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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Washington, Political Science, 2008
M.A., University of Washington, Political Science, 2004
B.A., Hampshire College, Environmental Studies, 2001

ACADEMIC JOB EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, University of Louisville, July 2009 to present
Visiting Professor, Pacific Lutheran University, Sept. 2008 – June 2009
Adjunct Faculty, Edmonds Community College, Fall 2007 – Spring 2008
Instructor, University of Washington, June 2006 – July 2008
Adjunct Faculty, North Seattle Community College, Fall 2007
Adjunct Faculty, Seattle University, Jan. 2006 – June 2007
Teaching Assistant, University of Washington, Sept. 2004 – June 2008

COURSES TAUGHT (2005-2009)

POLS 326 Public Policy
POLS 619 Seminar in Public Policy

RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

Publications:

Merry, Melissa K. 2010. "Emotional Appeals in Environmental Group Communications." Forthcoming in *American Politics Research*.

May, Peter, Bryan D. Jones, Betsi E. Beem, Emily A. Neff-Sharum, and **Melissa K. Poague**. 2005. Policy Coherence and Component-Driven Policymaking." *Policy Studies Journal* 33(1): 37-63.

May, Peter, Bryan D. Jones, Betsi E. Beem, Emily A. Neff-Sharum, and **Melissa K. Poague**. 2005. Regional Policy Agglomeration: Arctic Policy in Canada and the United States." *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* 7(2): 121-136.

Authored sidebars on ethics and international issues in technical communication: Burnett, Rebecca E. 2005. *Technical Communication, Sixth Edition*. Boston, MA: Thomson Wadsworth.

- "Minimizing Cultural Bias in International Web Sites" (pp. 44-45)
- "The Case of Nuclear Waste Disposal" (pp. 691-692)
- "Hard Facts or Mere Guesses? Ethics and Statistics" (pp. 721-722)

Presentations at Scholarly Meetings:

Merry, Melissa K. 2009. *Environmental Group Websites: Exploring the Democratizing Potential of the Internet*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, B.C.

Merry, Melissa K. 2008. *Communicating Complexity: Do Environmental Groups “Dumb Down” Issues for Public Consumption?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

Merry, Melissa K. 2008. *Blogging and Environmental Advocacy: A New Way to Engage the Public?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.

Poague, Melissa K. 2007. *Multi-Media Communication Strategies: Interest Groups, Information, and the Public*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Poague, Melissa K. 2007. *Communicating Complexity: Interest Groups, Information, and the Public*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV.

GRANT ACTIVITY

Research Grant, Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits & Philanthropy, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, 2006-2007.