

KEMI FUENTES - GEORGE

Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor in Political Science

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2011 - present **Full Professor** Middlebury, VT
Middlebury College, Political Science
- Affiliated with the Environmental Studies, International and Global Studies, Gender/Sexuality/and Feminist Studies, Latin American Studies, and International Politics and Economics programs.
 - Track Head, Global Environmental Change and Global Gender Studies in International Studies
- AY 2009 - 2011 **Visiting Instructor** Williamsburg, VA
College of William and Mary, Department of Government
- AY 2001 – 2009 **Teaching Assistant/Associate Instructor** Amherst, MA
University of Massachusetts

EDUCATION

- 2001 – 2011 **University of Massachusetts, Amherst** Amherst, MA
PhD, Department of Political Science
- DISSERTATION: *Transnational Networks and the Promotion of Conservationist Norms in Developing Countries*
 - COMMITTEE: Peter Haas (chair); Craig Thomas; Jim Boyce; Jane Fountain.
- 1997 – 2001 **Ohio Wesleyan University** Delaware, OH
BA, International Studies
- Graduated cum laude, *Sigma Iota Rho*

BOOK

Between Preservation and Exploitation: Transnational Advocacy Networks and Conservation in Developing Countries. Cambridge: MIT Press (2016). Reviewed in *Global Environmental Politics*, *The Americas*, *Environment and Society*, *Perspectives on Politics*.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Music Gonna Teach?: Decolonizing IR Through a Musical Exploration of Knowledge.” 2025. *Review of International Studies*, 51 (1): 121-138

“The Legacy of Colonialism on Contemporary Climate Governance.” 2023. *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, 24 (1): 94-98

“Protest Music: Using Music to Challenge (Environmental) Hegemony. In Jinnah, Sikina et al, ed., 2023, *Teaching Environmental Justice: Practices to Engage Students and Build Community*. Edward Elgar Press

“The Comparative Politics of Environmental Justice.” In Sowers, Jeannie, Stacy VanDeveer, and Erika Weinthal ed., 2021, *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Environmental Politics*. Oxford University Press

“Global Conservation and Local Lore in a Post-Colonial Society: How Traditional Environmental Knowledge Shapes the Implementation of International Environmental Agreements on Protected Areas.” In Peterson, MJ, ed., 2019, *Contesting Global Environmental Knowledge, Norms, and Governance*. New York: Routledge

“Consensus, Certainty, and Catastrophe: Discourse, Governance and Ocean Iron Fertilization.” 2017. *Global Environmental Politics* 17 (2): 125-143

Fuentes-George, Kemi, and Casey Stevens. 2015. “The Green Economy as an Opportunity to Improve US Biodiversity Assistance.” Chapter 16 in Gaspartos and Willis ed., 2015, *Biodiversity in the Green Economy*. London: Routledge

“Neoliberalism, Environmental Justice, and the Convention on Biological Diversity: How Problematizing the Commodification of Nature Affects Regime Effectiveness. 2013.” *Global Environmental Politics*, 13 (4): 144 – 163

George, Kemi. 2009. “Framing Vulnerability in Jamaica’s Cockpit Country: Economic and Political Constraints on Scientific Claims.” In Dodman, David et al. eds., 2009 *Global Change and Caribbean Vulnerability: Environment, Economy and Society at Risk?* Kingston: University of the West Indies Press

TEXTBOOK

Herb, Guntram, Sujata Moorti, and **Kemi Fuentes-George**. *Middlebury Atlas of Globalization: A Concise, Visual Guide to Our Globalized World*. Berlin, Germany: Langenscheidt bei PONS (2024)

MAINSTREAM PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

“Critical Dialogue.” Review of *Networks in Contention: The Divisive Politics of Climate Change* by Jennifer Hadden (Cambridge University Press). *Perspectives on Politics* 16, 2 (2019): 492 – 494

“Consensus, Certainty, and Catastrophe: The Debate Over Ocean Iron Fertilization.” *New Security Beat*, May 3, 2017

“Colleges and Universities, Listen Up.” *Salon.com*, Sunday, March 6, 2016

“Flint’s Structural Racism.” *Salon.com*, Sunday, February 7, 2016

“Creating a Rights-Based Framework for Environmentalism.” Review of Richard Hiskes, 2009, *The Human Right to a Green Future: Environmental Rights and Intergenerational Justice*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Humanities and Social Science Net Online

WORK UNDER REVIEW AND FORTHCOMING

“Climatization and Commodification in the Congo River Basin.” Working paper, being prepared for submission to *Environmental Politics*

Kemi Fuentes-George and Ivonne Serna. “Observers or Participants?: Post-Colonial Barriers between International Environmental Institutions and Indigenous Participation.” In Matthew, Richard and Ann Holland ed., *Climate Change and International Relations*. Under contract with Edward Elgar Press, expected 2025.

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

- AY 2024-2029 *NSF/UVM Study of Online Corpora, Knowledge, and Stories (SOCKS) Grant*. Funding (\$138,482) to administer student research internship on Indigenous environmental discourse in global governance
- April 2021 *Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Fellowship*. Award (\$5,682) from the Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation for pedagogical development.
- AY 2019 – 2020 *Honorable Mention, Marjorie Lamberti Faculty Appreciation Award*. Award for faculty engagement. *Mentorship Stipend*. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- April 2018 *Runner Up, Sprout Award*. Awarded for runner up to best book in the International Studies Association Environmental Studies Section
- June 2016 *Honorable Mention, Lynton Caldwell Award*. Awarded by the STEP section of the American Political Science Association for prominent book in environmental politics and policy
- AY 2016 – 2017 *Susan Wagley Faculty Research Fund*. Middlebury College internal award
- AY 2015 – 2016 *Ada Hove Kent Teaching Grant*. Middlebury College internal award.
- July 2014 *Mentorship Stipend*. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- June 2012 *Virginia M. Walsh Dissertation Award*. Awarded by the Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics (STEP) section of the American Political Science Association for best dissertation in science, technology and environmental politics.
- July 2010 *University College of Dublin, Clinton Institute Fellowship*. Granted by the Skellig Foundation.
- January 2007 *Dissertation Improvement Grant*. National Science Foundation: Division of Social and Economic Sciences award (\$12,000) for dissertation research.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Neoliberal Global Governance of Climate and Biodiversity: Comparative Research in India, Mexico, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). With Prakash Kashwan. International Studies Association. San Francisco, CA 2024

Observers or Participants?: Post-Colonial Barriers between International Environmental Institutions and Indigenous Participation. With Ivonne Maricarmen Serna. International Studies Association. Montreal, Canada 2023

"Music Gonna Teach": Decolonizing IR Through a Musical Exploration of Globalized Knowledge. International Studies Association. Montreal, Canada 2023

Music Gonna Teach': Decolonizing IR Through a Musical Exploration of Knowledge. New England Political Science Association. Bretton Woods, NH 2022

Global Goals, Local Lore: Syncretizing International Conservation Goals with Traditional Environmental Knowledge. International Studies Association. San Francisco, CA 2018

Consensus, Certainty, and Catastrophe: Discourse, Governance, and Ocean Iron Fertilization. Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago IL, 2017

Imagining the Ocean: Changing Global Norms About How the Ocean Absorbs CO₂. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA 2015

Nature's Meaning: A Critical Approach to Effective Regime Design. Annual Conference of the International Studies Association. Toronto, Canada 2014

Imagining the Ocean: Norm Diffusion Among Transnational Networks of Marine Ecologists. With Morgan Elbot, Colorado State University. Annual Conference of the International Studies Association. San Francisco, CA 2013

Grounding Claims to Knowledge: Local actors and epistemic community construction along the barrier reefs of Mexico. Annual Conference of the International Studies Association. San Diego, CA 2012

Barriers to Knowledge: Transnational Networks and Environmental Advocacy in Egypt. 69th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association. Chicago, IL 2011

SELECTED RECENT INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mar 2022	"Rebel Music: Afro-Caribbean Music and Political Thought." First Wednesdays Talks, Vermont Humanities Council
Jan 2022	"Musical Explorations: Pan-African Political Theory Through Music in the Afro-Caribbean." Invited talk, Albert Magnus College
Aug 2021	"Social Justice and Music." Invited Talk at Santander Bank's "Through Our Eyes" Series
January 2021	"Race and the Environment: A Global Perspective." Putney School
Dec 2020	"Race and the Environment." First Wednesdays Talks, Vermont Humanities Council
Spring 2019	"Field Research Methods." Invited Talk at UMass-Boston, Spring 2019
Spring 2019	"John Forth's Cave: How Local Culture Shapes Implementation of Global Conservation Treaties." Invited talk at Northwestern University, Spring 2019
Spring 2018	"Post-Slavery Narratives and Conservation in Rural Jamaica: How Local Culture Affects Global Environmental Governance." Invited talk at Ohio Wesleyan University, Spring 2018

March 2017 “Consensus, Uncertainty, and Catastrophe: Geoengineering and the Governance of the Oceans.” Global Studies Colloquium Series, Middlebury College. March 2017

SELECTED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2023 – present *Global Environmental Politics Journal*, Book Review Editor
International Studies Association (ISA) Environmental Studies Section Program Chair/Vice Chair

2022 – present International Studies Association (ISA) Environmental Studies Section Officer

2019 – 2023 Editorial Board Member, *Global Environmental Politics*

2011 – present Reviewer to the following journals: *Global Environmental Politics Journal*, *Environmental Politics*, *Journal of Environment and Development*, *Midwest Social Sciences Journal*. Reviewer to the following presses: *MIT Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Polity Press*, *Edward Elgar Press*, *Oxford University Press*

2014 Discussant, panel titled “Reading Marx in the Contemporary World.” New England Political Science Association. Woodstock, VT

2013 Chair and discussant, panel titled “International Diffusion of Sustainable Development Norms, Technologies, and Practices.” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association. San Francisco, CA

2012 Reviewer, Social Science Review Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship.
Assistant Organizer, panel titled “Network Interaction and Environmental Governance: The Latin American Experience.” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association. San Diego, CA

2011 Chair, panel titled “Interest Group Influence on Policymaking.” 69th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association. Chicago, IL
Discussant, panel titled “Dynamics of Sustainable Development.” 69th Annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association. Chicago, IL

SELECTED SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

2020 – 2023 Posse Mentor for New York 21
Track Head, Global Environmental Change, International and Global Studies Program
Member, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Co-organizer, “Decolonizing the Discipline” initiative in the political science department
Faculty Fellow, Global Security, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs

2019 – 2020 Posse Mentor for New York 21
Successfully proposed new Global Environmental Change track in International and Global Studies; expected to chair starting in 2020 – 2021

- Member, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Co-organizer for “Women in Politics” Series through the Political Science Department
- Ad-hoc co-presenter, with Prof. Orion Lewis. “Waves of Contention: Protests and Political Change From Latin America to Asia.” Part of Hot Topics Lunch Series through the Rohatyn Center for Global Studies
- 2018 – 2019 Member, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Co-organizer for International Politics and Economic Annual Symposium: “Environmental Policy in an Unequal World.”
- Outside reader for Biology Department hire in aquatic biology
- Member of ad hoc working group on Course Response Forms and teaching evaluations
- Fellow in Engaged Listening Project
- AY 2017 – 2018 Contributor to Wellness Program through Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
- Member, Committee on Speech and Inclusivity
- Political Science Department search committee member for term position, and for tenure track position in political science to contribute to the International Politics and Economics program
- Invited Speaker, Sanctuary Campus Meeting
- Contributor to Wellness Program through Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
- AY 2016 – 2017 Co-organizer of invited talk by Johannes Urpelainen, scheduled for Fall 2016 under the Woodin Colloquium Series
- “Women, Men, Fishing, and Coastlines.” Lecture in inaugural President’s Course on Water, Spring 2017
- “Donald Trump and Coal.” Hot Topics Lunch with Students funded by the Rohatyn Center, January 2017

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| Spring 2022 | Middlebury Community Music Center
Jazz trumpet performance and theory | Middlebury, VT |
| Feb 12 – 14 2016 | APSA Teaching and Learning Conference
Workshop titled “Decolonizing International Relations” | Portland, OR |
| Jul 11 – 17 2010 | UCD Clinton Institute
Interdisciplinary seminar/workshop on globalization and transnationalism | Dublin, Ireland |
| Jan 3 – 13 2006 | Institute of Qualitative Research Methods
Conference on qualitative research methodology and research design. | Tempe, AZ |

LANGUAGES

English native. Spanish proficiency.
Moderate French.

SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE AND SAMPLE MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTS

Adobe Suite (Premiere Pro, Illustrator, Audition)

“Unfree Labor” podcast at: <https://soundcloud.com/kemivsky-georgy/week7day1unfree-labour-pod>

“Pan-Africanism and Black Internationalism” at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2U_8Oc1F9Q

“Climate Change” at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sO6ajsvHDU>