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EDUCATION

12/90 **Ph.D.** UC Berkeley, Energy and Resources Group (ERG—an interdisciplinary economics, policy and environmental science unit). Dissertation: 'Markets, States and Environmental Policy: The Political Economy of Charcoal in Senegal'. Chair: Michael J. Watts (Geography). Committee: Louise Fortmann, Jeff Romm, Richard Norgaard.

5/85 **M.S.** UC Berkeley, ERG. Thesis: 'Economic and Institutional Disincentives for Energy Conservation in the Electric Sector of Djibouti, East Africa'. Chairs: John Holdren & Mark Christensen.

5/81 **B.A.** Hampshire College, concentration in Physics, minor in Linguistics.

CURRENT POSITION

8/19- ***Full Professor***, School of International Service, American University, Washington, DC.

PAST POSITIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS

6/18-6/19 **Guggenheim Fellow**, Visiting Faculty, Wagner School of NYU, with affiliation in Anthropology at the CUNY Graduate Center, NY, NY.

10/08-7/18 ***Excellence Hire Professor***, Department of Geography, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UI). (Full from early 2012)

10/08-7/18 ***Program Director***, Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy (SDEP) Program. SDEP was a campus-wide program of the Department of Geography and the School of Earth, Society and Environment, UI.

12/11-7/18 ***Full Professor***, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, UI.

9/14-7/18 ***Full Professor***, Department of Anthropology, UI.

1/12-7/18 ***Faculty Affiliate***, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, UI; Women and Gender in Global Perspective, UI; Global Studies, UI; CyberGIS Center for Advanced Digital and Spatial Studies, UI.

9/16-5/17 **CASBS Fellow**, Center for Advanced Studies in Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University. Sabbatical.

1-8/16 ***Visiting Scholar***, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University and the Institute for Public Knowledge of New York University, NY.

11/10-7/14 ***Adjunct Professor***, China Agricultural University, College of Humanities and Development Studies, Beijing.

9/08-5/14 ***Faculty & Program Director of Beckman Institute***. Beckman Institute for Science and Technology, UI.

5-6/12 ***Visiting Faculty***, SUTROFOR Erasmus Mundus Scholar, University of Copenhagen.

1-5/12 ***Visiting Professor***, The Department of Politics (with Nancy Fraser), The New School for Social Research, New York.

4/99-10/08 ***Senior Associate***, Institutions and Governance Program, World Resources Institute (WRI).

6-7/08 ***Visiting Faculty***, SUTROFOR Erasmus Mundus Scholar (with Christian Lund), University of Copenhagen.

3-5/07 **Visiting Scholar**, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (with Keebet and Franz von Benda-Beckmann), Halle, Germany.

9/04-6/05 **Fellow**, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC.

2-3/02 **Resident, Rockefeller Bellagio Centre**, Research findings writeup.

1997-99 **Research Fellow**, Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard.

1996-97 **Rockefeller Faculty Fellow**, Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture (with Neil Smith), Rutgers.

1995-96 **Visiting Fellow in Agrarian Studies**, Institute for Social and Policy Studies (with Jim Scott), Yale.

1993-95 **MacArthur Fellow**, Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard.

1991-94 **Lecturer**, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT.

6-8/83 **Visiting Scientist**, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Grenoble, France.

1981-83 **Staff Scientist**, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Berkeley, CA.

1981-82 **Assistant Analyst**, National Solar Energy Research Institute (SERI), Golden, CO.

GRANTS AND HONORS

- Kone Foundation (Finland) research grant, “Novel Agrarian Partnership Against Takings (NAPATA): Science-Farmer partnerships to respond to market grabbing along agricultural commodity chains in Tanzania,” PI Prof. Irmeli Mustalahti, Professor of Natural Resources Governance, University of Eastern Finland. Proposal based a draft I developed for Senegal and I was put this program on as an advisor. Fall 2025.
- Swedish Research Council grant, “Preparing for the Unprecedented: Enabling local knowledges for effective adaptation in the Amazon,” PI Prof. Ana Maria Vargas (Lund University). My role is to support data collection and the design and application of process tracing methods.
- SIS High performing scholar award, AU: “Market Grabbing and the Emergence of Adaptive Collective Action: Cotton, Bananas, Peanuts and Charcoal in Senegal,” \$12k for further Reconnaissance work and proposal development, Spring 2025.
- Dean’s Research Award, AU: “Market Grabbing and the Emergence of Adaptive Collective Action: Cotton, Bananas, Peanuts and Charcoal in Senegal,” \$5k for Reconnaissance study in Senegal, winter 2024-25.
- National Academies of Sciences appointment to the Board on Environmental Change and Society, September 2023-26. Closed down November 2025 by Trump administration.
- International Center for Local Democracy (ICLD) grant “Local Democracy and Vulnerability Reduction in Africa: Political Representation under a Changing Sky,” \$56k to UIUC and \$96k to partner team in Senegal, 2017-18.
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) Grant to CODESRIA, UIUC and IUCN. “[Responsive Forest Governance Initiative](#)” (RFGI), 2011-2015, 3 million Euros to CODESRIA, IUCN, & UIUC – UIUC received via CODESRIA 1 million Euros. This was a 13-country, 30-case study, 36-researcher comparative research program.
- 3ie – The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, Preparatory Grant “Designing a Methodology for REDD+ Policy Impact Evaluation in Uganda,” June-Oct. 2014. \$20k.

- SUTROFOR (Sustainable Tropical Forestry) Erasmus Mundus Scholarship, University of Copenhagen, May 2012-August 2013.
- National Academies of Sciences Panelist – Climate Change and National Security, Feb. 2012.
- International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD) Grant, “Performing Research and Researching Performance: Dramatic Communication for Promoting Local Democracy,” \$60k 2010-2011.
- MacArthur Foundation Grant to WRI for Communications Innovation, Film project “Take it to the Market’: An Ambiguous Story of Income Enhancement through Sustainable Forestry in Senegal,” \$50k, 2008-09.
- The World Bank Program on Forestry (PROFOR) Grant, ‘Institutional Choice and Recognition in Natural Resource Decentralization: Effects on the Formation and Consolidation of Local Democracy’, \$100k, 2006-07.
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant to WRI, Internal Allocation (applied for with Peter Veit) for Institutional Choice and Commodity Chain research, 250k Euros, 2006-07.
- USAID Africa Bureau Grant, ‘Rights and Responsibilities Cooperative Agreement’, for research on Institutional Choice, Commodity Chains, and ‘Nature Wealth and Power’, \$275k, 04-06.
- Dutch Government Grant, ‘Enabling Democratic Decentralization in Senegal: Long-term Strategy and Constituency Building’, EU250k, 2003-06.
- USAID Africa Bureau Grant, ‘Rights and Responsibilities Cooperative Agreement’, for decentralization comparative research and policy analysis, \$275k, 2003-05.
- USAID Central Africa Regional Program on the Environment (CARPE), ‘Decentralization and Community Based Forestry in Cameroon’, \$450k, 2003-06.
- Ford Foundation Grant, ‘Natural Resources, Livelihoods, and Justice: Assessing the Decentralization Experience in Africa, Asia and Latin America’, \$60k, 2003-04.
- MacArthur Foundation Grant (with J-G. Collomb), ‘Forest Governance in Cameroon: Tools for Conservation, Sustainability and Justice’, \$400k, 2002-04.
- Rockefeller Bellagio Centre Residency, to write up Bellagio workshop findings, below, February-March 2002.
- Bellagio Centre Conference Grant, [‘Global Workshop on Decentralization and the Environment’](#), 5 days/25 researchers, February 2002.
- USAID Africa Bureau Grant, Research on Effects of Decentralization on Rural-Urban Relations in Senegal, \$80k, 2001-02.
- USAID Mali-Mission Grant, Research on Decentralization, Justice and the Environment, \$45k, 2001.
- USAID CARPE Grant, Research on Decentralization and Justice in Community Forestry in Cameroon, \$309k, 1999-03.
- Harvard Center for Population and Development, International Travel Grant, 1994.
- Dean's Professional Development Fund Research and Travel Grant, Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, Senegal 1994.
- Member, ‘Joint Harvard-MIT Working Group on Environment, Population and Sustainable Livelihoods’, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, 1991-94.
- Dissertation Award, African Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, 1991.
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Research Grant, 1989.

- Simpson Research Scholarship, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley, 1987-88.
- Institute for the Study of World Politics Doctoral Research Grant, Senegal, 1986-87.
- Fulbright Scholarship, Senegal, 1986-87.

PUBLICATIONS PLUS A FEW DRAFTS

Publications are available at WWW.JESSE-RIBOT.COM

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Children's Book

- Ribot, Jesse. Draft 2017. *The Business of Sustainable Development, An African Forest Tale (an Ode to the Lorax)*. Book in search of publisher. Available online: https://www.jesseribot.com/_files/ugd/315ee5_269c1b9bd86a4e5aae339b8135ff23da.pdf

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- Ribot, Jesse and René Oyono (eds.). 2006. Special issue on Implementing Progressive New Natural Resources Laws. *Africa Development* Vol. XXXI, No. 2.
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- Turner, Matthew, Emily Fornof, Anika M. Rice and Jesse Ribot. 2025. "Putting migration in context: a review of how theory and methods shape climate-induced migration research findings." *Frontiers in Climate* 7. <Https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fclim.2025.1549686>.
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- Ribot, Jesse. 1997. 'Critique of Proposed 'Forest Act' of The Gambia', Africa Regional Division of The World Bank, February.
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TALKS, LECTURES, PODCASTS AND EVENTS – FROM 2000 & UPCOMING

- Keynote Address on "Market Grabbing" as Key Cause of Hunger in The Sahel: Toward Inclusive Social Response," at the Knust School of Business of the College of Humanities and Social Science, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, 'International Sustainability Conference' in Kumasi, Ghana. November 2025.
- Summit Presentation on "Market Grabbing as the Root Cause of Seasonal Hunger in the Sahel: Toward Transformative Adaptive Response by Farmer Collectives," At the Third

International Conference on Climate and Development in semi-arid Regions – ICID III. Fortaleza, Brazil, September 2025.

- Podcast on “The Economics of Hunger” on the Causes of the Hungry Season, American University School of International Service, *Big World Podcast*, Episode 84: <https://www.american.edu/sis/big-world/84-the-economics-of-hunger.cfm>. April 2025.
- Lecture on the “Market Grabbing and the Hungry Season” to Sustainability Forum on Commoning, Barcelona. October 2024.
- Lecture to the Board on Environmental Change and Society (BECS), Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. “Scaling up? Climate Adaptation as Collective Action Cause and Response” Washington, April 2024.
- Invited Lecture in Sustainability Science and Climate & Society masters program, Columbia University (online). “Market Grabbing and the Hungry Season under Tambacounda’s Changing Skies,” Feb. 2024.
- Invited Lecture at the Ethical Culture Society of Essex County, NJ, “Climate Refugees? Why Senegal’s Farmers Are Crossing the Sahara Toward Europe,” Maplewood, NJ (online), Nov. 2023.
- Invited ‘Academic Roundtable Discussion’ at the Department of Politics and Government at Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, “Theory of Access in Practice,” Yogyakarta (online), August 2023.
- Invited Lecture, AU-NMBU project workshop on ‘Geopolitical Ecology’, NMBU, “Access Failure: Climate of Anxiety in Senegal and Niger,” Oslo (online), August 2023.
- Distinguished Keynote Speaker, International Association for the Study of Commons (IASC), Nairobi, “Wallowing in adaptation while neck deep in vulnerability: Toward structural climate responses,” Nairobi, July 2023.
- Fireside Chat, “Mainstreaming Inclusive Conservation in WWF conservation narrative and practice” Panel. WWF Governance Week. Washington, DC. May 2023.
- Invited Lecturer, “Access Failure: Explaining Climate-Related Migration in the Sahel,” University of British Columbia, Department of Forest and Conservation Sciences, Faculty of Forestry, April 2023.
- Invited Lecture, Center for Environment, Community, and Equity (CECE) of American University, Inaugural lecture will be on Climate-Induced Migration. January 2023.
- Observer, COP27, Working with Economic Commission for Africa, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, November 2022.
- Invited Speaker, The 8th Annual Meeting of the Forests and Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement (FLARE) initiative, Rome, October 2022.
- Podcast/Interview, *In Common* podcast interview with Michael Cox, “The politics of environmental access and risk,” Dartmouth University, July 2022.
<https://www.incommonpodcast.org/podcast/099-the-politics-of-environmental-access-and-risk-with-jesse-ribot/>
- Invited Speaker, “Assessing and Addressing Climate Related Vulnerability: Drawing from experiences in West Africa,” IREX, Baghdad (via Zoom), Iraq (translated into Arabic and

Kurdish), 7 July 2022.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1waT9H2yOOuuLo09zeduCVToISi4Uqenc/view?usp=sharing>

- Invited Speaker, “Fighting Climate Reductionism: Social Cause and Responsibility,” Panel À propos du changement climatique: approches sociologiques et philosophiques de la crise écologique. At the Critical Edge Alliance conference *Agir dans l’enseignement supérieur face au changement climatique*, Paris (on Zoom), 17 June 2022.
- Panel Chair, “Climate Action with or without Local Democracy,” Local Democracy Academy of the International Center for Local Democracy, Visby, Sweden 6-10 June 2022.
- Invited Speaker, “Cause and Responsibility in Migration from Senegal toward Europe” Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) Speaker Series, Copenhagen, 1 June 2022.
- Invited Speaker, “Cause and Responsibility: Migration from Senegal toward Europe,” Political Ecology Forum at Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Oslo, 27 May 2022.
- Discussant, American University School of Public Affairs, Center for Environmental Policy, panel on ‘Vulnerability, Climate-Change Laws, and Adaptation in the Middle East and North Africa’, 14 Apr. 2022.
- Invited Lecture, UNAM, Seminario Internacional de Investigación en Ciencias de la Sostenibilidad, ‘Framing Causality and Responsibility: The Social Nature of Climate-related Crises’, Mexico City (online – recorded: https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=392255989123031), 7 Apr. 2022.
- Invited Lecture, Institute for Social Studies, Village Talk Series, ‘Cause and Responsibility: The Social Nature of Climate-related Crises’, The Hague (online), 14 Jan. 2022.
- Keynote Speaker, International Conference on Sustainable Woodfuel Value Chains in Sub-Saharan Africa: Social, Political, Economic and Ecological Dimensions, Kumasi Ghana (online), 24 Nov. 2021.
- Keynote Panel (with Arun Agrawal), The 7th Annual Meeting of the Forests and Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement (FLARE) Network and the Global Landscapes Forum, Glasgow (online – recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mF94n-7fIH8>) 5 Nov. 2021.
- Invited Panelist, “Undisciplined Knowledge” AAG [Zoom] panel discussion. November 2021.
- Invited Lecture, NYU Medical Center lecture series, ‘Etiology of Vulnerability’, New York (online). 1 Nov. 2021.
- Invited Lecture, The FED’s (US Federal Reserve System) Ecology and the Economy Speaker Series of the Board of Governors, ‘Modeling Climate-Related Vulnerabilities: Migration and Precarious Lives in the Sahel’, Washington, DC (online). July 2021.
- Keynote Speaker, Interrogating Relational Ontologies Workshop, SOAS, London. July 2021.
- Invited speaker, *Can Africa Claim the 21st Century Report* 20 Years on Workshop. Office of the Chief Economist for Africa, The World Bank, Washington, DC (online). 7-14 June 2021.
- Invited Lecture, Vibrant Forest Landscapes 2020 – 2023 lecture series. University of British Columbia. Victoria (online), March 2021.
- Invited Speaker, ‘Access Failure: Explaining Climate-Related Migration in the Sahel’, Conservation and Development Seminar Series, Oxford (online), see: <https://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/research/ecosystems/forestgovernance/index.html>, Mar. 2021.

- Invited Lecture, Webinar on Politics of Forced Migration at the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA), University of Waterloo, Ontario (online), Feb. 2021.
- Moderator on Book Launch, *China Goes Green: Environmental Authoritarianism in a Troubled World*. Polity Press book by Yifei Li & Judith Shapiro, <http://bit.ly/SISORYTShapiro> (online), Sept. 2020.
- Keynote Speaker, African Forest Policies and Politics (AFORPOLIS) Conference, Accra, Ghana, September 2020. Postponed due to covid19.
- Invited Speaker, 'Causes of Departure: 'Climate' Migration from the West African Sahel', for the Institutions and State Deployment for Service Delivery in G5 Sahel BBL Series - West-Africa Governance Unit of the World Bank, Washington, Oct. 2019.
- Invited Lecture, 'Climate and Migration from the Sahel: Causality under Changing Skies', Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU. Sept. 2019.
- Invited Speaker, Faculdade de Agronomia e Engenharia Florestal (FAEF), José Mondlane University, 'Vulnerability under a Changing Sky: Emigration from the Sahel to Europe', Maputo Mozambique, June 2019.
- Keynote Speaker, 'What is Local Democracy? Challenges and Promises', Summer Academy of the International Center for Local Democracy, Umeå, Sweden. June 2019.
- Invited Speaker, 'Etiology of Dislocation: 'Climate Refugees' in the Sahel', NYU Langone School of Medicine, Physicians for Human Rights Speaker Series, NY. May 2019.
- Keynote Speaker, 'Xenophobia under a Changing Sky: Emigration from the Sahel to Europe', Alison Des Forges spring symposium on Climate Change and Its Effects on Africa, Buffalo, NY. April 2019.
- Colloquium Speaker, 'Crisis does not Fall from the Sky: Emigration from the Sahel in the Anthropocene', CUNY Graduate Center Anthropology Program, New York. March 2019.
- Invited Discussant, Gender Panel at the Conference on 'The Power of 10: Shaping the Future of Climate Action', Final Evaluative Meeting of the World Bank Climate Investment Fund (CIF), Ouarzazate, Morocco, Jan. 2019
- Invited Panelist, 'Climate Refugees? Toward a Sociodicy of Climate Risk', at the conference on Climate Induced Displacement: Legal Challenges and Opportunities, Yale Macmillan Center, Yale University. October 2018.
- Invited Panelist, 'Growing Roles of Local Government', UCLG United City Local Government Association. Stockholm, Sweden. June 2018.
- Invited Lecture, 'Social Contract Failures as Causes of Sahelian Emigration: The Case of Eastern Senegal', The World Bank, World Development Report 2017 Team. Washington, DC. March 2018.
- Invited Lectures (co-presented with Papa Faye), 'Migrants Don't Fall from the Sky: Roles of Local Government in Emigration Decisions', Practitioner lecture (to Swedish Mayors) and Scholarly Lecture (University of Lund), International Center for Local Democracy, Malmö/Lund, Sweden. Feb. 2018.
- Keynote Speaker, 'Cause and Responsibility in the Anthropocene: Sociodicy under a Changing Sky', Development Days 2018 conference on The politics of sustainability: Re-thinking resources, values and justice, University of Helsinki, Finland.
[\[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5V9w1oP7Rlw\]](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5V9w1oP7Rlw) Feb. 2018

- Invited Speaker, 'Climate and Social Vulnerability', Institute for Sustainability, Energy and the Environment annual conference, University of Illinois. Sept. 2017.
- Invited Discussant on 'Access' at a conference organized by the Center for International Forestry Research to produce a journal special issue based on Ribot and Peluso 2003 article on theory of access. International Association for the Study of Commons, Utrecht. Jul. 2017.
- Invited Lecture, 'Access and Vulnerability', Institute for Social Studies, The Hague. Jul. 2017.
- Invited Lecture, 'Framing Vulnerability and Migration', Rule and Rupture Summer Institute, University of Copenhagen, Skågen, Denmark, July 2017.
- Podcast, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholarship, Backdraft #6: Jesse Ribot on Why It's So Important for Climate Interventions to Work Through Local Democracy: https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/ecsp-wwc/episodes/2017-04-06T08_07_03-07_00_April_2017.
- Invited SESYNC Distinguished Scholar-Lecturer, "Climate and Social Vulnerability: Analytics of Cause and Responsibility," National Socio-environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), Annapolis. Nov. 2016. View Lecture: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZVMU86zDn8&t=3140s>.
- Fellow Speaker, 'Cause and Blame under a Changing Sky', Center for Advanced Studies in Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University. October 2016.
- Invited Panelist, Panel discussion on: The Conflict Potential of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation: Backdraft Revisited. Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington, DC. September 2016.
- Invited Speaker, 'Climate and Vulnerability Analytics and Field Research Methods on Access and Risk', College of Cooperatives of Qingdao University, Shandong Province, China, June 2016.
- Invited Speaker, 'The Dangers of Explaining Climate Crisis – The Contentiousness of Cause', China Agricultural University, Beijing, May 2016.
- Keynote Speaker, 'Social Causality of our Common Climate Crisis', European Meeting of the International Association for the Study of Commons; Commons in a 'Glocal' World: Global Connections and Local Responses. Bern, Switzerland, 10-12 May 2016.
- Invited Speaker, 'The Dangers of Explaining Climate Crisis – The Contentiousness of Cause', Environmental Institutions Seminar at the Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University, 15 April 2016.
- Keynote Speaker, 'Cause and Blame: Beyond an Instrumental Sociology of Risk', Third International Conference of the Thematic Group Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty of the International Sociological Association (ISA), UNAM, Mexico City Feb. 2016. http://investigacion.politicas.unam.mx/sri/?page_id=481
- Invited Speaker, 'Unflattening the World: Cause and Responsibility under a Humanist Sky', Symposium on Global Governance/Politics: Climate Justice and Agrarian/Social Justice – Linkages and Challenges, Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, 3-4 February 2016.
- Keynote Speaker, 'Generating Vulnerability: Regulating Access to Forest Profits in Senegal', Contested resources, competing claims, conflicting policies: Climate change mitigation/adaptation/conservation & agricultural concessions, food security & democratization and peace-building; a National Dialogue in Myanmar. Yangon 26-27 Jan. 2016.

- Invited Speaker, 21st Conference of the Parties (CoP21) ‘Non-carbon Benefits: The Key to Successful REDD+ Implementation in Africa’, Economic Commission for Africa, African Pavilion, Paris 6 December 2015.
- Final Synthesis Discussant, Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement (FLARE), Paris, Musée de l’Homme Nov. 2015.
- Keynote Speaker, ‘Power in Natural Resource Access’, at Power in political ecology workshop of the European Political Ecology Network, Bergen, Nov. 2015.
- Invited Speaker, ‘Cause and Blame in the Anthropocene’, African Studies, Northwestern University, April 2015.
- Invited Speaker at Decentralisation Reforms – Local Governance – Local and Territorial Development conference of the EU, ‘Local Authority and the Production of Democracy’ and ‘Local Authority in Natural Resources Management’, Brussels April 2015.
- Invited Speaker, ‘Farce of the Commons: Humor, Irony and Subordination through a Camera’s Lens’, Department of Anthropology, University of Bern, September 2014.
- Invited Speaker, ‘Getting to the Sociocene: Beyond an Instrumental Sociology of Risk,’ University of Copenhagen, August 2014.
- Invited Speaker, ‘Democratic Decentralization Theory and Practice’, UE Séminaire Régional sur la Décentralisation et la Gouvernance Locale en Afrique Francophone, Nouakchott, May 2014.
- Invited Speaker, “Climate Change and the Human Sciences” speaker series in the Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory, University of Chicago, by invitation of Dipesh Chakrabarty, May 2014.
- Invited Speaker, Risk and Blame in the Anthropocene: Causes of Vulnerability under a Changing Sky, Geography Colloquium at U. Minnesota, February 2014.
- Invited Speaker, Yale, 40th Anniversary of the *Journal of Peasant Studies*, September 2013.
- Invited Public Lecture, University of Copenhagen, Climate Change, ‘Risk and Blame in the Anthropocene: Toward a Sociology of Climate Risk’, May 2013.
- Invited Speaker, Yale, UNITAR Workshop on Rights in Environmental Governance: Explaining their Emergence, Examining their Effectiveness, April 2013.
- Keynote speaker, IASC Africa, ‘Humor, Irony and Subordination: Farce of the Commons’, Cape Town, April 2013.
- Invited Speaker, African Studies Center, “Humor, Irony and Ordinary Absurdity: Subordination through a Camera’s Lens” U. Illinois, January 2013
- Keynote speaker, Conference on Building Resilient Communities through Community-Based Forest Management, Faculty of Natural Resources Management, Lakehead University, Ontario, Canada, January 2013.
- Invited Speaker, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Invited Speaker, Yale ‘Choice & Recognition in Natural Resource Decentralization: Studying Democracy Effects of REDD’, November 2012.
- Occupy Nature Teach-in on Making REDD+ Emancipatory, Earth Summit, Rio, June 2012.
- Keynote speaker, Social Dimensions of REDD, ‘Social Protections on Environmental Protections: Making REDD an Emancipatory Project’, University of Copenhagen, Jun. 2012.
- ICARUS Plenary Round Table, “Adaptation” Columbia University, May 2012.

- Millennium Villages Series, 'Making REDD+ Emancipatory: Comparative Research Rural Democracy'. Earth Institute, Columbia University, May 2012.
- Identifying Lessons for Natural Resource Management in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding Conference, Roundtable on 'Rural Development in Fragile Political Environments' Discussion framer and moderator. Earth Institute, Columbia University, April 2012.
- Politics Talk, 'Choice and Recognition: Local Democracy Effects of Climate Change Interventions', The New School for Social Research, New York, March 2012.
- Conference Synthesis Speaker, National Museum of African Art of the Smithsonian, Symposium on Land Use in Africa, Washington, DC, March 2012.
- Colloquium Speaker, Climate and Society Seminar Series, 'Choice and Recognition: Local Democracy Effects of Climate Change Interventions', Rutgers University, Feb. 2012.
- Radio & Television of Senegal, Twenty Minute debate on forestry policy with Senegal's forest service and national forestry union representatives on *Espace-Nature*, a national public television program on environment and development. Feb. 2012.
- Synthesis Speaker, Rockefeller Foundation Dialogue on Resilience, NY, Aug. 2011.
- Keynote Speaker, Conference on Forestry and Global Change, Helsinki, June 2011.
- Speaker, Global Studies, Prisms of Globalization Speaker Series, UIUC, Feb. 2011.
- ATREE speaker series, 'Extraction Vulnerability in a Climate of Inequality: Forest Management and Marginality in Senegal', ATREE, Bangalore, India, Jan 2011.
- Natural Resources in the Economic Development of Africa Speaker Series, Center for International Studies and Institute for African Development, Cornell University, Nov 2010.
- Framing speaker, Panel on Climate and Local Government, United Nations Preparatory meeting for Global Forum on Local Development, Kampala, Uganda, October 2010.
- Keynote speaker, Rio +20 Preparatory Meeting on Sustainable Development in Arid and Semiarid Lands (ICID II), Fortaleza, Brazil in August 2010. Proceedings at <http://www.cgee.org.br/publicacoes/drylands.php>.
- Keynote speaker at The Luce Green Governance Conference, U.C. Berkeley, June 2010.
- Speaker at Swedish International Development Agency's (SIDA) workshop on Human Rights and Democracy Policy for Swedish development aid, Stockholm, 3 May 2010.
- Invited speaker, Beckman Institute Director's Seminar, 'Why did Icarus Fall from the Sky? Climate change and the political economy of vulnerability', 27 January 2010.
- Speaker on "Equity, Institutions and Vulnerability" at IGBP, ESSP, and IPCC Meeting on Impact, Adaptation and Vulnerability (IAV) at the Brazilian Institute for Space Research, São José dos Campos, Brazil, November 2009.
- Workshop on Political Theory, Invited by Elinore Ostrom, University of Indiana 'Commodity Chain Analysis as a Policy Tool' Bloomington, 4/09.
- Conference on Rights, Forests and Climate Change, 'Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation: Towards a Framework for Climate Action' Oslo 10/08.
- Guest on *Dialogue*, a 30-minute nationally broadcast television news program hosted by the Woodrow Wilson Center (Channel 56) 5/08. See Video links at end of CV.
- Panelist, World Bank-Carnegie joint Study Group on Democracy and Development, Focus on Democratic Decentralization and Development, Carnegie Endowment 6/08.

- Keynote speaker, 'Developing the potential of local governments in natural resource management and environmental governance seminar'. The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Hague 5/08.
- Seminar on the economic social and ecological importance of the world's tropical forests and the challenges facing them 'Distributional Equity in Forest Exploitation: Double Standards on an Uneven Playing Field' Forest and Landscape Institute, University of Copenhagen 5/08. To view see: <http://www.vimeo.com/1411865>.
- Keynote Speaker, Workshop on Forest Governance and Decentralization in Africa, A Country-led Initiative in Support of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) 'Building Institutions for Democratic and Decentralized Forest Management in Sub-Saharan Africa' Durban 04/08.
- USAID Biodiversity team, 'Weex Dunx and the Quota: The Plucking of Local Democracy in Senegal' Washington 2/08.
- The World Bank, Asia Decentralization Talk Series, 'Decentralization and Natural Resources: Local Democracy in Comparative Perspective'. Washington 1/08.
- University of Florida, African Studies Center, 'Decentralization with Continued Extraction of Rural Wealth in Senegal'. Gainesville, FL 10/07.
- University of Michigan, Society and Natural Resources Department, 'Wealth and Destitution in Senegal's Charcoal Market'. Ann Arbor, MI 10/07.
- USAID Biodiversity team, round table on Reinvigorating the Conservation and Social Science Engagement, Washington 9/07.
- USAID Economic Growth speaker series, 'Commodity Chain Analysis as a Policy Tool', Washington 5/07.
- Norway Agency for Development (NORAD), 'Institutional Choice and Recognition: Effects on the Formation and Consolidation of Local Democracy'. Oslo 5/07.
- Nordic Africa Institute (NAI), Discussant and Panelist at conference on New Agrarian Questions in Africa. Uppsala, Sweden 5/07.
- Bonn International Center for Conversion Speaker Series (co-sponsored by GTZ), 4/07. 'Institutional Choice and Recognition: Effects on the Formation and Consolidation of Local Democracy'. Bonn 4/07.
- Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Colloquium, 'Institutional Choice and Recognition: Effects on the Formation and Consolidation of Local Democracy'. Halle, Germany 4/07.
- Sustainability in an Unequal World Seminar, University of Tokyo, 'The Poverty of Policy: Double Standards on an Uneven Playing Field', Tokyo, Japan 11/06.
- The World Bank Sustainable Development Network Week & Learning Week 'Decentralization and Downward Accountability: Principles of Institutional Choice', Washington, DC 11/06.
- Guest speaker on 'Weex Dunx and the Quota: Plucking Rural Democracy in Senegal's Forestry Sector', African Studies Group, Johns Hopkins University, 10/06.
- USAID FRAME Natural Products meeting, 'Distributional Equity along Natural Product Commodity Chains', Washington, DC 10/06
- Plenary Round Table speaker, discussion of Arun Agrawal and Elinor Ostrom's most recent books, IASCP, Bali, 6/06.

- Guest speaker on 'Representation Citizenship and the Public Domain: Institutional Choice in Decentralization', at Rokokyu University, Kyoto, Japan 6/06.
- Science, Environment and Development Seminar, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 4/06.
- Environmental Politics Series, Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley 4/06.
- Saltzman Forum on Promoting Democracy, by invitation of Madeline Albright, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University 10/05.
- Guest on *Dialogue*, a 30-minute nationally broadcast television news program hosted by the Woodrow Wilson Center (Channel 56) 6/05. See Video links at end of CV.
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Africa Program and Environmental Change and Security Project, Washington DC 5/05. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iS-9dHhwGJ0>.
- University of Michigan, Department of Society, Natural Resources and the Environment, Ann Arbor, MI 4/05
- Oregon State University, Program in History of Science, Department of History and Department of Geosciences, Corvallis, OR 3/05
- University of California, Energy and Resources Group, Berkeley 3/05
- US Agency for International Development, Conference on Decentralization for Democracy and Governance officers in Asia and Near East, Cairo 2/05
- World Bank Environment Department, Washington, DC 11/04
- Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT 10/04
- Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 10/03.
- Cambridge University, Cambridge 10/03.
- London School of Economics, London 10/03.
- IFPRI, Washington, DC 7/03.
- Plenary Speaker, Politics of the Commons Conference, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 7/03.
- Centre for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge, Kunming, China, 7/03.
- USAID, Democracy and Governance Program, 2/03.
- Rethinking Good Governance Talk Series, ODI/DFID, London, 3/02.
- The World Bank, Environmental Governance Series, 9/01.
- Keynote Talk, United Nations Conference on Decentralization in Africa, Western Cape, 3/01.
- Program on Land and Agrarian Studies, University of Western Cape, 3/01.
- Global Studies Program, International Institute, University of Wisconsin, 12/00.
- Conférence sur les Ecosystèmes de Forêts Dense et Humides d'Afrique Centrale (CEFDHAC), Bujumbura, Burundi, 5/00.
- Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley, 2/00.
- Yale Center for International and Area Studies, New Haven, 2/00.
- Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2/00.
- Southern African Regional Institute for Policy Studies (SARIPS), Harare, Zimbabwe, 2/00.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- International Advisory Board of ERA Chair program on Imagination and Society, Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon, February 2025-

- Coordination Committee for the 8th Annual FLARE (Forests and Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement) Meeting in Rome, Italy, October 7- 10, 2022. <http://www.forestlivelihoods.org/>. Feb 2022-
- Scientific Advisory Board: Malmon (a farmer-researcher network; See: <https://www.malmon-desira.com/scientific-advisors> / www.malmon-desira.com). 2021-
- Board Member: AFORPOLIS (African Forest Policies & Politics). 2018-
- Editorial Board of *Climate Policy*. 2016-
- Coordinating Committee of FLARE (Forests and Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement) of University of Michigan. 2015-
- Scientific Advisory Board member R4D project "Towards Food Sustainability" of the Swiss Programme of Research on Global Issues for Development based at University of Bern. 2014-
- Advisory Board of the "Property, Access and Exclusion along the Charcoal Commodity Chain in Ghana" project, Danish Research Council Research Project at the University of Copenhagen (PI Christian Pelegaard Hansen). 2014-
- Editorial Board Member: the *Journal of Forest Livelihoods*. 2014-
- Advisory Board of the ProCit (Property and Citizenship) Danish Research Council Research Program at the University of Copenhagen (PI Christian Lund). 2013-
- Advisory Board of Institute for Energy, Sustainability and Environment, U. Illinois. 2013-18
- Editorial Board Member: the journal *Forests*. 2012-
- Advisory Board of Global Studies Program, U. Illinois. 2013-18
- Leadership Team: Center for Transformative Climate Solutions, University of Illinois, 2010-18
- Advisory Board: International Center for Local Democracy. 2010-
- Editorial Board Member: *International Journal of the Commons*. 2010-
- Editorial Board Member: *Conservation and Society*. 2009-
- Co-founder and Co-director of ICARUS, Initiative for Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (<https://umsustdev.org/icarus-conferences/> and <https://www.jesseribot.com/Projects/ICARUS---Initiative-for-Climate-Adaptation-Research-and-Understanding-through-the-Social-Sciences>). 2009-
- Editorial Board Member: *Journal of Peasant Studies*. 2008-
- Editorial Board Member: *Development and Change*. 2008-
- Board Member: International Association for the Study of Commons (IASC). 2006-15
- Editorial Board Member: *Global Environmental Change*. 2004-2017
- Editorial Board Member: *European Journal of Development Research*. 2002-2006
- Board Member: The Institute for Research and Development–SHODH, Nagpur, India. 2001-10.

TEACHING

Teaching at American University (Fall 2019 to present)

- American University Teaching:
 - SIS 620: Graduate Course, 'The Political Economy of Hunger'. Spring 2026.
 - Sis 419: Undergraduate Capstone Course, 'The Political Economy of Hunger. Spring 2026.

- SIS 620: Graduate Course, 'Global Climate Change'. Spring 2024,2023,2022,2021.
- SIS 419: Undergraduate Capstone Course, 'Climate and Social Vulnerability'. Fall 2025; Spring 2024,2023,2022,2021.
- SIS 620-X: Graduate Course, 'Climate Ethics: Cause and Blame' (actual title: 'Climate Crises: Cause and Responsibility in the Anthropocene'). Fall 2023.
- SIS 419: Undergraduate Capstone Course, 'Climate Ethics: Cause and Blame' (actual title: 'Climate Crises: Cause and Responsibility in the Anthropocene'). Fall 2023.
- SIS 620: Graduate Course, 'Democracy and the Environment'. Fall 2022.
- SIS 419: Undergraduate Capstone Course, 'Democracy and the Environment'. Fall 2022.
- SIS 660-01: Required Graduate Survey Course, 'Global Environmental Politics'. Fall 2021.
- SIS 620-3: Graduate Course, 'Democracy and the Environment'. Fall 2020.
- SIS 620-1: Graduate Course, 'Studies in Global Environmental Politics: Global Climate Change'. Fall 2019.
- SIS 620-3: Graduate Course, 'Democracy and the Environment'. Spring 2020.
- SIS 419-1: Undergraduate Capstone Course, 'Climate and Social Vulnerability'. Spring 2020.
- Various thesis advising for undergraduate 'capstone' projects and masters students. Also Fulbright application development mentoring.

Teaching at University of Illinois (Spring 2008 through Spring 2018)

Note: I was on sabbatical for the calendar year of 2016 and Spring 2017, and on research leave 2018-19, so did not teach during these periods. Evaluations for my teaching are available from U. Illinois upon request through 2015 and then 2017-18.

· UIUC Teaching:

- Geography 493: 'Democracy and Environment' every even fall
- Geography 496: 'Climate and Social Vulnerability' every odd fall [Cross-listed as Atmospheric Science 446 and Sociology 451]
- Geography 491: 'Research Methods in Geography' (My own title for this course is 'Doctoral Research Proposal Writing') MS and Ph.D. Proposal Writing course, every spring [List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their students for 2014]
- Geography 466: 'Environmental Policy' every spring [List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their students for 2014, 2015]
- Geography 210: 'Contemporary Social and Environmental Problems,' Undergraduate survey course that I have taught only twice Spring 2011 and Fall 2017.

Other teaching

- Intensive 5-day Doctoral Course on Environmental Justice, University of Copenhagen, 12-17 June 2017.
- Intensive 5-day Doctoral Course on Political Philosophy and the Environment, University of Copenhagen, May 2015.
- Intensive 4-day Seminar for European Union Delegates Worldwide "EU Regional Seminar on Decentralisation Reforms – Local Governance – Local and Territorial Development," Brussels, 13-17 April 2015, organized by the European Commission.

- Intensive 4-day Seminar for European Union Delegates to Francophone Africa “EU Regional Seminar on Decentralization and Local Governance,” Nouakchott, 19-22 May 2014, organized by the European Commission.
- Upper division undergrad. Course (466) ‘Environmental Policy’ Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Spring 2014. Ranked as Excellent by Students Spring 2014.
- Upper division undergrad. and grad. course (496) ‘Climate and Social Vulnerability: Concepts and Policy Approaches’ Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Fall 2009, Fall 2011, Fall 2013.
- Intensive PhD Course on ‘Political Ecology’ (co-taught with Christian Lund, and Jens Friis Lund), Forest & Landscape Denmark, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen, forthcoming 13-17 May 2013.
- Upper division undergrad. and grad. course (493) ‘Democracy and Environment’ Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Fall 2010, Fall 2012.
- Grad. course ‘MS and Ph.D. Proposal Writing’ (491), Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, forthcoming Spring 2013.
- Upper division undergrad. and grad. course (495) ‘Democracy and Environment’ Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Fall 2010, Fall 2012.
- Intensive PhD Course on ‘Political Ecology’ (co-taught with Tim Forsyth, Anja Nygren, Christian Lund, and Jens Friis Lund), Forest & Landscape Denmark, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen, 4-9 June 2012.
- Intensive PhD Course on ‘Political Philosophy, Power and Environment’ (co-taught with Lars Bo Anderson and Jens Friis Lund), Forest & Landscape Denmark, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen, 23-27 May 2011.
- Undergrad. (80 students) course (210) ‘Contemporary Social and Environmental Problems’ University of Illinois, Spring 2011, Fall 2017.
- Intensive PhD Course on ‘Political Philosophy, Power and Environment’ (co-taught with Lars Bo Anderson, Casper Jensen and Jens Friis Lund), Forest & Landscape Denmark, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen, 23-28th May 2010.
- Intensive PhD Course on ‘Micro-Politics in Africa’ (co-teaching with Thomas Bierschenk, Carola Lentz, Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan, Giorgio Blundo and Sten Hagberg) Roskilde University, Roskilde, Denmark. Forthcoming in 2-7 May 2010.
- Intensive PhD Course on ‘Decentralized Natural Resources Management’ (lead professor co-taught with Anja Nygren, Thorsten Treue, and Jens Friis Lund), Forest & Landscape Denmark, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen, 13-16 May 08.
- ‘Rural Development’ (co-taught with Jon Anderson) SIPA, Columbia University (Graduate Course), Spring 06.
- ‘Political Economy of Environment and Sustainable Development in the Third World’, Department of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP), MIT (Grad.) Spring 94, Fall 92,91.
- ‘Research Issues in Environment and Development’, DUSP, MIT (Grad.) F93,92,91.
- ‘Livelihoods, Population and Environment Working Group’, postdoctoral working group for MacArthur Fellows and some MIT and Harvard doctoral students at Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, F93.

- 'Environmental Issues—Junior Tutorial' five week intensive case study of Java and policy exercise on tropical forestry, co-taught with Prof. Gita Sen in Prof. William Clark's course at Harvard College (Senior Under-grad.) S93.
- 'Developing Country Energy and Environmental Planning', DUSP, MIT (Grad.) S93,92.
- 'Workshop on Sustainable Development', for mid-career developing-country students from Clark, Harvard, MIT, Tufts, and Boston University. Sponsored by the Coolidge Center for Environmental Leadership. Nov. 92.
- 'LDC Energy Planning Workshop', UN Fellowship Program, two-week intensive energy-planning and analysis workshop for African Professionals. F88.
- 'Graduate Seminar; Energy in Development', U.C., Berkeley (Grad.) F84.
- 'Energy Technology', Hampshire (Undergrad., Co-taught w/Prof. Williams) S80.
- 'The Sociology of Natural Resources', UC Berkeley (TA for N. Peluso, Undergrad.) S88.
- 'Environmental Physics', UC Berkeley (TA for J. Harte, Undergrad.) Fall85.
- 'Quantitative Methods in Energy and Environmental Analysis', UC Berkeley (TA for J. Harte, Grad.) F85.
- 'Energy and Society', UC Berkeley (TA for J.P. Holdren, Grad.) F83.
- 'Physics of Energy Conversion and Use', UC Berkeley (TA for A. Rosenfeld, Under Grad.) S82.
- 'Math for Scientists and Social Scientists', Hampshire (TA for K. Hoffman, Undergrad.) F80.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Current

- Doctoral Committee Member, American University School of International Service, Aakansha Jain, Starting Spring 2024. 2024-
- Doctoral Chair, American University School of International Service, Ali Kaba, Starting Fall 2020-
- Doctoral Committee Chair, Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Alois Mandondo, F2013- [On family medical leave in Zimbabwe since Fall 2016 – will probably remain ABD]
- Doctoral Committee Chair, Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Carol Burga, F2013- [Passed departmental exams May 2017, on maternity leave]
- Doctoral Committee Member (Andrew Orta, Chair) of John Ben Soileau, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois, passed first committee review April 2013, completed field research May 2016, 2011- [Writing up field research. Took two-year post at NSF and his write up has been delayed.]

Completed

- Doctoral Committee Member (Joe Young, Chair), Natalie Catherine Chwalisz, American University School of Public Affairs, "Resilience Amidst Peril: Three Papers on Clandestine Migration." Doctorate in Justice, Law, and Criminology. Defended March 2024.
- Doctoral Committee Outside Opponent (Irmeli Mustalahti, Chair), Rijal Rahmani, University of Jyväskylä, Finland, December 2023.

- Doctoral Committee Member (Matthew Turner, Chair), Erin Kitchell, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin, Spring 2015-April 2023.
 - Thesis Title: “Protecting Livestock Mobility: Claim-making, Territorialization, and Institutional Politics in Central Senegal.”
- Opponent at Doctoral Defense (Jun Borras, Chair) of Yukari Sekine, “Agrarian Struggles in the Era of Climate Change, Populism and Authoritarianism in Myanmar, Institute for Social Studies in The Hague. Defended March 2023.
- Doctoral Committee member (Faranak Miraftab, Chair) of Efadul Huq, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, UI, Starting Fall 2020. Defended May 2021.
 - Assistant Professor at Mt. Smith College.
- External Reviewer (Mari Mulyani, Chair) on Ph.D. defense of Rachel (Logan) Hamilton (Thomas F. Thornton and Constance McDermott, supervisors), School of Geography and the Environment at Linacre College of Oxford University (topic: forest governance and village-level political decentralization in Indonesia). Fall 2020. Defended successfully on 20 February 2021.
- Doctoral Committee Chair for Rea Zaimi, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois, , Fall 2015-Fall 2020.
 - 2019-2020: Charles Alexander Fellowship – Department of Geography and GIS, UIUC
 - 2018-2019: Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant – The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
 - 2018-2019: Graduate Student Fellow – Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (Annual Theme: Race Work) UIUC
 - 2018: Conference Travel Grant – The Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 - 2017: Charles Alexander Fellowship – Department of Geography and GIS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 - 2021-2023: Post doc at the Urban Studies Institute at Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies starting January 2021.
- Opponent at Doctoral Defense (Jun Borras, Chair) of Sara Vigil, Institute for Social Studies in The Hague. Defended November 2019.
 - Thesis title “Geopolitical Ecologies of Environmental Change, Land Grabbing, and Migration: Comparative perspectives from Senegal and Cambodia,”
- Opponent at Doctoral Defense (Jun Borras, Chair) of Ratha Thuon, Institute for Social Studies in The Hague. Defended November 2019.
 - Thesis title: “International Accountability Mechanisms of Multilateral Development Banks: The Practice in Cambodia.”
- Doctoral Committee Member (Emily Osborn, chair), John Skylor Cropper, Department of History, University of Chicago, Began Spring 2015. Defended May 2019.
 - Thesis title: “Fueling the State: Energy, Politics, and the Environment in Senegal: 1450 to the Present.”
- Doctoral Committee Member, Frank Kwaku Agyei (Emmanuel Acheampong and Christian Pilegaard Hansen), Joint Ph.D. from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology,

Ghana Department of Silviculture and Forest Management and The University of Copenhagen, Department of Food and Resource Economics, Began 2015. Deposited May 2019. [I was taken off official committee the week before the defense due to the university's unwillingness to use video participation.]

- Thesis title: "Profits, Access and Authority along Ghana's Charcoal Commodity Chain."
- Doctoral Committee Member (Trevor Birkenholtz, chair), Ryan Stock, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois, began Spring 2015. (Defended March 2019).
 - Thesis title: "Encircling the sun: A political ecology of solar development in India."
- Doctoral Committee Chair, Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Poonam Jusrut, began Spring 2009." (Deposited May 2016.)
 - Thesis title: "The black diamond of Tambacounda: Charcoal, representation and decentralized development in the forests of Eastern Senegal."
 - CODESRIA, Responsive Forest Governance Initiative Grant of \$20,000, Fall 2011.
- Co-supervisor (with James Murombedzi of CODESRIA) of 34 researchers in the Responsive Forest Governance Initiative. The researchers conducted ethnographic research 2012-13, have been writing up research working papers and articles 2013-14. 2011-2016.
- Doctoral Committee Chair, Department of Geography, University of Illinois, April Colette, began Summer 2010 – Fall 2015.
 - Tinker Foundation Grant
 - National Science Foundation, \$12,000, for project, entitled "Doctoral Dissertation Research: The Reproduction of Vulnerability in Santa Fe, Argentina", is under the direction of Jesse Ribot, April Colette, Doctoral Dissertation Candidate. Fall 2011.
 - SSRC Grant of \$17,000, Spring 2012.
 - Deposited Thesis December 2015:
 - Thesis title: "Floods, favors and fixes: the reproduction of vulnerability in Santa Fe, Argentina." PDF <http://etd.ideal.illinois.edu/advisor/PBMDcx6Pc28/review>
- MS Committee Chair, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, UI, Rea Zaimi, 2013-December 2015.
 - Thesis title: "Recycling Citizenship: Infrastructural Transformation and Access Struggles in Dakar's Solid Waste Management System." PDF: <http://hdl.handle.net/2142/90702>.
- Supervisor, Yuanyuan Xie (postdoctoral fellow visiting from National Strategy Institute of Tsinghua University, 2014-15.
- Supervisor, Jacques Pollini (Postdoctoral fellow, RFGI), 2013-2015.
- Doctoral Committee Member (Thomas Bassett, Chair), Department of Geography at University of Illinois, Charles Fogelman.
 - Thesis title: Gender, authority, and the politics of land in Lesotho – <https://www.ideal.illinois.edu/handle/2142/98153>
- Doctoral Committee Co-chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Burn, Dr. Pape Faye, 2011- September 2014.
 - Open Society Fellow of Soros Institute 2017-18 after receiving his doctorate.

- Full support scholarship from University of Burn (140,000 Swiss Francs), Fall 2011.
 - USAID Research Consultancy (\$12,000), Spring 2013.
 - CODESRIA, Responsive Forest Governance Initiative visiting scholar at UIUC SDEP Program Grant, \$4000, Fall 2013-Spring 2014.
 - Faye, Papa. 2014. *Democratizing Forestry: Constitutionality and Local Democracy in two Senegal's Forest Interventions*. PhD Dissertation presented in partial fulfillment of the Grade of Doctor in Philosophy and Humanities, Institute of Social Anthropology at the University of Bern, September 2014.
- Doctoral Committee Member (Ashwini Chhatre, chair), Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Dr. Harry Fishcer, 2011- May 2014.
- Advisor to visiting doctoral student from China Agricultural University, Yuxin Zhao, F2013-S2014.
- Doctoral Committee Member (Julie Cidell, chair), Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Dr. Devon Lechtenberg, Fall 2011 – 2014.
- Supervisor, Emmanuel Nuesiri (Postdoctoral fellow, SDEP, Geography under RFGI project), 2011-2014.
- Doctoral Committee Member (Ashwini Chhatre, chair), Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Pushpendra Rana, 2012- February 2014.
- MS Committee Chair, Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Carol Burga, 2011- December 2013. <http://hdl.handle.net/2142/46605>.
- Doctoral Qualifying Exam Committee, Shikha Lakhpal, 2013.
- Supervisor, Jeremy Brooks (Postdoctoral fellow, SDEP), 2009-2012.
- Supervisor, Malini Ranganathan (Postdoctoral fellow, SDEP), 2010-2013.
- Doctoral Committee Member, Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Robert Cochran, Defended April 2012, S2011- S2012.
- MS Committee Chair, Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Aron Flynn, "Safeguarding REDD Green Peripheries" <http://hdl.handle.net/2142/42282>. Defended successfully January 2012.
- Doctoral Committee Member, Department of Geography, Wageningen University, Jessica Milgroom, 2011 - May 2012.
- Doctoral Committee Member, Department of Geography, Wageningen University, Purabi Bose, 2011 - May 2012.
- Distinction Project advisor (co-chaired with Brian Dill), Department of Geography, Title: "Grab or Gain? Recent Land Acquisition in Africa" Rebecca Rossman, Completed with High Distinction, April 2012. S2011-S2012.
- Advisor to visiting doctoral student from China Agricultural University, Zhang Yuting, F2011- S2013.
- Doctoral Committee Outside Reader (Talal Asad, chair), Department of Anthropology, City University New York, Melis Ece, Completed Fall 2011.
- Advisor to visiting doctoral student from China Agricultural University, Chen Li, 2010-2011.
- Advisor to visiting doctoral student from China Agricultural University, Hou Jing, 2009-2010.
- Doctoral Committee Member (Ken Conca, Chair), Department of Geography, University of Maryland, Karl Wurster, completed 2010.

- MS Thesis Defense Reviewer, Mukundi Mutasa “Zimbabwe’s Drought Conundrum: vulnerability and coping in Buhera and Chikomba districts” Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Aas, Norway, May 2010.
- Doctoral Committee Member, Department of Economics, Policy and Management, Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University/University of Copenhagen, Ms. Moeko Saito-Jensen, completed, 2009.
- Doctoral Committee Member (Dianne Rocheleau), Clark University, Ms. Solange Bandiaky Dissertation Topic: ‘The Gendered Traps and Opportunities of being Actors in the Decentralized Natural Resource Management Process in Senegal. The Case of Malidino Biodiversity Community Reserve in Tambacounda Region’, 2005-2007.
- Doctoral Committee Member, Boston University Geography Department, Dr. Pablo Suraez, Dissertation: ‘Decision Making for Reducing Vulnerability given new Climate Predictions: Case Studies from Metro Boston and Rural Zimbabwe’, Completed 2005.
- Doctoral Committee Member (Thomas Sikor, chair), Humboldt University, Berlin, Doctor of Philosophy in Rural Sociology, Dr. To Xuan Phuc, Dissertation Focus: Effects of the forest devolution policy and other mechanisms (e.g. market) on property relations in three Dao (ethnic minority) communities in the northern uplands of Vietnam. Completed 2007.
- Doctoral Committee Member (Paul Mathieu, chair), Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium, Dr. Pascale Delnooz, Dissertation: ‘Le Développement Participatif en Question: le cas des projets de gestion communautaire des forêts au Burkina Faso’. Completed 2000.
- MS ‘Capstone Project’ advisor for City and Regional Planning Department at NYU, 2000-04 (8 MS student theses).
- Thesis Advisor, Masters in City Planning (MCP), Department of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP), MIT, 6 theses, F91-S94.
- Academic Advisor, MCP, DUSP, MIT, F91-S94.
- Academic Advisor for Special (mid-career) Program in Urban Studies, Developing Areas Group, DUSP, MIT, F91-S94.
- Mentoring Through Research: My hiring, supervising and mentoring of young African researchers for my WRI-based research programs involved extensive advising and teaching. I have guided over fifty young African researchers through field-based basic research from the research design phase through field work, analysis, write up, and publication. Each project also involves methods workshops, mid-term research seminars, findings presentation workshops, and the writing of both popular articles and scholarly publications. These publications start as working papers. Many have become book chapters or journal articles. 1999-06. My research programs (not counting my students) have mentored over 80 young researchers to the point of publication. 1999-2016.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Doctoral Program Lobbying. Met twice with the doctoral committee to ask for a new doctoral program title.

- SIS Faculty Actions Committee (FAC) Chair. This committee oversees all hires and promotions as well as annual review of faculty service performance and faculty-related policy. F2021-S2022.
 - Completed Activities as FAC Chair (equivalent to being a department chair)
 1. Promotions
 - a. Chair 7 faculty meetings and wrote 7 promotion memos
 - b. Chair 1 full-professor promotion faculty meeting and memo for the newly hired Dean of SIS
 2. New Hires – 2 new hire memos completed
 3. New Hire Job Description Proposal – 1 proposal selected from a faculty-wide process (memo in Annex A)
 4. Establishment of 3PC committees for 2022-23
 5. Revision of Promotion and Tenure Guidelines to Integrate DEI Concerns – Guidelines in separate file attached
 6. Discussed Service Matrix and proposal for an Ad hoc Committee to revise the Service Matrix – we had a full faculty vote to delay updates due to pending hire of a new dean and potential reforms to the school structure (Annex C)
 7. Testing of and learning about the new Elements system
 8. Merit Review
 - a. Revised the Merit Review Narrative Memo and annotated it for next year's revisions – the memo and changes to consider for next year are in Annex B
 - b. Ranking of all SIS tenure-line faculty
 9. Organized FAC Elections for 2022-23 academic year
 10. Outlined action items for 2022-23 FAC to consider
 11. Writing of FAC Annual Report
 12. Orientation meeting for 2022-23 FAC
- SIS PhD concentration in development studies committee. Involves shepherding exams. F2021 -
 - SIS Faculty Actions Committee (FAC) member. This committee reviews all matters concerning faculty hiring and promotion policy. AU, June 2020-May 2021
 - School of International Service (SIS) Faculty Grant-Writing Mentor, AU. We are a group of three faculty who guide other faculty on developing research proposals and funding strategies – our main work is grant-writing support. Fall 2019-
 - Promotion review committee for three faculty at American University School of International Service, 2019-2020 academic year.
 - Junior Faculty mentor. Guiding of one junior faculty at AU through the tenure process.
 - Many external academic promotion reviews each year – recent reviews were at UCLA, U. Michigan, Rutgers, U. Arizona, U. Minnesota, Oxford U., NYU, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, U. Colorado, and others.
 - Peer reviewer for many journals. I do not keep track of this anymore as there are too many.
 - Co-chair "Education for Society's Grand Challenges" working group for the "Campus Conversation on Undergraduate Education" of the Vice Provost's office. Spring 2014.

- Assistant Professor (Human Dimensions/Social Science) Search Committee member, Natural Resources and Environmental Science Department, University of Illinois, Fall 2013/Spring 2014.
- Co-Editor (with James Murombedzi and Gretchen Walters), *[Responsive Forest Governance Initiative Working Paper Series](#)* of CODESRIA, IUCN & UIUC. 35 working papers. Fall 2013-Fall 2015.
 - <https://sdep.earth.illinois.edu/programs/democracyenvironment.aspx>
- Junior Faculty mentor. Support to three junior faculty at UIUC to guide them through their tenure process. 2008-2018.
- Regular Peer Reviewer for *World Development, Development and Change, Economic Geography, Global Change, Nature and Society, and Progress in Development Studies, European Journal of Development Research, Environment and Development Economics, CIFOR occasional papers, Conservation and Society*.
- Peer Reviewer for research grants from NSF Geography Grants, NSF Decision, Risk and Management, SSRC Africa Division, and MacArthur Foundation various divisions, European Union, DFID, European Research Council.
- Editor, *[Environmental Governance in Africa Working Paper Series](#)*, publications from the individual researchers in my field research programs at World Resources Institute, 37 working papers 2001- 2008. See:
 - <http://www.wri.org/publication/eaa-bellagio-documents>
 - <http://www.wri.org/publication/market-access-institutional-choice>
- Conference Organizing:
 - 2023 - Organized ICARUS VI (with Arun Agrawal, Maria Carmen Lemos and Ben Orlove) international conference (at U. Michigan) Sept. 2015 (35 participants from 12 countries).
 - 2020 -Organized Major Conference for Fall 2020 with Arun Agrawal (U. Michigan) the Sustainability and Development Conference – with the theme of Climate Justice. This meeting of 500 to 700 scholars was to take place at American University in Fall 2020, but was cancelled due to covid19.
 - 2020 -Organized (with Tor Benjamenson, U. Norway) Panel at POLLEN meetings in the UK, however, this was cancelled due to covid19.
 - 2020 -Organized (with Andrew Newsham, SOAS, U. London) a workshop/conference on the limits and dangers of flat or relational ontologies for political ecology – their inability to recognize ethics and justice. Postponed due to covid19.
 - 2015 -Organized panel at STEPS conference at IDS Sussex a panel on REDD+ and Representation, September 2015.
 - 2015 -Organized at IASC in Edmonton a plenary round table on Structural Violence and Commons in Memory of Cinque D'jhaspora, May 2015.
 - 2015 -Organized ICARUS IV (with Arun Agrawal, Maria-Carmen Lemos and Ben Orlove) international conference (at UIUC) May 2015 (50 participants from 15 countries).
 - 2014 -Co-organizing (with Lauren Goodlad, English Department, UI) Critical Inequalities seminar leading to symposium, May 2014.

2013 –Co-organized (with James Murombedzi of CODESRIA) Final Research Findings Meeting for RFGI, 3 week workshop in Cape Town, SA, April 2013.

2012 -Co-Organized ICARUS III conference (with Agrawal, Lemos and Orlove) at Columbia U. May 2012. A 3-day global conference.

2012 -Co-Organized (with James Murombedzi of CODESRIA) Mid-term Research Meeting for RFGI teams in Saly, Senegal, July/August 2012.

2012 -Co-Organized (with James Murombedzi of CODESRIA) Methods Training for RFGI teams in Gorée, Senegal, January 2012.

2011 -Co-Organized ICARUS II conference (with Agrawal, Lemos and Orlove) at U. Michigan in May 2011. A 3-day, 120-participant global conference.

2011 -Co-organized panel w/Thomas Bassett at AAG on Mapping Vulnerability, April 2011. AT AAG I was also at this conference involved in:

- Climate Adaptation, Landscapes, and Institutions II – Discussant
- Contemporary Land Grabs II: Ethnographies of the State – Discussant
- Global drylands: facing uncertainty and change in the 21st Century – Discussant
- Principled Engagement: Political ecologists and their interactions outside the academy – Panelist
- Representing Vulnerability: Maps, Narratives, and Political Action – Chair, Introducer, Co-Organizer (with Thomas Bassett)
- The Carbon Economy Revisited: Exploring political economy, governance and development in the Carbon Market (I - LULUCF and Development) – Discussant

2010 -Co-organizing w/Antonio Rocha Magalhães a Rio +20 Preparatory Meeting on Sustainable Development in Arid and Semiarid Lands (ICID II). This conference took place in Fortaleza, Brazil in August 2010, funded by the Ministry of Environment of Brazil, the Governor of the State of Cièra, Bank of Northeast Brazil, World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, CIDA, AFD and others. 8/10.

2010 -Organized ICARUS I conference (with support of Agrawal, Lemos and Orlove) at UIUC in February 2010. This was a 3 day, 55 participants from 10 countries meeting on Climate and Society. Two journal special issue volumes came from this meeting.

2008 -Panel co-organizer with Thomas Sikor for IASC, two-panel series 'Authority and Property'; Co-organized round table with Ashwini Chhatre on 'Authority in the Commons' Cheltenham, UK 7/08.

2007 -Panel organizer at African Studies Association, 'Decentralization and Rural Destitution in Senegal', NYC, Nov. 07.

2006 -Panel co-organizer with Parakh Hoon at Society for International Development, Chicago, Feb-Mar 07.

-Panel co-organizer with Catherine Boone for African Studies Meeting, 'Authority and Property', San Francisco, November 06.

-Conference organizer for four-day research meeting in parallel to IASCP meetings: 'Institutional Choice and Recognition Research Results', Bali, June 2006. Twenty five participants.

-Conference organizer for three-day research meeting in parallel to IASCP meetings: 'Commodity Chain Analysis as a Policy Tool Research Results'. Twenty participants, Bali, June 2006.

- Panel Co-organizer with Parakh Hoon and Tomila Lankina (7 panels), discussant (two panels), for IASCP, Bali, June 2006.
- National policy dialogue co-organizer with Ebrima Sall, to present results of two year Senegal decentralization research program, Dakar, Senegal.
- 2004 -Conference co-organizer (w/Rene Oyono), 'Gestion Décentralisée des Forêts: Leçons pour la Réduction de la Pauvreté et l'Environnement en Afrique Centrale' (a Congo Basin-wide Forum on Forestry Policy—based on my research program's research findings), 6-8 September, Palais du Congrès, Yaounde, Cameroon.
- 2004 -Panel Organizer (three panels) and discussant (six panels), International Association for the Study of Common Pool Resources (IASCP), 9-14 August, Oaxaca, Mexico.
- 2003 -Conference Co-organizer (w/Marja Spierenberg), International Conference on Competing Jurisdictions: Settling Land Claims in Africa Vrije Universiteit, 24-27 September, Amsterdam.
- 2002 -Organizer of broadcast for Lead International on Vulnerability and Environment, Earth Summit, September, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 2002 -Panel organizer (series of four panels), IASCP, 5-10 June, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.
- 2002 -Conference Organizer, '[International Conference on Decentralization and the Environment: Assessing Participation for WSSD](#)', 18-22 February, Bellagio, Italy.
- 2001 -Conference Organizer, 'Synthesis and Analysis Meeting for Decentralization and Environment in Africa Research Program', 15-19 October, Cape Town.
- 2000 -Conference Organizer, 'Methods Meeting for Decentralization and the Environment in Africa Research Program', Centre for Basic Research, 14-19 July, Jinja, Uganda.
- 1999 -Conference Co-organizer (w/Peter G. Veit), World Resources Institute 'Workshop on Environmental Governance in Central Africa', 3-6 April, Washington, DC.
- 1998 -Panel Co-organizer (w/ David Hughes), 'Chiefs Versus Councils: Local Accountability of Authority in Natural Resources Management', African Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, October.
- 1998 -Panel co-organizer (series of two panels, w/Arun Agrawal), IASCP, 'Devolving State Power to Communities? Participation, Decentralization and Natural Resource Management', 7-12 June, Vancouver, BC.
- 1997 -Panel Co-organizer (Richard Schroeder), African Studies Association, 'Decentralization and Natural Resource Management: Contested Spaces between Community, State and Donor', November, Columbus, OH.
- 1996 -Panel Organizer, African Studies Association, 'Chiefs, Councils and Rural Representation: Implications for Decentralization and Participation', November, San Francisco.
- 1996 -Panel Co-organizer (w/ Nancy Lee Peluso), IASCP, 'Theorizing Access: Putting Property in Place', 3-8 June, Berkeley.
- 1995 -Panel Organizer, Association of American Geographers, 'Theorizing Access: Putting Property and Tenure in Place', 22-25 March, Chicago.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Academic and research administration: 2008-2018 I was founding director of the SDEP cross-campus program. This program involves producing a vision for an integrative campus-wide discussion of and development of environmental policy research efforts; raising funds; organizing a speakers series; recruiting faculty fellows, post-doctoral fellows, and research assistants; coordinating conferences and events; designing and writing the web page (see URL below signature); and sitting on a number of campus-wide committees. Other department committees I serve on are listed below. My roles in WRI research programs, before coming to Illinois, included: 1) envisioning and creating them; 2) framing and designing the research; 3) training research teams; 4) conducting field research; 5) organizing and facilitating conferences; and 6) synthesizing, publishing and diffusing the scholarly and policy results. My administrative responsibilities involved fundraising (to support the programs, researcher and staff salaries, my salary and overhead), attracting and hiring high-quality young scholars, negotiating budgets and contracts with researchers and their institutions, budget management, grant management, and reporting. My roles also included the oversight and mentoring required to train and guide a diverse group of young scholars to conduct serious comparative policy research. SDEP is Archived at: <https://www.jesseribot.com/Projects/SDEP---Social-Dimensions-of-Environmental-Policy-Program>.

- Tenure and full professor promotion reviews.
 - Prior to Fall 2020 I did many promotion reviews, but have not recorded them.
 - Fall 2020: 4 Full professor reviews; 2 Assistant to Associate reviews.
- Grant reviews for many agencies – NSF, SSRC, DFID, World Bank, EU, Canada Research Council, etc.
- External reviewer for many journals over many years. See editorial board memberships above.
- Search Committee Member for Social Science Hire in NRES F2014-S2015
- Co-Chair of Working Group V, Grand Challenges for the Campus Conversation on Undergraduate Education – Initiative of Vice Provost Charles Tucker III S2014
- Advisory Board of Institute for Sustainability Energy and Environment iSEE F2013-2019
- Department of Geography Grievance Committee F2013-2019
- Advisory Board Member of the University of Illinois Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, S2013-2017
- Campus Sustainability Center, Steering Committee, 2013-2015
- Tenure and promotion reviews 6 (2 to Full; 4 to Associate).
- Advisory Board, Global Studies, UIUC, 2013-2019
- Academic Senate of the University of Illinois, Representative for the Department of Geography, 2011-2019
- Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, UIUC, Executive Committee Member, 2011-2014
- Center for African Studies Grants Committee, UIUC, 2010-2019
- Department of Geography Capricious Grading Committee, UIUC, 2009-2019
- Director, Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy (SDEP) Initiative, 2008-2019
- Center for African Studies, UIUC, Advisory Board Member 2008-2011.

- Masters of City Planning (MCP) Policy Committee, Dept. of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP), MIT, Fall 1991 through Spring 1993.
- Ph.D. Policy Committee, DUSP, MIT, Fall 1993.
- MCP Admissions Committee, DUSP, MIT, 1991/92 to 1993/94.
- Coordinator of Developing Areas MCP Student Admissions, DUSP, MIT, 1993/94.
- Visiting Faculty Search Committee, Energy and Resources Group, UC Berkeley, 1988.

CONSULTANCIES (ALSO SEE PROFESSIONAL REPORTS, ABOVE)

4-7/15 **Advisor to European Union Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development.** Advised on decentralization policies, spoke at decentralization workshop and wrote short piece to guide front-line EU development workers: "Choice and Recognition in Decentralization: Promoting Local Democracy through Development Interventions."

11/13-5/14 **Consultant to USAID/WRI on review of USAID NRM Programs in Senegal.** Advisor to evaluation team and supervisor of survey research for a 30 year retrospect of the Nature, Wealth and Power framework of USAID as applied in the Wula Nafaa program in Senegal.

7/11-2/12 **Consultant to USAID/MSI on enhancing Democratic forms of Accountability.** Review of the literature with Arun Agrawal.

2/10 **Consultant to USAID on Comparative Study of Local Democracy in Africa:** Developing Framework for Analysis. ARD.

1/09 **Consultant to United Nations Capital Development Fund:** Developing presentation as keynote speaker for the UN Global Conference on Local Government, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, October 2009.

7/08-8/09 **Consultant to World Bank Social Development Group, Climate and Social Vulnerability Review:** Developing chapter for SD volume on climate, governance, and social vulnerability.

2/07-9/08 **Consultant to World Bank Project on Local Council Oversight and Social Accountability in Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda):** Wrote concept and methods note for a comparative research project on local government accountability (June 07). Led methods meetings in Dar es Salaam for Tanzania and Uganda research teams (July 08).

7/06 **Consultant to Ford Foundation and State Forest Administration (SFA) of China:** Worked with SFA staff to help them develop a policy experiment on the decentralization of China's forestry sector. The focus was on elimination of the quota system and reconstitution of collective forestry under administrative village authorities.

9/03-12/04 **Consultant to World Bank, Natural Resource Management Cross-Sectoral Team:** Review of how environmental management is incorporated into World Bank's Community-Driven Development (CDD) projects.

1/99 **Political Economy Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development, Guinea:** Evaluation of Democracy and Governance cross-sectoral linkages with Natural Resource Management projects in USAID in the Republic of Guinea.

12/98-1/99 **Institutions and Governance Analyst, World Resources Institute**: Writing the Conceptual Framework Paper for the World Resources Institute International Conference on Institutions and Governance in Natural Resource Management.

8-11/98 **Political Economy Advisor, Chief of Mission, U.S. Agency for International Development, Mali**: Analysis of ongoing credit union and cooperative law reforms in Mali.

3-5/98 **Policy Advisor, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)**: Advisor to UNCDF Task Force on Participatory Eco-Development and Local Development Funds.

11/97-1/98 **Consulting Institutional Analyst, World Bank**: Analysis of the history and structure of representation within four 'participatory' natural resource management projects in four countries of the West African Sahel

6/94-1/95 **Consulting Forestry Policy Analyst, World Bank/Government of the Netherlands**: Research on the institutional basis for decentralization of forest management in Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and The Gambia.

5-6/92 **Negotiator, Environment and Development in the Third World (ENDA, a Dakar-based Pan-African Research NGO), UNCED, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**: Represented ENDA in the NGO Forestry Treaty negotiations.

12/91-1/92 **Consultant, Esquel Brazil Foundation, Fortaleza, Brazil**: Prepared synthesis document and conference-summary presentation for the seventy papers presented at the International Conference on the Impacts of Climatic Variations and Sustainable Development in Semi-Arid Lands (an UNCED preparatory event).

3-4/90 **Consultant, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory**: Co-authored proceedings preface for conference on the role of tropical forests in global warming (submitted to IPCC).

11/83-8/84 **Energy Analyst, USAID/VITA, Djibouti, East Africa**: Carried out a national energy assessment for Djibouti.

FILM, ANIMATION AND VIDEO

Short Animation:

“Climate Refugees?” is a 4-minute animation that explores how migrants from the Sahel are depicted as ‘climate refugees’ despite that their emigration is driven by a much larger set of political economic and social problems. Video published September 2018. The video is based on Ribot, Faye and Turner 2019 (in *Public Culture*). This video can be viewed at: <https://vimeo.com/292115641>. A version in French can be found at: <https://youtu.be/kwYL5w2nSeU>.

Films:

You can see these films at the links below or by visiting my [Film Gallery](#) at <https://www.jesseribot.com/films>.

“Weex Dunx and the Quota: Plucking Local Democracy in Senegal,” (24-min. drama Wolof with English, French and Spanish subtitles), published 2007. Co-directed by Jesse Ribot and Pape Faye.

Synopsis: Mr. Weex Dunx (Mr. Scapegoat), the elected President of the Rural Council of Nambaradougou (Place of many problems), is ecstatic to learn that

new decentralization laws have given his council the right to manage and use forests. The council now has the right to decide how much woodcutting will take place in their jurisdiction and who gets to do the cutting and selling. But, when Weex Dunx tries to exercise his new powers he is confronted by incredulous foresters, administrators and merchants who are in shock that he thinks he can make decisions about the forests. Exasperated because these powerful notables don't like him if he resists and his people don't like him if he gives in, Weex Dunx is torn between doing what is right for his community and surrendering to pressures from powerful people whom he does not want to disappoint. *Copies on DVD or CD can be provided on request.* [The research for this film is presented in Ribot 2009 article in *Development and Change*.]

View the film with English subtitles: <https://vimeo.com/9922998>

French: <http://vimeo.com/617574>

Semmiñ Ñaari Boor (Double Bladed Axe) (50-min. drama—Wolof with English, French, Spanish and Portuguese subtitles), published 2010. Co-directed by Jesse Ribot and Pape Faye.

Synopsis: When a villager discovers migrant woodcutters cutting their village forests, she and her husband wake up their neighbor to confront the intruders. But the intruders come armed with forest service permits. In the film, the forest villagers are convinced by the 'Manage the Forest' project, funded by Mega Bank, that to get rid of woodcutters they will have to cut the forests themselves—to make charcoal to supply the city of Dakar with cooking fuel. In lieu of migrants running off with the profits from their rich forests, they can have significant income. The villagers decide to try it out. In the first year the work is very hard and the profits are nil. They are selling their charcoal to rich merchants at the forest edge. But the villagers want to sell in the city where they hear the price is high. The project works hard to help them to get permits to sell in the city. The woodcutting villagers return with so much money after selling one truckload that their eyes are opened to the amazing profits they have been missing out on—indeed, profits they feel robbed of. Determined now to sell all their charcoal in the city, they face obstacles thrown in their way at every step by the forest service and the merchants. Frustrated that they are only getting the profit from one in ten truckloads of charcoal, they decide to rise up and organize. They form a federation to protect their interests. [The research for this film is presented in Larson and Ribot 2007; Ribot 2009; Poteete and Ribot. 2011. The film making is discussed in the article: Ribot, Jesse. 2014. "Humor, Irony and Subordination: Democratic Decentralization through a Camera's Lens." Working Paper no. XX, International Center for Local Democracy, Visby, Sweden. <http://www.icld.se/eng/publications.pab> – scroll down to No. 5.] View the film at:

English: <http://www.cultureunplugged.com/documentary/watch-online/festival/play/7645/Semmin-Naari-Boor--Double-Bladed-Axe->

\Also see Debate with Forest Service in Senegal on this film at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zp9t91rwBCo>

Videos of interviews and talks:

“The Scapegoat’s Tale: Decentralizing Democracy in Africa,” Television Interview with Jesse Ribot on *Dialogue*, a television program produced by George Liston Seay at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The program is a discussion of the film “Weex Dunx and the Quota: Plucking Local Democracy in Senegal,” above. [Also see accompanying article, Ribot 2009 in *Development and Change*.] [The program can be viewed on line by clicking here](#). Also see YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oi8ZjuTMfRU>.

“Distributional Equity in Forest Exploitation: Double Standards on an Uneven Playing Field,” Keynote Speech by Jesse Ribot for the Seminar on the economic social and ecological importance of the world’s tropical forests and the challenges facing them Forest and Landscape Institute, University of Copenhagen 5/08. [Also see accompanying Larson and Ribot 2008 article.] The talk can be viewed on line via [Vimeo \[http://www.vimeo.com/1411865\]](#).

An Ode to the Lorax, “The Business of Sustainable Development: An African Forest Tale,” A Story for Children and Select Adults by Jesse Ribot with Illustrations by Mor Gueye. Please visit [YouTube](#) [[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Li_taFYxA6s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Li_taFYxA6s)] to view. A discussion with the author of this story can be seen on the television program ‘*Dialogue*’ of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_Fnz6EZy-0

FILM SHOWINGS

“Weex Dunx and the Quota: Plucking Local Democracy in Senegal” (completed 2007)

- IASC, Cheltenham, UK June 2006
- USAID, Washington, DC,
- World Bank, Washington, DC
- University of Michigan, SNRE

This film is also being used in courses at University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, Senegal, Université Gaston Berget, St. Louise, Senegal, University of Copenhagen, Wageningen University, University of California, Berkeley, University of Oslo, among many others. ENDA Tiers Monde, an international NGO has been using the film in its “Lead Africa” program (2008-10).

- I am no longer listing film showings since they have become too frequent.

“Semmiñ Ñiaari Boor” (“Double Bladed Axe”) (completed 2010).

- La Maison de la Culture Douta Seck, Dakar, January 2010.

- Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) Conference on "Taking stock of smallholder and community forestry: Where do we go from here?" Montpellier, France, March 2010.
- American Association for Geographers Meetings, Washington, DC, April 2010.
- World Bank, Social Development Division, Washington, DC, April 2010.
- Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, April 2010.
- International Center for Local Government, Visby Sweden, May 2010.
- University of Copenhagen, Forests and Landscapes Department, May 2010.
- Roskilde University, Denmark, Workshop on Local Politics in Africa, May 2010.
- International Conference on Climate and Sustainable Development in Semi-arid Regions, Fortaleza, Brazil, August 2010.
- International Center for Local Democracy (ICLD) Advanced Training Program "Decentralization and Good Governance with a Gender Perspective," Gothenburg, September 2010.
- University of California, Berkeley, November 2010.
- ATREE, Bangalore, India, January 2011.
- International Association for the Study of Commons (IASC), Hyderabad, India, January 2011.
- Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Institute des Sciences de l'Environnement, Dakar March 2011.
- Forum Civile (an anti-corruption institute), Dakar, March 2011.
- Multiple showings by research team in Tambacounda villages and in Forest Service and forestry project offices in Senegal, 2011.
- National Television of Senegal, NTS, April 2012. The film was banned by the Minister of Environment in May 2011. It was finally shown on Television in April 2012 after negotiations with the opposition and national television channels. The film was accompanied by a debate between Ribot and the President of the National Union of Forestry Cooperatives and the Director of Forest Production and Reforestation of Senegal's Forest Service. There were so many calls into the television station that the film was shown four times at prime time on national television in a period of under ten days.
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FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Language	Spoken	Reading	Writing
French	Fluent	Fluent	Need editor
Wolof – spoken in Guinea Bissau, Mauritania & Senegal	Basic	No	No
Fulfulde/Pulaar –spoken across The Sahel: did doctoral research in this language and now rarely speak.	Basic	No	No
Portuguese (rusty conversational).	Basic	Basic	Basic

WEB PAGES

- Personal Web Page: www.JesseRibot.com
- [Guggenheim Fellow web page 2018-19](http://www.guggenheim.org/fellows/2018-19/jesse-ribot)
- [Film Web Page: http://doublebladedaxe.com/](http://doublebladedaxe.com/)

OTHER

Art Exhibit: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars hosted an opening of works I commissioned by the renowned Senegalese reverse-glass painter Mor Gueye. These paintings were commissioned to illustrate a children's book—*The Business of Sustainable Development: An African Forest Tale*. The paintings showed in the Woodrow Wilson Gallery Space from 15 April - 15 June 2005. [Images from this exhibit are used in 'Children's Story' below.]

Children's Story: 'The Business of Sustainable Development: An African Forest Tale', A Story for Children and Select Adults by Jesse Ribot with Illustrations by Mor Gueye.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Li_taFYxA6s A discussion with the author of this story can be seen on the television program 'Dialogue' of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_Fnz6EZy-0

Invention: 'Heat-Pipe Thermal Redistribution System for Large Buildings', SERI invention #IR 81-14, 1981.

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