

# Michael Henry Lerner

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	<i>Substantive:</i> Policy innovation and diffusion, institutional design, decisionmaking in environmental governance, adaptation to environmental change, development and resource depletion, disaster risk reduction  <i>Methodological:</i> Network analysis, text analysis and machine learning, political economy	
EDUCATION	<b>University of Michigan</b> , Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D., Political Science and Public Policy, <i>In Progress</i> Fields: Comparative Politics and Public Policy  <b>University of Michigan</b> , Ann Arbor, MI B.A., Political Science and French, <i>May 2014</i> Minor in Earth and Environmental Sciences  <b>Institut d'Études Politiques</b> , Paris, France Certificate in Social Sciences and Humanities, <i>May 2013</i> Study abroad, full academic year, all courses in French	
WORKING PAPERS AND CURRENT PROJECTS	<b>Lerner, Michael</b> and Charles R. Shipan. "Political Institutions and the Durability of Environmental Policy."  <b>Lerner, Michael</b> . "Too Many Cooks? Fragmented Ministerial Jurisdictions and Environmental Policy Change"  <b>Lerner, Michael</b> . "A New Database for Inferring International Environmental Policy Diffusion Networks"  Cory, Jared, <b>Michael Lerner</b> , and Iain Osgood. "The Carbon Coalition."  <b>Lerner, Michael</b> . "Technological Change and the Politics of Siting Utility-scale Wind Power in the United States"	
PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES	<b>Lerner, Michael</b> , Ryo Fujikura, Mikiyasu Nakayama, and Manami Fujikura. 2016. "The Influence of Limits to Growth	

and Global 2000 on U.S. Environmental Governance.”  
*International Journal of Social Science Studies* 4 (8). [Link](#)

OTHER ACADEMIC  
PUBLICATIONS

**Lerner, Michael.** February 2019. Review of *Defending Giants: The Redwood Wars and the Transformation of American Environmental Politics* by Darren Frederick Speece. *National Political Science Review* 20 (1). [Link](#)

Basile, Samantha, **Michael Lerner**, and Keyon Rostamnezhad. December 2018. “Boost University Voices at COP24 UN Climate Meeting.” *Nature* 564 (7734): 39. [Link](#)

PROFESSIONAL  
PUBLICATIONS

Harris, Theresa L., Jonathan Drake, Jessica M. Wyndham, Susan R. Wolfenbarger, Stephen D. Lott, and **Michael Lerner**. July 2018. “Geospatial Evidence in International Human Rights Litigation: Technical and Legal Considerations.” Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program (SRHRL) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). [Link to Report](#) [Link to Case Studies](#)

Bruch, Carl, **Michael Lerner**, and Claudia D’Andrea. “Political Economy Analysis.” January/February 2017. *The Environmental Forum*: 32-36. [Link](#)  
Also published as “Political Economy Analysis: Protecting Biodiversity and Reducing Unintended Consequences.” January 2017. Policy Brief No. 13. Environmental Law Institute. Washington, DC. [Link](#)

Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit (JEU). June 2016. “Alternative Classification Schemes for Man-Made Hazards in the Context of the Implementation of the Sendai Framework.” Prepared on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Industrial and Chemical Accidents. Geneva, Switzerland. [Link](#)

**Lerner, Michael.** October 2014. “Opportunity, Risk, and Public Acceptability: The Question of Shale Gas Exploitation in Québec.” *Issues in Energy and Environmental Policy*. Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy. Ann Arbor, MI. [Link](#)

**Lerner, Michael.** Summer 2013. “Companies Put Scientific Methods on Trial,” “Publication of Car Security Code Hack Under Gag Order in UK,” and “Restrictions on Human Embryo Research Relaxed in France.” *Professional Ethics Report*. [Link](#)

**Lerner, Michael.** Spring 2013. “British Libel Reform a Welcome, If Partial, Success,” and “US Attorney: NYU Researchers Received Bribes, Concealed Affiliations.” *Professional Ethics Report*. [Link](#)

CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2017–2019

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference 2018–2019

Michigan University-wide Sustainability and Environment Conference 2017–2019

Environmental Political and Governance Conference 2018

PUBLIC TALKS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Decentralization, Siting Restrictions, and the Development of Utility-scale Wind Power in the United States.” *PUBPOL 750.304: Renewable Energy Policy at the State & Local Level*, February 2019. Ann Arbor, MI

“From the Streets to the Negotiating Table: The Relationship between Insider and Outsider NGOs at COP.” *Unshaken: Subnational Actors Step Up at UN Climate Talks*, March 2018. Ann Arbor, MI.

“Political Science: The Scientific Study of Politics and Why It Matters for the Environment.” *ENVIRON 211: Social Sciences and Environmental Problems*. October 2017, Ann Arbor, MI.

WORK EXPERIENCE

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI  
Graduate Student Research Assistant to Prof. Brendan Nyhan, *January 2019 – Present*

Graduate Student Instructor, POLSCI 326: American State Government, *September 2018 – December 2018*

Graduate Student Instructor, POLSCI 101: Introduction to Political Theory, *January 2018 – April 2018*

Graduate Student Instructor, POLSCI 336: Energy Politics, *September 2017 – December 2018*

**Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy**, Ann Arbor, MI

Policy Analyst, Renewable Energy Policy Initiative,  
*September 2018 – Present (June 2019)*

Policy Analyst, Issues in Energy and Environmental Policy,  
*January 2014 – May 2014*

**Environmental Law Institute**, Washington, DC  
Research Associate, *August 2014 – July 2016*

**Independent Consultant**, Washington, DC  
Integra LLC [for the United States Agency for International  
Development], *July 2016 – October 2016*

United Nations Offices for the Coordination of  
Humanitarian Affairs, *May 2016 – June 2016*

Environment Strategies International LLC, *April 2015 – July  
2016*

Prof. Ryo Fujikura, Hosei University, *July 2015 – February  
2016*

Allison Goldberg, Ph.D., *August 2014 – December 2015*

**Michigan Geomicrobiology Lab**, Ann Arbor, MI  
Research Assistant, *October 2010 – April 2012*

PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Environmental Peacebuilding Association

PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

Center for Research on Learning and Teaching: Graduate  
Student Instructor Teaching Orientation. Ann Arbor, MI.  
*August 2017.*

Graduate Student Instructor Training (POLSCI 993). Ann Arbor,  
MI. *January 2017 – April 2017 and September 2017 –  
December 2017*

Teaching Writing in the Disciplines (WRITING 993). Ann Arbor,  
MI. *September 2017 – December 2017.*

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Michigan University-wide Sustainability and Environment  
Conference, Ann-Arbor, MI. Co-chair. *May 2017 – April 2019.*  
Agenda Coordinator. *June 2017 – February 2018.*

Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Ph.D. Admissions  
Committee. Member. *December 2018 – February 2019.*

3<sup>rd</sup> Great Lakes Adaptation Forum, Ann Arbor, MI. Advisory  
Board and Program Committee. Member. *February 2018 –  
September 2018.*

University of Michigan Observer Delegation to the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention  
on Climate Change, Bonn, Germany. Delegate. *November  
2017*

University of Michigan Provost's Task Team on Engaged  
Learning and Digital Instruction. Member. *January 2014 –  
May 2014*

Residential College French Service Learning, Freedom House  
Detroit. Volunteer Tutor/Translator. *September 2011 –  
December 2011*

#### GRANTS & AWARDS

Dow Sustainability Doctoral Fellowship, \$15,000, *January  
– December 2019.*

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Politics and Governance Conference  
Travel Grant, €800, *2018.*

American Political Science Association Travel Grant, \$200  
*2018.*

Midwest Political Science Association Travel Grant, \$400, *2018.*

University of Michigan Political Science Director of Graduate  
Studies Research Grant, \$1500, *2017.*

Political Science Summer Collaboration Grant (with Charles  
Shipan), \$1500, *2017.*

William Jennings Bryan Prize in Political Science, University of  
Michigan, *2014*

High Honors, Senior Honors Thesis in Political Science,  
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor: "The Loud and the  
Unhappy: An Empirical Characterization and Interpretation  
of Participation in Collective Action," *2014*

Romance Languages and Literature Student Achievement  
Award, University of Michigan, *2014*

Phi Beta Kappa Society, Member, *2014*

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Poster, Michigan Geophysical Union, *2012*

LANGUAGES

French (C2/Mastery)  
German (B2/Vantage)  
Italian (B1/Threshold)

SKILLS

R (Proficient), LaTeX (Proficient), Python (Elementary),  
SPSS/STATA (Elementary), Adobe InDesign (Proficient),  
Drupal (Elementary)

INTEREST

Ultimate Frisbee, squash, chess, hiking, and baking