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Education

M.A.: University of California, Santa Barbara, Political Science 2018

B.A.: California State University, Northridge, Political Science (magna cum laude) 2016

Publications

Stoll, Heather, Michele McLaughlin-Zamora, Sarah E. Anderson. 2023. "Concrete Diversity Initiatives in Political Science: A Faculty Workload Intervention Program" *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 56:1

Research and Teaching Interests

American Politics; Civic Engagement; Critical Qualitative Methods; Critical Studies; Decolonial Methodologies; Environmental Justice; Environmental Policy; Environmental Theory; Federalism; Pedagogy; Political Activism; Political Theory; Public Opinion; Social Justice; Social Movements; Urban Political Ecology; Water Resource Management; Youth Climate Activism

Conference Papers

Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, California. April 2020. (Paper accepted but conference cancelled due to COVID-19). "The Kids Are Alright: Connective Identity and the Youth Climate Movement."

Pacific Chapter of American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, California. December 2019. "The Kids Are Alright: Connective Identity and the Youth Climate Movement."

California State University Social Sciences Research Symposium, California State University, Bakersfield. April 2016. "Federalism and the LA River: The Significant Role of National Government in the Creation of Social Capital for Local Water Resource Management."

Teaching

Teaching Assistantships

Congressional Simulation – with Eric R.A.N. Smith (Spring 2018)

Environmental Politics – with Eric R.A.N. Smith (Fall 2019 – **Head TA**)

Intro to American Politics – with John Woolley (Spring 2017)

Intro to Political Theory – with Paige Digeser (Fall 2016); with Andrew Norris (Winter 2017, Winter 2018 - **Head TA**); with Caleb Miller (Fall 2017)

Just War: Ethical Issues in International Relations – with Paige Digeser (Winter 2020); with Eric Stein (Fall 2023 – **Head TA**)

Northeast Asian Politics – with Laurie Freeman (Spring 2024 – **Head TA**)

Urban Government and Politics – with Clayton Nall (Spring 2020 – **Head TA**)

Teaching (continued)

Teaching Assistant Training

Lead Teaching Assistant for Political Science Department – with Eric R.A.N. Smith
(Academic Year 2020-21)

Research Positions

Graduate Research Assistant, Fall 2020-Winter 2022 – Heather Stoll PI, Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara. Research project funded by the University of California Office of the President on campus-wide commitments to advancing faculty diversity. Duties included literature reviews, collection and cleaning of data, survey development and design (Qualtrics), data coding, data modeling, and public relations development.

Professional Service

2020-21: Lead Teaching Assistant Institute representative for the Political Science department

2018-19: Political Science Graduate Student Association Women’s Caucus Chair

Political Theory Faculty Search Committee graduate student member

Political Science Diversity Committee graduate student member

2017-18: Political Science Graduate Student Association Secretary

2016: Special Projects Coordinator/Student Director California State University, Northridge: Center for Urban Water Resilience

2015-16: Student Intern California State University, Northridge, Marketing and Communications Department

Student Director for the United States Department of Agriculture’s Water Resources Experiential Learning Internship

President of the National Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, California State University, Northridge chapter

Honors and Awards

2019: Pacific Association of Public Opinion Research student paper competition, second place, PAPOR Annual Conference, San Francisco, California. December 2019. “The Kids Are Alright: Connective Identity and the Youth Climate Movement.”

2015-16: Adams-Lee Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award

2016: California State University, Northridge 20th Annual Student Research Symposium, second place. “Federalism and the LA River: The Significant Role of the National Government in the Creation of Social Capital for Local Water Resource Management.”

2014: National Political Science Honor Society

Grants and Fellowships

2025: **Institute for Civically Engaged Research Fellow**, American Political Science Association
Climate Resiliency Leadership Fellow, CORO Southern California

2018-19: Central Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara

2016-17: Central Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara

2016: Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow with Pauline Louie, Los Angeles Urban Waters Federal Partnership Ambassador

Grants and Fellowships (continued)

2016: **Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Fellow**, California State University

2015: **Sally Casanova Pre-doctoral Fellow**, California State University

Principal student grant writer, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's World Water Forum Conservation Research Grant (awarded)

Memberships

American Political Science Association; American Water Resource Association; Climate Advocacy Lab; international Environmental Justice Working Group; Pacific Chapter of American Association for Public Opinion Research; Western Political Science Association;

Community Volunteer Service

2006-17: Girl Scout Leader

2008-12: Academic Coach for international educational program Odyssey of the Mind

References

Eric R.A.N. Smith (Advisor): Professor of Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara
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Heather Stoll: Professor of Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara
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Alexandra Cole-Macias (Undergraduate Advisor) : Professor of Political Science, California State University, Northridge alexandra.cole@csun.edu (818) 677-7484