

Nikki Crew, PhD.

Overview

Significant experience in collegiate political science instruction at three universities, obtained both during and after completion of a doctoral Political Science program at Colorado State University. Dissertation research focused on agricultural policy and while teaching courses, I was accepted for an internship at the USDA that became a full-time position, leading to 8+ years of federal sector experience in addition to concurrently teaching a variety of courses.

Educational/Instructional Experience

Education

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, Ph.D., 2022

Political Science

- Concentrations: American Politics, Environmental Policy, Public Administration/Policy
- Dissertation: “Where the Wild Things Grow: An Analysis of Urban Agriculture in U.S. Cities”
- Committee: Dr. Susan Opp (Chair), Dr. Kyle Saunders, Dr. Bob Duffy, and Dr. Michael Seman

University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, M.S., Environmental Policy, 2015

California State University, Fullerton, California, B.A., English, 2008

Teaching Experience

Sacramento State University, Sacramento, California

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming

Course Instructor:

- Spring 2026: PPA 210: Policy Making in a Political Environment (Sacramento State University)
- Fall 2022: POLS 660: Theories of the Policy Process (Colorado State University)
- Summer 2022: POLS 103: State and Local Government and Politics (Colorado State University)
- Spring 2022: POLS 660: Theories of the Policy Process (Colorado State University)
- Fall 2021: POLS 660: Theories of the Policy Process (Colorado State University)
- Fall 2021: POLS 4530/5530 U.S. Congress (University of Wyoming)
- Summer 2021: POLS 103: State and Local Government and Politics (Colorado State University)
- Spring 2021: POLS 660: Theories of the Policy Process (Colorado State University)
- Fall 2020: POLS 4530/5530 U.S. Congress (University of Wyoming)

- Summer 2020: POLS 103: State and Local Government and Politics (Colorado State University)
- Spring 2020: POLS 103: State and Local Government and Politics (Colorado State University)
- Fall 2019: POLS 103: State and Local Government and Politics (Colorado State University)
- Summer 2019: POLS 101: American Government and Politics (Colorado State University)
- Summer 2019: POLS 103: State and Local Government and Politics (Colorado State University)
- Fall 2018: POLS 103: State and Local Government and Politics (Colorado State University)

Graduate Teaching Assistant:

- Spring 2019: POLS 241: Comparative Government and Politics (face to face, 75 students)
- Spring 2018: POLS 101: American Government and Politics (face to face, 181 students)
- Fall 2017: POLS 232: International Relations (face to face, 64 students)
- Spring 2017: POLS 101: American Government and Politics (face to face, 127 students)
- Fall 2016: POLS 101: American Government and Politics (face to face, 84 students)
- Spring 2015: POLS 131: Current World Problems (face to face, 141 students)
- Fall 2015: POLS 101: American Government and Politics (face to face, 149 students)

Grants and Awards:

- Fall 2020: Nominated for CLA Excellence in Teaching
- Spring 2020: Ecosystem Science and Sustainability Course Redesign
- Spring 2019: The Political Science Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Teaching
- Summer 2018: CSU Political Science Department Undergraduate Program Objectives Assessment
- Spring 2017: CSU Political Science Department Research Funding to work with City of Fort Collins on local political identity/affiliation project

Publications:

- **Farming and Ranching in the United States.** In: Environmental Issues Today: Choices and Challenges. Vol 1: 2020.
- **Farming and Ranching Worldwide.** In: Environmental Issues Today: Choices and Challenges. Vol 2: 2020.
- **Where the Wild Things Grow: An Analysis of Urban Agriculture in U.S. Cities.** Dissertation, completed 2022/published 2023.