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Curriculum Vitae

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1. **EDUCATION**

2016‑ **University of Vermont**, Burlington, Vermont

Doctoral student, Rubenstein School of the Environment and Natural Resources

Graduate Student Fellow, Gund Institute for Environment

Climate Justice Cohort member, Economics for the Anthropocene

2016 **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona**

Fulbright Graduate Student Researcher, Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals

2015 **School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London**

Visiting Research Student, Development Studies

2014 **Skyline Community College,** San Mateo, California

Climate Protection Professional certification

2013 **Western Washington University,** Bellingham, Washington

**Bachelor of Arts** in Economics/Environmental Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*

GPA: 4.00

2012 **Universidad de Salamanca,** Spain

Certificate in Spanish Language and Culture

**Short Courses**

2016 Summer School on Degrowth and Environmental Justice, Barcelona, Catalunya, and Cébere, France

2014 Oxford Summer School on Ecological Economics, UK

2014 Progressive Economics Forum Summer School on Heterodox Economics, Vancouver, BC

1. **AWARDS**

2016 Fulbright U.S. Student Award, Spain

2012-2013 Department of Economics Academic Excellence Award

2012 Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

2012 Settlemyer Scholarship in Economics

2012 Margit Kingston Economics Scholarship

2011 & 2012 College of Business and Economics Alumni Scholarship

2011 Mischaikow Family Scholarship

1. **WRITING**

**Report Chapter**

Temper, Leah and Sam Bliss. “Decolonising and decarbonising: How the Unist’ot’en are arresting pipelines and asserting autonomy.” In *Refocusing resistance to climate justice: COPing in, COPing out and beyond Paris*, edited by Leah Temper and Tamra Gilbertson, 116-126. EJOLT report no. 23, 2015.

**Working Paper**

Bliss, Sam, Alison Adams, Kelly Hamshaw, and Svenja Telle. “President Trump's Proposed Budget Changes Would Increase Greenhouse Gas Emissions by More than 5 Million Metric Tons CO2e.” May 17, 2017. Available at SSRN: <https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2970185>

**Popular Publications**

“What will spark a degrowth movement in the USA?” *Uneven Earth*, Nov. 25, 2016.

Bliss, Sam and Marina Rubio Herranz. “Malbaratem un món d’aliments.” *La Metxa*, No. 9, Summer 2016.

Rubio Herranz, Marina and Sam Bliss. “In defense of common space.” *Uneven Earth*, June 6, 2016.

“My journey toward degrowth.” *degrowth.de*, Jan. 12, 2016.

“Spending time in a controversial camp that’s blocking tar-sands pipelines.” *Grist*, Aug. 21, 2015

“Till or spray? The question facing dryland grain farmers.” *Resilience*, Aug. 19, 2015.

“Buying organic isn’t just about local veggies.” *Resilience*, Aug. 4, 2015.

“Artisans transform one small town’s economy.” *Grist*, July 9, 2015

“The real sharing economy doesn’t require apps, just kindness.” *Grist*, May 29, 2015

“Can the sharing economy get this guy from Seattle to London by bike?” *Grist*, May 18, 2015

“This affordable housing complex has a solar farm on its roof.” *Grist*, April 3, 2015.

“These urban farmers want to feed the whole neighborhood — for free.” *Grist*, March 13, 2015.

“This co-op bike shop will teach you to fix your own damn bike (and that matters).” *Grist*, March 11, 2015.

“The sharing economy is bullsh!t. Here’s how we can take it back.” *Grist*, March 9, 2015.

“The pros and cons of cheap oil.” *Grist*, Jan. 15, 2015.

“Gas prices are way low, but U.S. oil production to grow in 2015. What gives?” *Grist*, Jan. 3, 2015.

“A plan to get solar headed in the right direction – literally.” *Grist*, Dec. 2, 2014.

“Europe’s plastic bag rule is a breath of fresh air.” *Grist*, Nov. 24, 2014.

“Big Oil doesn’t even need Keystone XL – all the more reason to kill it.” *Grist*, Nov. 17, 2014.

“No, Obama’s carbon limits won’t mean massive power outages.” *Grist*, Nov. 12, 2014.

“The Anthropocene is here, whether geologists make it official or not.” *Grist*, Oct. 18, 2014.

“No, economic growth and climate stability do not go hand-in-hand.” *Grist*, Sep. 30, 2014.

“DIY soap meets big economic ideas at Degrowth 2014.” *Grist*, Sep. 26, 2014.

+ dozens more *Grist* articles at [http://*Grist*.org/author/sam-bliss/](http://grist.org/author/sam-bliss/)

“SolarCoin: Digital Money Backed by Solar Power.” *Triple Pundit*, April 9, 2014.

“Olympic Games a perfect stage to drive key issues.” *Oakland Tribune*, Feb. 28, 2014.

“In climate-change fight, best government is responsive one.” *Poughkeepsie Journal*, Dec. 22, 2013.

“A Full Accounting: The Economic Costs of Coal Export from Cherry Point.” *Cascadia Weekly*, June 15, 2013.

“Privatizing a Basic Human Right: Water.” *Read the Dirt*, Mar. 2, 2012.

1. **SPEAKING**

**Presentations**

“Can nuclear replace fossil fuels?” Frontiers in Ecological Economics Online Conference. University of Vermont, Burlington. May 3, 2014

“Decommodifying food.” University of Vermont Student Research Conference. Burlington. April 27, 2017.

“Kiss nature goodbye. The dangerous illusions of post-environmentalism.” Association of American Geographers annual meeting. Boston. April 6, 2017.

“Challenging ecomodernism.” Rubenstein Graduate Student Seminar Jamboree. University of Vermont, Burlington. October 13, 2016.

“Ecomodernism and degrowth.” Fifth International Degrowth Conference. Budapest. September 1, 2016.

“Challenging ecomodernism.” Sino-European workshop on eco-cooperative theory and practice. ICTA, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. June 18, 2016.

“Challenging ecomodernism.” Ecological economics, Ethno-ecology and Integrated assessment seminar. ICTA, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. June 1, 2016.

“The global climate impact of local government purchasing. Alameda County supply chain emissions inventory.” Oxford Summer School on Ecological Economics. UK. Aug. 27, 2014.

“degrowth.” Climate Corps TALKS. Berkeley, California. July 30, 2014.

“The global climate impact of local government purchasing. Alameda County supply chain emissions inventory.” EPA Region 9 Brown Bag Series. San Francisco, California. July 24, 2014.

**Guest Lectures**

“The ecological economics of ecomodernism.” Intro to Ecological Economics, University of Vermont. November 18, 2016.

“The ecological economics of ecomodernism.” Economics of Sustainability, University of Vermont. October 27, 2016.

“*L’Hort Alliberat i la Xarxa d’Aliments*: Gardening occupied urban space and recycling food waste in Barcelona.” Barcelona field course: food justice in the city, Bristol University. May 8, 2016.

“Supply chain greenhouse gas emissions inventory: An application of input-output modeling.” Linear Algebra, Berkeley City College. April 10, 2014.

**Video**

“Eco-modernism vs. Degrowth.” Research & Degrowth and Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals, Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, July 24, 2016.

“Why Growth and the Environment Can’t Coexist – A degrowth explainer.” *Grist*, Feb. 9, 2015.

1. **SERVICE**

2016 Reading Group Coordinator, Research & Degrowth Spain, Barcelona

1. **WORKING**

2016-present Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant Burlington, Vermont

Rubenstein School of Natural Resources, University of Vermont

**Non-academic Positions**

2014-2015 Editorial Fellow Seattle, Washington

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2013-2014 Climate Corps Bay Area Fellow Oakland, California

Sustainable Purchasing Associate, County of Alameda

2013 North Sound Baykeeper Intern Bellingham, Washington

RE Sources for Sustainable Communities

2012 Microeconomics Tutor Bellingham, Washington

Western Washington University

2012 New Energy Cities Intern Seattle, Washington

Climate Solutions

1. **OTHER**

**GRE scores**

Verbal reasoning: 170

Quantitative reasoning: 168

Analytical Writing: 5.5