

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- B.A. St. Lawrence University. Environmental-Sociology. 1997
M.A. The Pennsylvania State University. Sociology. "Policy Issue Diffusion Among Major Environmental Social Movement Organizations." 2000
Ph.D. The Pennsylvania State University. Sociology. "Environmentalism in the United States: An Assessment of the Movement's National Organizational Infrastructure, 1955-1998." 2004

Professional Positions Held & Other Appointments

- 2016- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Washington State University.
2012 Visiting Scholar, University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom
2009-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Washington State University.
2002-2008 Course Developer/Instructor, *Social Research Methods*, Pennsylvania State University World Campus

Areas of Specialization: environmental sociology, social movements, organizations, political sociology

Peer-reviewed Publications *signifies graduate student coauthor

- Johnson, Erik W., Ali Ilhan and Scott Frickel. 2020. "Riding a Long Green Wave: Interdisciplinary Environmental Sciences and Studies in Higher Education." *Environmental Sociology* 6(4): 433-448. DOI: [10.1080/23251042.2020.1792032](https://doi.org/10.1080/23251042.2020.1792032)
- Johnson, Erik W., Jennifer Schwartz and Alana Inlow.* 2020. "The criminalization of environmental harm: a study of the most serious environmental offenses prosecuted by the U.S. federal government, 185-2010." *Environmental Sociology* 6(3): 307-321. doi.org/10.1080/23251042.2020.1748269
- Johnson, Erik W and Phillip Schwadel. 2019. "Political Polarization and Long-term Change in Public Support for Environmental Spending." *Social Forces* 98(2): 915-941. [doi.10.1093/sf/soy124](https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soy124)
- Johnson, Erik W. and Phillip Schwadel. 2019. "It's not a cohort thing: age, cohorts, and

- long-term variation in support for the environment.” *Environment and Behavior*. 51(7): 879-901 [doi.10.1177/0013916518780483](https://doi.org/10.1177/0013916518780483)
- Olzak, Susan and Erik W. Johnson. 2019. “The Risk of Occupying a Broad Niche for Environmental Social Movement Organizations” *Mobilization* 24(2) 177-198. [10.17813/1086-671X-24-2-177](https://doi.org/10.17813/1086-671X-24-2-177)
- Gilham, Patrick, Nathan Lindstedt*, Bob Edwards and Erik W. Johnson. 2019. “The Mobilizing Effects of Threat and Opportunity.” *Sociological Perspectives* 62(4): 433-454. doi.org/10.1177/0731121418817249
- Schwadel, Phillip and Erik W. Johnson. 2017. “The Social Origins of Evangelical Protestants’ Opposition to Environmental Spending.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 56(1): 179-198. doi: [10.1111/jssr.12322](https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.12322)
- Scott, Lauren* and Erik W. Johnson. 2017. “From Fringe to Core? The Integration of Environmental Sociology.” *Environmental Sociology* 1(3): 17-29. doi: [10.1080/23251042.2016.1238027](https://doi.org/10.1080/23251042.2016.1238027)
- Johnson, Erik W., John Schreiner* and Jon Agnone. 2016. “Methodological Inquiry: The Effect of *New York Times* Event Coding Techniques on Social Movement Analyses.” *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change* 40: 263-291. doi: [10.1108/S0163-786X20160000040020](https://doi.org/10.1108/S0163-786X20160000040020)
- Johnson, Erik W. 2014. “Toward international comparative research on associational activity: Variation in the form and focus of voluntary associations in four nations.” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 43(2S): 163S-181S.
- Bevan, Shaun, Frank R. Baumgartner, Erik W. Johnson and John D. McCarthy. 2013. “Understanding Selection Bias, Time-Lags and Measurement Bias in Secondary Data Sources: Putting the *Encyclopedia of Associations* Database in Broader Context.” *Social Science Research* 42: 1750-1764.
- Tan, Li, Suma Ponnampalath, Patrick Gillham, Bob Edwards and Erik Johnson. 2013. “Analyzing the Impact of Social Media on Social Movements: A Computational Study on Twitter and the Occupy Wall Street Movement.” Proceedings of the 2013 IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining. August 25-28, Niagara Falls, NY. Association for Computing Machinery (ACM): <http://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=2500262>.
- Johnson, Erik W. and Scott Frickel. 2011. “Ecological Threat and the Founding of U.S. National Environmental Movement Organizations, 1962-1998.” *Social Problems* 58(3): 305-329. doi:10.1525/sp.2011.58.3.305
- Johnson, Erik W., Jon Agnone and John D. McCarthy. 2010. “The Contingent Impact of U.S.

Environmental Movement Organizations and Activities on Agenda Setting and Law Passage.” *Social Forces* 88(5): 2267-2292.

Johnson, Erik W., Yoshitaka Saito, and Makoto Nishikido. 2009. “The Organizational Demography of Japanese Environmentalism.” *Sociological Inquiry*. 79(4): 481-504.

Johnson, Erik W. 2008. “Social Movement Size, Organizational Diversity and the Making of Federal Law.” *Social Forces* 86(3): 967-93.

Johnson, Erik W. 2006. “Changing Issue Representation Among Major United States Environmental Movement Organizations.” *Rural Sociology* 71(1): 132-54.

Other Publications

Johnson, Erik W. and Jon D. Agnone. Forthcoming. “Chapter 30: Policy and Legislative Outcomes.” *Routledge Handbook of Environmental Movements*. Marco Giugni and Maria Grasso, Eds.

Johnson, Erik W. and Jordan Burke.* 2021. “Environmental Movements in the United States.” *Springer Handbook of Environmental Sociology*. Beth Caniglia, Andrew Jorgenson, Stephanie Malin, Lori Peek and David Pellow (Eds.).

Johnson, Erik W. and Pierce Greenberg.* 2017. “The U.S. Environmental Movement of the 1960s and 1970s: Building Frameworks of Sustainability.” Pp. 137-150 in *Routledge Handbook of the History of Sustainability*, edited by Jeremy L. Caradonna. New York, NY: Routledge.

Johnson, Erik W. 2012. “Book Review: Recycling Reconsidered: The Present Failure and Future Promise of Environmental Action in the United States.” *Organization and Environment* 25(3): 353-355.

Johnson, Erik W. and Joseph Kremer.* 2011. “Love Canal and Lois Gibbs.” Pp. 278-280 in *Green Culture: An A-to-Z Guide*, edited by Kevin Wehr and Paul Robbins. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

Johnson, Erik W. and John D. McCarthy. 2005. “The Sequencing of Transnational and National Social Movement Mobilization: The Organizational Mobilization of the Global and U.S. Environmental Movements.” Pp. 71-94 In *Transnational Processes and Social Movements*. Donatella della Porta and Sidney Tarrow (eds.).

Grant Activity

2016 Undergraduate Summer Minigrant. WSU College of Arts and Sciences \$3,000
(w/ Christina Hubbard)

2015 Protecting Water, Air, Land & Health: Serious Environmental Crimes \$5,000
and Socio-Legal Responses. WSU College of Liberal Arts Meyer

Development Grant (w/ Jennifer Schwartz)

2012	National Science Foundation: "CAREER: Assembling Databases on Domestic Advocacy Organizations for use in Comparative Research and Quantitative Literacy Education." (1/1/2012 – 12/31/2016 <i>not funded</i>)	\$413,955
2010	Washington State University, College of Liberal Arts, Travel Grant	\$1,200
2009	National Science Foundation: "A Database for the Sequencing of Environmental Movements." (9/1/09 – 8/31/12, award # SES0921942)	\$149,847
2003	ASPEN Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund	\$15,000
2003	Pennsylvania State Research and Graduate Studies Office, Graduate Student Dissertation Support Grant	\$1,500
2002	National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant	\$7,500
2001	Pennsylvania State Research and Graduate Studies Office, Graduate Student Dissertation Support Grant	\$1,200

Awards and Invited Presentations

Schwadel, Philip and Erik W. Johnson. 2019. "Partisan Affiliation in a Polarized Context: Changes in Support for Environmental Spending." Pennsylvania State University Department of Sociology and Criminology. Jan 1, State College, Pennsylvania.

Schwartz, Jennifer and Erik W. Johnson. 2018. "Women's and men's participation in business-related crimes against the environment: Sex-stratification in the criminal enterprise." Invited presentation at the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement. March 22, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Schwartz, Jennifer and Erik W. Johnson. 2018. "Sex stratification in the criminal enterprise: Crimes against the environment." Invited brown bag presentation at the Institute for Criminal Law & Criminology. March 12, Leiden University, Netherlands.

2012 "A History of the United States Environmental Movement." Invited lecture. University of Kent, UK.

2012 "Non-profit Association Activity Across Four Nations: Toward Developing Indicators of Inequality and Social Change." Paper presented at the School of Social Sciences Colloquium Series, Aberdeen, Scotland.

2010 Recipient, Washington State University, Department of Sociology, Louis N. Gray Graduate Student Mentorship Award.

2009 “American Environmentalism: Death or the Dawn of a New Era.” AKD induction keynote speaker. University of Nebraska, Lincoln NE. (April 16)

Conference Presentations

Johnson, Erik W. Azdren Coma and Sam Castonguay.* 2021. “The Presence of Climate and Justice Issues Among Major US Environmental Nonprofits at The Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly.” Symposium on Climate Change and the Voluntary Sector.

Coma, Azdren, Erik W. Johnson, and Philip Schwadel.* 2021. “Testing the Relationship Between Political Context And Environmental Support.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings, round table section on the Environment.

Inlow, Alana, Erik W. Johnson and Jennifer Schwartz.* 2017. The Changing Nature of Environmental Crime. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. August, Montreal Canada.

Lindstedt, Nathan, Erik W. Johnson, Patrick Gilham and Bob Edwards.* 2016. “The Mobilizing Effect of Resources and Threat: A Mixed Model Analysis of the Occupy Movement.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. August 23, Seattle, WA.

Scott, Lauren and Erik W. Johnson 2016.* “From Fringe to Core: The Integration of Environmental Sociology.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 22, Seattle, WA.

Schwadel, Phillip and Erik W. Johnson. 2015. “The Social Origins of Evangelical Protestants’ Opposition to Environmental Spending.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 22, Chicago, IL.

Schreiner, Jonathan*, Jon Agnone and Erik W. Johnson. 2014. “The Effect of *New York Times* Event Coding Techniques on the Analysis of Protest Data.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 16, San Francisco, California.

Schwartz, Jennifer and Erik W. Johnson. 2014 “Sex Stratification in Criminal Enterprise: Crimes Against the Environment.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 16, San Francisco, California.

Schwadel, Phillip and Erik W. Johnson. 2013. “Views of Environmental Spending: Changes in the Effects of Religious Affiliation, Political Party, and Education across Periods and Cohorts.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 13, New York, NY.

Schwartz, Jennifer, Erik W. Johnson and Joseph Kremer.* 2012. “Environmental Crime and

Women's and Men's Offenses Against the Environment." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. November 14-17, Chicago, IL.

Johnson, Erik. 2011. "The US National Environmental Movement: 1960-2000." Paper presented at the ARNOVA/Rockefeller Archive Center Workshop on "Philanthropy and the Environment." Sleepy Hollow, NY.

Johnson, Erik. 2010. "The Utility of Civil Society Organizations in Developing a Cross-National Measure of Political Inequality." Paper presented at the XVII International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Johnson, Erik, Jon Agnone and John McCarthy. 2006. "Where do Movements Matter? The United States Environmental Movement and Congressional Hearings and Laws, 1961-1990." Paper presented at the 100th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.

Johnson, Erik. 2004. "The Organizational Mobilization of the United States Environmental Movement." Paper presented at the Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington.

Other Professional Activities

2015. Presider, Referred Roundtable, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association

2013. Organizer for the Presidents Session on Social Movements at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in New York, NY.

2012-2020. Ad-hoc reviewer for National Science Foundation Division of Social and Economic Sciences.

Presider, Referred Roundtable, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Montreal, Canada (2006).

Reviewer (past three years): American Sociological Review; American Journal of Sociology; Environment and Behavior; Human Ecology Review; International Journal of Comparative Sociology; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Mobilization; Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly; Social Forces; Social Problems; Sociological Inquiry; Sociological Quarterly; Sociological Theory; Social Thought and Research

Member: American Sociological Association; Comparative Policy Agendas Project research group

Departmental Service

2019-20 Member, FEC

2018-19 Chair, Faculty Search Committee

2018-21 Member, Graduate Studies Committee

2018-19 Member, Conference Room Committee
2016-17 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
2015-16 Member, Executive Advisory Committee
2015-16 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
2014-15 Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee
2013-14 Chair, Executive Advisory Council
2013-14 Chair, Faculty Search Committee
2013-14 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
2012-13 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
2011-12 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
2010-11 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
2010-11 Member, Executive Advisory Council
2009-10 Chair, Awards Committee