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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. 2021 Political Science, Western Michigan University

Dissertation Title: “**Cities Leading the Way: Municipal Climate Policy in the US”**

Dissertation Advisor: Denise Keele, PhD

M.A. 2019 Political Science, Western Michigan University

B.A. 2016 Political Science, Washington and Jefferson College, summa cum laude

**REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Bick, N. 2025. Meeting California Climate Change Standards: Understanding the Regional and Local Transportation Coalitions Throughout California. *The Journal of Critical Infrastructure Policy*., 6(1). <https://doi.org/10.1002/jci3.12034>

Bick, Naomi. 2025. “From framing to implementation: The experience of local sustainability administration in the US.” *Environmental Science & Policy,* Volume 164,

2025, 104003, ISSN 1462-9011, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsci.2025.104003>.

Bick, Naomi. 2024. “Citizen involvement in local sustainability policymaking: an in‑depth analysis of staff activities and motivations.” *Sustainability Science.* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11625-024-01562-x>

Bick, Naomi. 2023. “Using historical institutionalism as a guidepost to understanding policy change in Rust Belt cities.” *Mitig Adapt Strateg Glob Change* 28, 50. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11027-023-10091-4>

Bick, Naomi. 2023. “Agricultural framing in California’s Central Valley: Farming values and climate change policy.” *The Social Science Journal.* [*https://doi.org/10.1080/03623319.2023.2237268*](https://doi.org/10.1080/03623319.2023.2237268)

Bick, Naomi, and Denise Keele. 2022. “Sustainability and Climate Change: Understanding the Political Use of Environmental Terms in Municipal Governments”. *Current Research in Environmental Sustainability*. Volume (4): 100145. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.crsust.2022.100145>

Bick, Naomi. 2019. **"**Women and European Green Parties: Unlocking the Connection" *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 21(5): 289-813*.* doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14616742.2019.1583070>

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Bick, Naomi. “Conducting Sound Research about Urban Climate Change”. SSCI 150T: Social Science Honors Research Series. Presented to the College of Social Sciences Honors Program. November 13, 2023.

Bick, Naomi. “From Framing to Implementation of Urban Climate Change.” Public Presentation Western Michigan University Institute of Government. April 7, 2023.

Bick, Naomi. “Conducting Sound Research about Urban Climate Change”. SSCI 150T: Social Science Honors Research Series. Presented to the College of Social Sciences Honors Program. November 15, 2021.

Keele, Denise, Paul Clements, Naomi Bick, and Ron Kramer. “Post-Election Outlook for Climate Policy” Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition. November 13, 2020

Bick, Naomi. “Municipal Climate Governance: Are Cities Leading the Way?”, WMU Creative Research and Activities Poster Day. March 26, 2020 [canceled due to COVID-19]

Keele, Denise, Paul Clements, and Naomi Bick. “Climate Policies and Politics Panel” Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition: Fridays for Future Series. February 14, 2020

Bick, Naomi. "Environmental Action Organizations in Kalamazoo" Institute of Government and Politics at Western Michigan University.

January 28, 2020

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (peer-reviewed)**

Bick, Naomi. January 2025. “A Woman’s World? Understanding Gender in Local Sustainability Administration.” Southern Political Science Association Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Bick, Naomi and Brake, Brittany. January 2025. “Using Short Simulations for Political Science Instruction.” Southern Political Science Association Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Bick, Naomi. March 2024. “Meeting California Standards: How Regional and Local Governments Address Transportation Policymaking”. Western Political Science Association Conference in Vancouver, Canada

Bick, Naomi. August 2023. “Cooperation and Climate Change Governance: Transportation in the Central Valley of California.” American Political Science Association in Los Angeles, California

Bick, Naomi. April 2023. “From Framing to Implementation of Urban Climate Change.” Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois.

Bick, Naomi and Denise Keele. September 2022. “Comparing Great Lakes and West Coast Climate Policy” American Political Science Association in Montreal, Canada.

Bick, Naomi. March 2022. “Sustainability and Climate Policies in California’s Central Valley.” Western Political Science Association in Portland Oregon.

Bick, Naomi and Denise Keele. April 2021. “Municipal Climate Policy in the Great Lakes: Making the Most of Limited Resources.” Midwest Political Science Association [online]

Bick, Naomi and Denise Keele. January 2021. “Climate Change and Sustainability in Municipal Policy” Southern Political Science Association Conference [online]

Bick, Naomi and Denise Keele. 2020. “Multilevel Quantitative Modeling of Municipal Climate Policy: Are Cities Leading on Climate Change?” Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois [paper accepted, but conference canceled due to COVID-19]

Keele, Denise and Naomi Bick. 2020. “Building a Coalition: Climate Engagement with Colleges, Cities and Community Groups” Climate 2020, World Online Climate Conference, Digital Learning for Sustainable Development, Hamburg University. March 23-30. (published at [https://dl4sd.org)/]https://dl4sd.org)

Bick, Naomi and Denise Keele“. 2019. Multilevel Quantitative Modeling of Municipal Climate Policy: Are Cities Leading on Climate Change?” Michigan Political Science Association Conference in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**professional Experience**

Assistant Professor of Political Science

California State University, Fresno

Since 2021

**GRANTS**

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2025, $500

Division of Research and Graduate Studies Recruitment Mini Grant, 2024, $500

Division of Research and Graduate Studies Recruitment Mini Grant, 2023, $500

Division of Research and Graduate Studies - Dean’s Faculty Mini-Grant Funding, 2023 $1,500

RSCA Research Course Release Fall, 2023

WMU College of Arts and Sciences Climate Change Research Graduate Scholarship, 2019, 2020 $2000

WMU Graduate Student Research Grant, 2020

$1000

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Outstanding Faculty Publications, Fresno State 2024 for “Agricultural framing in California’s Central Valley: Farming values and climate change policy”

Outstanding Faculty Publications, Fresno State 2023 for “Sustainability and Climate Change: Understanding the Political Use of Environmental Terms in Municipal Governments”

WMU Political Science Department Research Award, 2020

John R. Borsos Scholarship, 2020

ICPSR Scholarship for Public Administration, Public Policy, and Public Affairs, 2019

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Fresno State Service-learning Seminar Workshop Participant 2024

American Political Science Association Women’s Mentoring Workshop Participant 2023

ICPSR Summer Program 2023

Introduction to Mixed Methods Research

Discover-E Technology and Education Certification 2022-2023

Writing Across the Curriculum Symposium California State, Fresno 2022, 2023, 2024

THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATORS AND THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION (ACUE) Effective Practice Program 2021-2022

ICPSR Summer Program 2019

EITM Certification 2019

Multilevel Modeling and Network Analysis

**SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

Master of Public Administration Program Director August 2023-present

Managing recruitment, NASPAA accreditation reports, program maintenance

Fresno State Transportation Institute Faculty Fellow January 2024-May 2024

University Academic Information Technology Subcommittee 2023-present

College of Social Science Curriculum Committee Member 2023-present

College of Social Science Research Committee Member 2022-2023; 2023-present

Master of Public Administration Committee Member since 2021

Political Science Department Scholarship Committee Member 2022-2023

CFA Representative Political Science Department since 2022

Member: American Political Science Association (APSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

**Teaching Interests**

Public Policy

Urban Politics

Environmental Policy

State and Local Politics

Climate Change Politics

Research Methods/Quantitative Analysis

**References**

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