the fine arts and design department at RISD. Exhibition displayed at the BEB Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design, Spring Semester 2010). I organized this event with Michelle Chang, curator, and Prof. Anne Tate, Architecture.)

2009 “*Urban Ecology/Environmental Justice Community Day*” A full day event open to the public composing of a half day symposium and series of field trips I organized with Peter Hocking and the RISD Office of Public Engagement. The Rhode Island School of Design, Sept. 26th 2009.)

2006 “*Technonatures IV: Environments, Technologies, Spaces and Places in the Twenty First Century*”. (A five session/full day mini conference held at the *American Association of Geographers Annual Conference*, March, Chicago, 2006. I organised this with Profs. Chris Wilbert (Anglia) and Erik Swyngedouw, University of Oxford.)

2005 “*Technonatures III: Environments, Technologies, Spaces and Places in the Twenty First Century*” (A one day *International Sociological Association Research Committee 24 Environment and Society Interim Mini-Conference* – 5 sessions- I organised with Dr Chris Wilbert & Dr Fletcher Linder, James Madison University held at the International Institute of Sociology, Stockholm, Sweden, July 2005.)

2004 “*Technonatures II: Environments, Technologies, Spaces and Places in the Twenty First Century*” (A one day conference held at the Department of Geography, University of Oxford, England, June 2004 organised with Dr Chris Wilbert and Dr Erik Swyngedouw, Dept of Geography, University of Oxford.)

2003 “*Technonatures I: Environments, Technologies, Spaces and Places in the Twenty First Century*” (A one day conference held at the Department of Sociology, Goldsmiths College, University of London, England, June 26th 2003, I organized with Dr Chris Wilbert, Dept of Geography, Anglia Ruskin University.)

2001 “*Science, Society and Citizenship in the 21st Century: Optimising the Public Understanding of Science*”. (A one day conference held at the Institute of Engineers, Birdcage Walk, London, November, 2001 – I organised this with Dr Josephine Stein, Dept of Innovation Studies, University of East London and funded by the European Union OPUS network.)

REVIEWING:

Reviewer of Manuscripts for Pluto Press, Berg, Bloomsbury, Verso, Oxford University Press, Sociology, Environmental Politics, Organizations and Environment, Science as Culture. INTAR – Journal of Adaptive Reuse.