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## EDUCATION

**Harvard University**  
Ph.D., Government  
A.M., Government

Cambridge, MA  
Expected 2018  
May 2013

Dissertation: *Vulnerable Democracy: Climate, Crisis, and Citizenship*.  
Committee: Peter Hall, Jennifer Hochschild, Steven Levitsky

**University of Washington**  
B.A. with distinction, Political Science, *magna cum laude*

Seattle, WA  
2005

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Comparative politics, environmental politics, informal institutions and identity politics, social and economic change in the Arctic, qualitative methods

## TEACHING AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

**Harvard University**

Cambridge, MA

*Course designer and instructor*, January graduate school intensive: "The New Politics of Climate Crisis." January 2013 and January 2014.

*Teaching fellow*, Department of Government: Introduction to Comparative Politics. Professor Steven Levitsky, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, and Fall 2012.

*Teaching fellow*, Department of Government: Sophomore Tutorial in Democracy. Professors Nancy Rosenblum and Timothy Colton, Spring 2009 and Spring 2010.

*Teaching fellow*, Department of Government: Russian Politics in Transition. Professor Timothy Colton, Fall 2008.

*Teaching fellow*, Department of Environmental Politics and Public Policy: Environmental Crisis and Population Flight. Professor Jennifer Leaning, Fall 2007.

*Thesis advisor*, Department of Government: undergraduate thesis research. Spring 2006-Spring 2014.

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

*The Inclusion Trap: Climate, Crisis, and Citizenship in Rural Alaska*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco, September 2017.

*Assimilation without Representation*. Winter 2014. Harvard International Review, 35(3).

*Power and Empowerment in Imperfect Democracies*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2013.

*Difference, Disturbance, and Democracy: The Art and Science of Inventing Vulnerable Subjects*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2012.

*Polarized: Catastrophic Climate Change and Organized Resistance in Three Arctic Villages*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2008.

*Losing Ground: Climate Change and Social Mobilization in Four Alaskan Communities*. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, April 2008. (Presenter and panel chair, "Climate and Community.")

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND TRAINING

<b>Harvard University Center for the Environment</b> <i>Research Fellowship</i> Doctoral fellow and member, Graduate Consortium on Energy and the Environment	Cambridge, MA 2012-2014
<b>National Science Foundation</b> <i>Dissertation Research Improvement Grant</i> Support for dissertation research	Cambridge, MA 2010-2011
<b>National Science Foundation</b> <i>Integrative Graduate and Education Research Traineeship Program</i> <i>Visiting Fellow, University of Alaska</i> Dissertation research support in the University of Alaska's Resilience and Adaptation Program	Fairbanks, AK 2010-2011
<b>Dissertation Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council</b> <i>Fellow, Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change research field</i>	New York City, NY Summer 2008
<b>Davis Center Abby and George O'Neill Grant, Harvard University</b> <i>Summer funding to undertake pre-dissertation research in Siberia</i>	Cambridge, MA Summer 2008
<b>Center for American Political Studies Research Grant, Harvard University</b> <i>Seed grant to undertake pre-dissertation summer research in rural Alaska</i>	Cambridge, MA Winter 2007
<b>Daniel Lev Award, University of Washington</b> <i>Best honors thesis in political science</i>	Seattle, WA June, 2006
<b>Robert Dahl Award, University of Washington</b> <i>Outstanding graduate in political science</i>	Seattle, WA June, 2006
<b>Bonderman Travel Fellowship, UW Honors College</b> <i>Twelve months fully-funded solo travel in Asia, Europe, and Latin America</i>	Seattle, WA 2005-2006
<b>Phi Beta Kappa, University of Washington</b>	2005

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

<b>Harvard University</b> <i>Student coordinator, Workshop on Qualitative Methods in Political Science</i>	Cambridge, MA 2008-2010
<b>Canadian Institute for Advanced Research</b> <i>"Successful Societies" Conference Reporter</i>	Toronto, Ontario October, 2009
<b>Harvard University/MIT</b> <i>Founding member, interdisciplinary research workshop on Environmental Politics</i>	Cambridge, MA 2007-2010
<b>Political Research Quarterly</b> <i>Reviewer, Environmental Politics and Comparative Politics</i>	Pullman, WA 2009-present
<b>Pacific Northwest Political Science Association</b> <i>Section Head, Gender and Politics</i>	Portland, OR 2007-2008

## LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS

**Languages:** proficient in Spanish, basic studies in Russian and German.

**Statistical Analysis and Computer Packages:** R/S-Plus, HTML, LaTeX, Stata, SPSS, Mathematica

**Qualitative Analysis:** AtlasTi, some experience with Geographic Information Systems. Graduate of the Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods' summer Institute for Qualitative Methods and Mixed Method Research in Syracuse, NY.

**Other:** Strong presentation and oral communication skills, extensive background in political and community organizing and program development.

## REFERENCES

**Steven Levitsky**  
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