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EDUCATION

**PhD, Public Affairs (Public Policy)**

University of Colorado, Denver, School of Public Affairs 2019

**MSc, Development Studies**

Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden 2012

**BA, Political Science (Economics, Global Development)**

University of Colorado, Boulder 2002

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Political Science, Colorado State University 2023-

Affiliate Faculty, Institute for Public Policy Research & Analysis 2020-

Assistant Professor, Political Science, Oklahoma State University 2019-2023

Affiliate Faculty, Environmental Science, Oklahoma State University 2019-2023

Instructor, University of Colorado, Denver 2017-2019

Research Fellow, University of Stirling, UK 2017-2019

Research Assistant, Workshop on Policy Process Research 2013-2019

Research Assistant, Tolerance and Democracy Project 2011-2012

Research Funding and Grants

Co-PI, “Risk Mapping of Interdependent Social and Physical   
Infrastructure Networks”: National Science Foundation. *$70,944.* 2022-2023

Lead PI, “Building Resilience in Rural Communities”: Rural Renewal   
Initiative (Oklahoma State University). *$99,950.* 2020-2023

Co-PI, “Socially Sustainable Solutions for Water, Carbon, and Infrastructure   
Resilience in Oklahoma”: National Science Foundation. *$207,053.* 2020-2025

Graduate Research Fellow, “AirWaterGas Sustainability Research

Network”: National Science Foundation. 2015-2019

Graduate Research Fellow, “Developing Low Carbon Cities in the US,   
China and India”: National Science Foundation. 2013-2015

REfereed Journal Articles (*\*Student Co-Author)*

**Olofsson, Kristin L.**, Selvakumar, Pavithra Priyadarshini\*, Peach, Katie\*, Leon-Corwin, Maggie, Stormer, Sam\*, Gupta, Kuhika, Carlson, Nina, & Sibley, Martha\*. (2023). “Cross Stakeholder Assessment of Causes and Consequences of Environmental Problems in Oklahoma.” *Environmental Challenges*. (Forthcoming).

Long, Michael, Leon-Corwin, Maggie, Peach, Katie\*, **Olofsson, Kristin L.**, Ripberger, Joseph, Gupta, Kuhika, Silva, Carol, & Jenkins-Smith, Hank. (2023). “Watts At Stake: Concern and Willingness-to-Pay for Electrical Grid Improvements in the United States.” *Energy Research & Social Science*. (Early View Online).

Kagan, Jennifer & **Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2023). “Venue Perceptions and Strategy Decisions Among Industry and Nonprofit Actors in Oil and Gas Policy Debates.” *Policy & Politics* (Early View Online)*.*

Weible, Christopher M., **Olofsson, Kristin L.**, & Heikkila, Tanya.(2023). “Advocacy Coalitions, Beliefs, and Learning: An Analysis of Stability, Change, and Reinforcement.” *Policy Studies Journal* 51 (1): 209-229.

Costie, Daniel & **Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2022). “Narrators and Narratives: A Study of Climate and Air Issues in Delhi, India.” *International Review of Public Policy* 4 (2): 171-190*.*

**Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2022). “Winners and Losers: Conflict Management through Strategic Policy Engagement.” *Review of Policy Research* 39: 73-89.

Heikkila, Tanya, Weible, Christopher M., **Olofsson, Kristin L.,** Kagan, Jennifer, You, Jongeun, & Yordy, Jill. (2021). “The Structure of Environmental Governance: How Public Policies Connect and Partition California’s Oil and Gas Policy Landscape.” *Journal of Environmental Management* 284: 112069.

Park,Kyu Dong & **Olofsson, Kristin L**. (2020). “Comparing Online Policy Networks: The Cases of Hydraulic Fracturing Regulation in Colorado.” *Modern Society & Public Administration* 30 (3): 167-199.

**Olofsson, Kristin L.**, Katz, Juniper, Costie, Daniel, Heikkila, Tanya, & Weible, Christopher M. (2018). “A Dominant Coalition and Policy Change: The Development of Shale Oil and Gas in India.” *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning* 20 (5): 645-660.

**Olofsson, Kristin L.**, Weible, Christopher M., Heikkila, Tanya, & Martel, J.C. (2017). “Using Nonprofit Narratives and News Media Framing to Depict Air Pollution in Delhi, India.” *Environmental Communication* 11: 1-17.

Heikkila, Tanya, Weible, Christopher M., & **Olofsson, Kristin L**. (2017). “Lessons from State-Level and National-Level Policy Conflicts Over U.S. Shale Development.” *Environment* 59 (3): 4-13.

Weible, Christopher M., **Olofsson, Kristin L.**, Costie, Daniel, Katz, Juniper, & Heikkila, Tanya. (2016). “Enhancing Precision and Clarity in the Study of Policy Narratives: An Analysis of Climate and Air Issues in Delhi, India.” *Review of Policy Research* 33 (4): 420-441.

Nohrstedt, Daniel & **Olofsson, Kristin L**. (2016). “A Review of Applications of the Advocacy Coalition Framework in Swedish Policy Processes.” *European Policy Analysis* 2 (2): 18-42. Awarded Policy Studies Organization “EPA Presenting” article.

Book Chapters and reviews

Nohrstedt, Daniel, Ingold, Karin, Weible, Christopher M., Koebele, Elisabeth A., **Olofsson, Kristin L.**, Satoh, Keiichi, & Jenkins-Smith, Hank. “The Advocacy Coalition Framework: Progress and Emerging Areas.” (2023). In *Theories of the Policy Process, 5th Edition*. New York: Taylor & Francis.

Weible, Christopher M. & **Olofsson, Kristin L**. (2022). “Deliberate Comparative Research on Coalition Diversity: Opportunities in Latin America.” In *Analizar la fábrica de las políticas públicas y sus recomposiciones. Pluralización territorialización, participación*. Eds Gilles Masardier and Vincente Ugalde.

**Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2021). “Book Review: *Sustainable Cities in American Democracy: From Postwar Urbanism to a Civic Green New Deal.*” *Political Science Quarterly*. \*Invited Review\*

**Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2021). “Book Review: *Comparative Renewables Policy: Political Organization and European Fields.*” *International Review of Public Policy* 3 (1): 143-146. \*Invited Review\*

**Olofsson, Kristin L.** and Christopher M. Weible. (2020). “The Advocacy Coalition Framework.” In *Encyclopedia of International Higher Education Systems and Institutions*. Eds. Pedro Nuno Teixeira and Jung-Cheol Shin. New York: Springer.

**Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2019). *Deconstructing Political Behavior: The Influence of Context and Individual Characteristics*. Dissertation: University of Colorado Denver.

**Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2018). “Perceptions of Contentiousness: How Individual Traits Shape Environmental Policy Conflicts.” In *Environmental Policy and the Pursuit of Sustainability*. Eds. Chelsea Shelly and Aparajita Banerjee. London, United Kingdom: Routledge.

Nohrstedt, Daniel & **Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2016). “The Politics of Hydraulic Fracturing in Sweden.” In *Mapping the Political Landscape of Hydraulic Fracturing*. Eds. Christopher M. Weible and Tanya Heikkila. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan.

**Olofsson, Kristin L.** & Weible, Christopher M. (2016). “Policy Change.” In *American Governance*. Farmington Hills: Cengage Learning.

Weible, Christopher M. & **Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2015). “Policy Analysis: Advocacy Coalition Framework.” In *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy, Third Edition*. New York: Taylor & Francis.

Under Review and in Preparation

Heikkila, Tanya. & **Olofsson, Kristin L**. (Under Review). “Dynamic Interplay of Cooperation, Competition, and Coercion in the Governance of Shale Development in Colorado.” In *Competition, Cooperation, Coercion: Understanding Coordination in Polycentric Governance of Socio-Ecological Technical Systems*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Kamal, Sadia\*, Gullic, Jade\*, Bagavathi, Arunkumar, & **Olofsson, Kristin L.** (Under Review). “Modelling Political Orientation of Social Media Posts: An Extended Analysis.” *Journal of Intelligent Information Systems*.

Sibley, Martha\*, Peach, Kaitlin\*, Leon-Corwin, Maggie, Selvakumar, Pavithra Priyadarshini\*, Diodosio, Kaitlin\*, Fox, Andrew, Spurlock, Charles, & **Olofsson, Kristin L.** (Under Review). “Exploring Risk-scapes in Oklahoma: Institutional Trust, Environmental Justice, Global Warming, and Infrastructure.” *Safer Communities*.

Shyrokykh, Karina, **Olofsson, Kristin L.**, & Gerda Eckert, Sandra. (Under Review). “What Drives Policy Community Building among EU Agencies? Analysing Public Communication on Climate Policy.” *Journal of European Public Policy*.

**Olofsson, Kristin L.**, Fitzgerald, Jared, & Hossain, Belal\*. (Under Review). “Sustainable Development Goals in Rural America: Giving Voice to Rural Communities.” *Environmental and Sustainability Indicators.*

Gabehart, Kayla\*, Fullerton, Allegra\*, & **Olofsson, Kristin L.** (Under Review). “Through Their Stories: How Rural Americans Live in Complex Systems.” *Policy & Politics*.

Gupta, Kuhika,Ripberger, Joseph, Jenkins-Smith, Hank, **& Olofsson, Kristin L.** (Under Review). “Coalition Opportunity Structures and Policy Change: A Comparative Analysis of Nuclear Facility Siting Efforts in the United States.” In *ACF Edited Volume (Working Title).* Sage Publishing.

Bowman, Warigia, **Olofsson, Kristin L.**, & James-Eluyode, Jide. (In Preparation). “How Tribes Are Leading the Way in Responding to Climate Change.”

Hossain, Belal\*, Fitzgerald, Jared, & **Olofsson, Kristin L.** (In Preparation). “Air Pollution as an Intersectional Health Experience in Rural Communities in Oklahoma.”

**Olofsson, Kristin L.**, Gupta, Kuhika, Selvakumar, Pavithra\*, Peach, Katie\*, & Noble, Gloria\*. (In Preparation). “Characterless Narratives: Using Mental Models within the NPF.”

Practitioner Reports and Media

**Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2023). “Group Model Building for Policy Response in Rural America”. Instructional Video. *Sage Research Methods Video Collection on Qualitative and Mixed Methods.*

**Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2021). “Drop Around the World” and “Water is Water”. K12 instructional video, literature, and take-home STEM kits. *Oklahoma Museum Network Library Affiliate Program*.

**Olofsson, Kristin L.** (2020). “How to Use TikTok as a Model of Integrated Learning.” *The Cengage Blog: Engaging Minds*. <https://blog.cengage.com/tips-to-engage-your-political-science-students/>

**Olofsson, Kristin L.**, Heikkila, Tanya, & Weible, Christopher M. (2017). “A Summary Report of a 2017 Survey of the Politics of Oil and Gas Development Using Hydraulic Fracturing in Colorado.” Published July 26, 2017 by University of Colorado Denver, School of Public Affairs.

**Olofsson, Kristin L.**, Heikkila, Tanya, & Weible, Christopher M. (2016). “A Summary Report of a 2016 Survey of the Politics of Oil and Gas Development Using Hydraulic Fracturing in the United States.” Published November 30, 2016 by University of Colorado Denver, School of Public Affairs.

AWARDS

OSU Online Teaching Excellence Award Nomination 2020

SPA Best Dissertation Award 2019

Pi Alpha Alpha Honors Society 2015-2019

National University of Singapore, Lee Kwan Yew Workshop Award 2014

Teaching and Advising

Courses Taught (Level)

Independent Study: Environmental Governance (Undergraduate) 2022

Natural Resource Management and Policy (Undergraduate) 2022

Policy Analysis (MA, PhD) 2021, 2022

Research Design (MA, MSc, PhD – Online) 2020

American Government (Undergraduate – Online) 2020

Independent Study: Environmental Communication (Undergraduate) 2020

Environmental Law and Policy (Undergraduate) 2020, 2021, 2023

Senior Capstone Seminar (Undergraduate) 2020, 2023

Independent Study: Environmental Communication (Undergraduate) 2019

State and Local Government (Undergraduate) 2019, 2021

Public Policies for Disasters and Hazards (MPA – Hybrid) 2019

Evidence-Based Decision Making (MPA – Online) 2018

The Policy-Making Process (MA, MSc) 2018

Economics and Public Finance (MPA) 2017

Advising (\*Chair)

Jim Pendred (PhD, Environmental Science) 2022-2023

Makenzie Newton (MA, Political Science)\* 2022-2023

Harrison Daffern (MA, Political Science) 2022-

Meredith McKinnon (MA, Political Science) 2022-2023

Garret Rask (MA, Political Science) 2022-2023

Tanes “Nate” Rianglaem (MA, Political Science)\* 2021-2023

Meghan Martin (PhD, Environmental Science) 2019-

Pavithra Selvakumar (PhD, Environmental Science)\* 2021-

Martha Sibley (PhD, Sociology) 2021-2022

Robert Warden (PhD, Biosystems and Ag Engineering) 2020-2023

Emma Flournoy (MA, Political Science) 2021-2022

Robert Dorrell (MA, Political Science) 2019-2021

Seth Anderson (MA, Political Science) 2019-2021

Samantha Rosado (PSM, Environmental Science) 2019-2021

Meagan Bourne (MA, Political Science) 2019-2020

Research Assistants and Mentees

Alexandria Love (McNair Scholar), David Steichen, Makenzie Newton, Aubrey Andrews, Martha Sibley, Braxton Tempst (Freshman Research Scholar), Ava Solano Lim, Bryce Slagell, Meredith McKinnon, Tanes Rianglaem, Sami Court, Dakota Christian, Julie Kulla, Ethan Sanders, Belal Hossain, Tristan Kilgore, Alma Chavez (Rural Scholar), Stephanie Gripp (Rural Scholar), Emma Enlow (Freshman Research Scholar)

Conference Presentations

Conference on Policy Process Research Annual Meeting: 2023

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2021, 2022

American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference: 2018

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Annual Meeting: 2014, 2020, 2021

Environmental Politics and Governance (Assorted): 2017, 2020

European Conference on Social Networks Annual Meeting: 2021

European Consortium for Political Research General Conference: 2017, 2022

International Conference on Public Policy: 2015

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2021, 2022

Swedish Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2015

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2019, 2021

Western Social Sciences Association: 2017

Invited Workshops and Lectures

“Quantitative Approaches to Capturing Rural Sustainability”

Rural Renewal Initiative Annual Symposium

(Stillwater, OK) October 2021

“Climate Change and the Global Order”

OSU OLLI

(Stillwater, OK, USA) February 2020

“Dynamic Interplay of Cooperation, Competition, and Coercion in the Governance of Shale Development in Colorado”

Invited Theory Development and Book Writing Workshop

(Dusseldorf, Germany) March 2019

“Strategic Motivations in Policy Governance”

CCG Collaborative Governance Emerging Scholars Workshop

(University of Arizona, Tucson, USA) February 2019

“Examining Policy Networks in Hydraulic Fracturing”

SESYNC Boundary Spanning: Advances in Socio-Environmental Systems Research

(Annapolis, MD, USA) June 2018

“Putting the Public in Public Lands”

Panel Moderator: Directions in Colorado State Lands and Natural Resource Policies

(University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, USA) May 2018

“Political Behavior as Strategic Network Choices: Advocacy Targeting in Environmental Governance”

Theoretical Cross-Fertilization of the ACF: International Workshop

(Mons, Belgium) February 2018

Duck Family Graduate Workshop on Environmental Politics and Governance

University of Washington

(Seattle, WA, USA) June 2017

“Exploring the Politics of Oil and Gas Development in Colorado at the USA”

Presentation at Colorado State University OSHER Institute

(Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, USA) March 2017

Graduate Student Research Proposal Workshop

National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC)

(Annapolis, Maryland, USA) September 2015

Urban Infrastructure Transformations in US, China, and India

National Academy of Sciences

(Washington, DC, USA) August 2015

“Political Landscape of Hydraulic Fracturing, Research Methods, and Theories of Contentious Political Environments”

Front Range Environmental Governance Research Conference   
(Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, USA) April 2015

Sustainable Cities RCN Student Workshop II

Florida State University

(Tallahassee, FL, USA) March 2015

“The Politics of Fracking in Sweden”

Workshop: Mapping the Political Landscapes of Hydraulic Fracturing  
(Zurich, Switzerland) February 2015

“Understanding the Narratives and Framing of Air Pollution in Delhi, India”

Public Policy in Asia, National University of Singapore  
(Singapore) June 2014

Sustainable Cities RCN Student Workshop I

Arizona State University

(Phoenix, AZ, USA) April 2014

Sustainable Cities India

IIT Kanpur and TERI University

(Kanpur, India and Delhi, India) May-July 2013

Service

ACF Monthly Seminar Organizing Committee (Chair) 2021-

Equity Advocate Council 2021-

Graduate Committee 2021-

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Justice Committee (Founding Member) 2020-

Environmental Science Graduate Program Steering Committee 2020-

College Policy and Planning Committee (Chair) 2021-2022

CAS Faculty Council Member 2019-2022

General Education Curriculum Revisions 2020-2021

Public Policy Program Development 2020-2021

Undergraduate Committee 2020-2021

Panel Chair and Organizer: APPAM Annual Conference 2014, 2020, 2021

Reviewer” APPAM Conference 2022, 2023

Discussant: APSA Annual Conference 2022

Discussant: MPSA Annual Conference 2020, 2021, 2022

Discussant: WPSA Annual Conference 2019

Organizer: SNA Workshop Series 2017-2018

PhD Student Mentor Program 2015-2019

PhD Student Association (UC Denver) 2014-2018

Journal Referee

Politics & Policy; Review of Policy Research; Journal of Environment and Development; Society and Natural Resources; International Journal of Communication; Public Management Review; Energy Research and Social Science; Policy & Politics; Journal of Public Policy; Climatic Change; Natural Hazards Review; Public Administration Review; Environmental Politics; Journal of Public Affairs; Public Policy and Administration; People, Place & Policy; Environmental Science and Policy; Cogent Arts & Humanities

Professional Development

Equipping Students for Lives of Impact (AASHE) September 2021

Group Model Building (Brown School, Social Systems Design Lab) August 2021

Network Analysis August 2021

Indigenous Leadership in US Environmental Movement (Climate Reality) Summer/Fall 2020

Racial Equity and Social Justice Discussion Series (AASHE) Fall 2020

Online Student Engagement (ITLE OSU) August 2020

Self-Paced Online Teaching Course (ITLE OSU) August 2020

Teaching Local Sustainability Online (AASHE) June 2020

Multilevel Modeling Workshop (ICPSR) May 2020

Safe Zone Training (OSU) September 2019

Grantsmanship (OSU) September 2019

Geospatial Data Analysis (SESYNC) March 2019

Item-Response Theory: Applications to Public Affairs Research October 2018

Workshop Series: Social Network Analysis in R (UC Denver) 2017-2018

Online Instruction Skills Mastery (UC Denver) Fall 2017

Introduction to Social Network Analysis (SESYNC) June 2017

Teaching Ethics Using Cases (UC Denver) April 2016

Grant Writing (SESYNC) September 2015

R: Learning by Example (ICPSR) June 2015

Qualitative Comparative Analysis Symposium (UC Denver) September 2014

Engagement

Practitioner

Scholars Strategy Network ([Profile](https://scholars.org/scholar/kristin-olofsson))

Climate Reality Project

Climate Advocacy Lab

The Cengage Blog: Engaging Minds

Professional

Advocacy Coalition Framework (ACF) Monthly Seminar (Chair)

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

American Political Science Association

Association for Public Policy and Management (Panel Reviewer: 2022, 2023)

International Public Policy Association

Midwest Political Science Association

American Society for Public Administration

LANGUAGES

English – Native language

Swedish – Professional fluency

Danish – Read with basic competence  
Norwegian – Read with basic competence

RELATED EXPERIENCE

**RKO Consulting, LLC** (Denver, CO, USA)

*Managing Partner* 2012-2019

**Nordea Markets** (Stockholm, Sweden)

*Senior Editor* 2008-2015

**The Economist, Intelligence Unit** (London, United Kingdom)

*Sweden Economics Expert* 2011-2012

**Handelsbanken Capital Markets** (Stockholm, Sweden)

*Financial and Economic Editor* 2007-2008