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AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Environmental Communication, Environmental Justice, Rhetorical Theory and Criticism,
Rhetoric and Composition, Science and Technology Studies (STS),
Native American and Indigenous Studies (NAIS), Water Justice, Cultural Studies

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Candidate in Communication**, University of Colorado Boulder Present
Concentration: **Rhetoric and Culture**
Dissertation Title: "Water Crisis as Watershed Relations: Agricultural Technology and Ideology in the Arid US West"
Committee: Phaedra C. Pezzullo (Director), Karen Bailey, Clint Carroll, Tiara Na'puti, Ted Striphas
- Certificate: **Environmental Justice**
Certificate: **Ethnic Studies**
Certificate: **Native American and Indigenous Studies**
- M.A. in Communication**, University of Colorado Boulder 2020
Concentration: **Rhetoric and Culture**
Thesis: "Settler Discourses of Water Conservation: Addressing the Arid American West from Roosevelt to Snake Valley."
Committee: Phaedra C. Pezzullo (Director), Tiara Na'puti, Pete Simonson
- B.A. in History & Honors**, Westminster University, Salt Lake City, UT 2017
Concentration: **Environmental History**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Teaching Professor** 2024–Present
Department of Environmental Studies, University of Colorado Boulder
- Managing Editor** 2023–2024
Environmental Communication Journal, International Environmental Communication Association (IECA)
- Graduate Instructor** 2020–2024
Department of Communication, University of Colorado Boulder

Lecturer Upward Bound Federal TRIO Program for Indigenous Students, University of Colorado Boulder	2023/2024
Graduate Instructor Program for Writing and Rhetoric, University of Colorado Boulder	2020–2022
Copy Editor <i>Enculturation: A Journal of Rhetoric, Writing, and Culture</i>	2018–2020
Grant Writing and Events Coordinator Community Writing Center, Salt Lake Community College	2017–2018
Writing Assistant Community Writing Center, Salt Lake Community College	2017–2018
Center Liaison Write Here Community Writing Center, Westminster University	2017–2018
Writing Consultant Write Here Community Writing Center, Westminster University	2015–2017
Assistant Director University Writing Center, Westminster University	2016–2017
Writing Consultant University Writing Center, Westminster University	2015–2017

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

Warren Cook and Mikayla Torres, “The Four R’s, Ecology, and Academic Kinship: Anticolonial Turns for Rhetorical Studies” in *Environmental Communication*, 2024,

<https://doi.org/10.1080/17524032.2024.2435390>

Warren Cook, “Articulating Water Conservation as Colonization: The ‘Public Interest’ in Theodore Roosevelt’s First Annual Message” in *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 2024,

<https://doi.org/10.1080/00335630.2024.2322970>

Warren Cook, Anthony Albidrez, Sam Collier, Danielle Miyoko Furuichi, and Phaedra C. Pezzullo, “Amplifying Desire-Centered Research Beyond Deficits and Fatigue: A Case Study of Environmental Justice ArcGIS StoryMaps in Colorado” in *Environmental Justice*, 2023,

<https://doi.org/10.1089/env.2023.0009>

In Progress

Emma Galofré Garcia, **Warren Cook**, Jordan Lee, Shadia Nagati, Katie Clifford, Corrie Knapp, Seth Arens, & Karen Bailey, “Economic, Environmental, and Social: Understanding Multifaceted Sense of Place and the Influence of Drought and Water Scarcity in the Western US” (writing phase)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award	2023
Department of Communication, University of Colorado Boulder	
Campus Sustainability Award	2023
Environmental Justice Digital Storytelling Project, University of Colorado Boulder	
Best Should Teach Silver Award	2022/2023
Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Colorado Boulder	
GPTI Teaching Recognition Award	2022
Graduate School, University of Colorado Boulder	
Top Paper Overall	2022
Environmental Communication Division, National Communication Association	
Top Student Paper	2022
Environmental Communication Division, National Communication Association	
First Place, Thompson Writing Awards, Academic Nonfiction	2019
Center of the American West, University of Colorado Boulder	
Giovale Library Research Award	2017
Westminster University	
The Top Student in History	2017
Westminster College of Arts and Sciences	
Campus Impact and Legacy Award	2017
Westminster University Co-Curricular Directors Committee	
ASW Lifetime Award	2017
Associated Students of Westminster University	
Alfred H. Noelle Scholar Award	2017
Alpha Chi National College Honor Society	

2017 Honoree

<i>Who's Who Among Students at American Colleges and Universities</i>	2017
Best Paper Overall Westminster Honors College Writing Awards	2015
Best Paper in Science Category Westminster Honors College Writing Awards	2015
Delores Dore Eccles Scholar Westminster University	2014
Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction Award College Board	2013

TEACHING

Environmental Studies Department, University of Colorado Boulder

Assistant Teaching Professor

ENVS 3020: Advanced Writing in Environmental Studies (FA24, SP25)	4 sections
ENVS 3930: Internship in Environmental Studies (FA24, SP25)	2 sections

Communication Department, University of Colorado Boulder

Instructor of Record

COMM 3370: Environmental Communication (FA22, SP23)	3 sections
COMM 3300: Rhetorical Thinking (SU22, SP24)	2 sections
COMM 2400: Discourse, Culture, Identities (SU24)	1 section
COMM 3610: Communication, Technology, and Society (FA23)	1 section
COMM 2320: The Craft of Argument (SP20)	1 section
<i>TA and Lead TA</i>	
CMCI 1010: Concepts and Creativity: Conversation (FA18, FA19)	4 sections

Program for Writing and Rhetoric, University of Colorado Boulder

Instructor of Record

WRTG 3020: Decolonial Environmental Justice (SP22)	1 section
WRTG 1150: Writing Climate Futures (SP22)	1 section
WRTG 1150: Writing, Rhetoric, and Incarceration (SU21)	1 section
WRTG 1150: Writing and Conspiracy Theories (SP21)	2 sections
WRTG 1150: Writing for Climate Justice: Election 2020 (FA20)	1 section

Upward Bound Federal TRIO Program, University of Colorado Boulder

Instructor of Record

CUUB 300: Research Methods and Academic Writing (SU23, SU24)	4 sections
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FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Associate Director Storytelling and Sustainability Lab, University of Colorado Boulder	2024–Present
Member Well-Being, Environment, Livelihoods, and Sustainability Group (WELS) Lab Member, University of Colorado Boulder	2022–Present
Graduate Research Assistantship Western Water Assessment, NOAA RISA Team at CIRES, University of Colorado Boulder, “Understanding Sense of Place to Support Resilience to Compound Hazards in the Intermountain West.”	2022/2023
Summer Dissertation Fellowship Department of Communication, University of Colorado Boulder	2023
Lead Graduate Teacher Fellowship Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Colorado Boulder	2022/2023
Just Transition Fellowship Just Transition Collaborative, University of Colorado Boulder	2021
Research Assistantship Tiara R. Na’puti, Department of Communication, University of Colorado Boulder	2020
Research Assistantship Phaedra C. Pezzullo, Department of Communication, University of Colorado Boulder	2019
Graduate Research Fellow Center for Communication and Democratic Engagement, University of Colorado Boulder	2019
Working-Group Member Pedagogy and Community Literacy with David Coogan; RSA Project in Power, Place, and Publics: Rhetorical Cartographies of the UNR Campus Master Plan	2019
Arts Project B Grant Utah Division of Arts & Museums SLCC Community Writing Center jail writing publication	2018
Summer Staff Researcher Great Salt Lake Institute, Westminster College	2017

Independent Summer Research Grant Westminster Honors College	2016
Research Assistantship Christopher LeCluyse, Department of English, Westminster University	2015
Research Assistantship Gary Marquardt, Department of History, Westminster University	2014/2015

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, SELECTED

Warren Cook, “Seed Relations in a Water Crisis: Settler Colonial Technologies and Bayer’s DroughtGard Corn,” Conference on Communication and the Environment, International Environmental Communication Association (Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, 2025)

Emma Galofré Garcia, **Warren Cook**, Jordan Lee, Shadia Nagati, Katie Clifford, Corrie Knapp, Seth Arens, & Karen Bailey, “Economic, Environmental, and Social: Understanding Multifaceted Sense of Place and the Influence of Drought and Water Scarcity in the Western US,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting (Honolulu, Hawaii, 2024)

Salwa Kazi & **Warren Cook**, “Cow Nationalisms: Meat Culture, Purity, and Erasure in the US and India,” Rhetorical Society of America Conference (Denver, Colorado, 2024)

***Warren Cook** & Mikayla Torres, “The Four R’s, Ecology, and Academic Kinship: Decolonial Turns for Rhetorical Studies,” Environmental Communication Division, National Communication Association (New Orleans, LA, 2022) *Top Paper Overall & Top Student Paper

Warren Cook, “Water Culture and Pluriversal Politics,” panel on Liquid Ontologies, Fluid Epistemologies: Communicating Beyond Western-centric Approaches, Critical Cultural Studies Division, National Communication Association (Seattle, WA, 2021)

Warren Cook, “Water Conservation as Settler Production: The Trope of ‘Saving’ in Roosevelt’s 1901 Address,” Public Address Division, National Communication Association (Virtual, 2020)

Warren Cook, “Agitating the Classroom: A Workshop on Innovative Environmental Communication, Ethics, and Coping with Grief,” Western States Communication Association (Denver, CO, 2020)

Warren Cook, “Listening the Wrong Way to Landscapes in Pain: Toward a Semiotics of Environmental Suffering,” Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association (Baltimore, MD, 2019)

Warren Cook, Audra Barber, & Joanne Marras Tate, "The Blood of the Mountain: Cultural Discourse on Water and Spirituality in the Snake Valley," Graduate Conference in Religion and Ecology at Yale University (New Haven, CT, 2019)

Joanne Marras Tate, **Warren Cook**, & Emily Loker, "Suck the Anthropocene: Plastic Straws, Neoliberal Ideology, and Environmental Action," Anthropocene Resonance: Interdisciplinary Approaches Symposium (Boulder, CO, 2019)

Warren Cook, "Streams of Life and Profit: The Implications of Water Metaphors in the Arid West," Northeast Modern Language Association (Pittsburgh, PA, 2018)

Warren Cook, "The Spirit of a Water Grab: An Investigation of Place-Based Relationships to Water in the Modern American West," Global Crises, Global Change (SLC, UT, 2017)

Warren Cook, "Considering the Threat to Place," Utah Phi Alpha Theta (SLC, UT, 2017)

Warren Cook, "The Mechanics of Scientific Belief," Utah Academy of Science, Arts, & Letters conference (SLC, UT, 2016)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Konane Bay, **Warren Cook**, Jed Forman, Deanna Hirsch, "The Joyful Journey: Early Career Faculty Panel," Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO, 2025)

Warren Cook, "Environmental Communication and CMCI," CMCI Advisory Board, University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO, 2023)

Warren Cook, "Delinking from Water Conservation to Conserve Water Culture," Westminster College Expedition Fall 2020 (Baker, NV, 2020, cancelled due to COVID-19)

Warren Cook, "The Cultural Value of Water in the Snake Valley," Westminster College Expedition Fall 2018 (Baker, NV, 2018)

Warren Cook, "Listening to Water in the Snake Valley," West Desert Shepherders Gathering (Baker, NV, 2018)

Warren Cook & Justice Morath, "Writing for Change," Utah Higher Education Food Summit (Salt Lake Community College, UT, 2017)

Warren Cook & Jeff Nichols, "Oral History as Method" (Westminster University, UT, 2016)

Warren Cook, Maddie Klein, Nathan Guyer, and Tim Lindgren, "Gender Equality and Sexual Objectification in the Global North: A Cross-Metropolitan Study of Public Sexual

Objectification,” *The Pen and the Lens: Social Justice in Scandinavia* (Westminster College, UT, 2016)

SERVICE – Profession

Co-Director of Publications 2022–2024

Environmental Communication Division, National Communication Association

Journal reviewer (ad-hoc) 2023–Present

Environmental Communication Journal

Atlantic Journal of Communication

Conference reviewer 2020–Present

Conference on Communication and the Environment, IECA

Rhetoric Society of America Conference, RSA

Environmental Communication Division, NCA

Rhetoric & Communication Theory Division, NCA

SERVICE – Department/University

Director 2024–Present

Undergraduate Internship Program, Department of Environmental Studies,
University of Colorado Boulder

Director 2024–Present

Careers in the Environment Speaker Series, Department of Environmental
Studies, University of Colorado Boulder

Member 2024–Present

Merit Review Committee, Department of Environmental Studies, University of
Colorado Boulder

Member 2024–Present

Research Colloquium Committee, Department of Environmental Studies,
University of Colorado Boulder

Member 2024–Present

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Environmental
Studies, University of Colorado Boulder

Member 2023/2024

Budget and Finance Committee, Communication Graduate Student
Association, University of Colorado Boulder

Member Graduate Program Committee, Communication Department, University of Colorado Boulder	2022/2023
Member Rhetoric and Culture Teaching Professor Hiring Committee, Communication Department, University of Colorado Boulder	2022
Communication Chair Communication Graduate Student Association, University of Colorado Boulder	2020/2021
Social Chair Communication Graduate Student Association, University of Colorado Boulder	2019/2020
Member Campus Sustainability Council, Westminster University	2016/2017
Member Undergraduate Enrollment and Financial Aid Committee, Westminster University	2016/2017
Copy Editor <i>Honorable Mention</i> Newsletter Committee, Westminster Honors College	2016/2017
Presidential Ambassador Westminster University	2015–2017
Hiring Committee Member Kim T. Adamson Chair in Honors & Fellowship Advising, Westminster University	2016/2017
Peer Educator START Advising and Counseling Center, Westminster University	2016/2017
Director of Clubs and Organizations Student Board, Associated Students of Westminster	2016/2017
Board Member Clubs and Organizations Board, Associated Students of Westminster	2015/2016

Co-President 2015/2016
Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, Westminster Chapter

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

StoryMap Lead & Interviewer: [Ute Mountain Ute Tribe](#) 2022–2024
[EnviroScreen StoryMaps](#), Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, CO Environmental Justice Storytelling Project, University of Colorado Boulder

Podcast Co-Host 2023–Present
With Joanne Marras Tate, [Confluences: An Environmental Communication Podcast](#), Environmental Communication Division, National Communication Association

Lead Volunteer Instructor 2019/2020
10 Week Course on Democratic Communication, [Captured Words/Free Thoughts](#): Writing and Art from America’s Prisons (CU Denver Affiliated), Camp George West Correctional Facility, Golden, CO

Contributor 2018
Community Writing Newsletter, Salt Lake Community College, Volume 18, No 2: [“What if Writing Were a Homecoming?”](#)

Contributor 2018
Water Gab Newsletter, Great Basin Water Network, Volume 8, Issue 1: [“Groundwater Development Project is a Cultural Threat,”](#)

Certified Sexual Assault Counselor and Advocate 2017
Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA)

Project Founder and Interviewer 2016/2017
[Snake Valley Oral Histories of Water Archive](#), in partnership with Great Basin Water Network, Utah

Volunteer Interviewer 2016
Wasatch Hollow Community Council, Utah, [Oral History Project](#)