

Curriculum Vitae
Abigail Abrash Walton, PhD
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Leadership and Change, Antioch University

M.Sc., Political Theory, Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science

B.A., International Relations, University of Pennsylvania

Diploma, Institut International des Droits de l'Homme, Strasbourg, France, Study Session on Human Rights

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY NEW ENGLAND, Keene, NH, 2003 to Present

- **Faculty, Department of Environmental Studies**, 2003-present
 - **Director, Master's of Science programs**, 2018-present; **Interdisciplinary Master's of Arts program**, 2020; **Advocacy for Social Justice and Sustainability master's concentration**, 2014-present
 - Developed new MS concentration in International Sustainable Development and Climate Change
 - Co-established and co-direct Center for Climate Preparedness and Community Resilience, 2014-present
 - Co-created and co-direct, Conservation Psychology Institutes, 2011-present
 - Established and manage Congressional Progressive Caucus Fellowship, 2007-present
 - Established and led, Translating Research to Inform Policy workshops, 2012-2019
- **Director, Center for Academic Innovation**, 2012-2016
 - Created, led and mobilized external resources to support new non-matriculated, capacity-building offerings (e.g., conferences, institutes) that engaged faculty from all AUNE departments. New programming generated 10:1 return on investment in net revenue; contributed to new matriculated certificate programs in Applied Psychology, Education and Environmental Studies departments.
- **Assistant to the President for Sustainability and Social Justice**, Office of the President, 2008-2014
 - Served on President's Cabinet (senior academic leadership team)
 - Recruited and led a 30-person team in developing AUNE's 10-year Climate Action Plan, designed to enable the campus to reach its goal of carbon neutrality by the year 2020
 - Chaired Diversity & Inclusion Task Force, toward achieving AUNE's 2006 Social Justice Audit Action Plan goals
 - Established and managed SSJ team, including SSJ Coordinator graduate assistantship
 - Reduced campus electricity usage by 68% cumulatively over a seven-year period through low-/no-cost behavior change and mini-tech programs
 - Led team to establish PIN-protected print accounts, reducing student printing by 85%
 - Authored comprehensive campus Responsible Purchasing Policy
 - Led installation of – and mobilized external resources to support – campus sustainability/social justice infrastructure, including: EV charging station, porous pavement, gender neutral restroom, bike shelter, campus recycling/composting

HIGHER EDUCATION RESOURCE SERVICES (HERS) Wellesley Institute, Wellesley, MA
Fellow, 2010-11

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM, Cambridge, MA
Visiting Fellow, 2000

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY, Washington, DC (Washington Semester Program)
Faculty, 1999

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

ES7760 Dissertation Seminar
ES7320 Learning Domain (PhD)
ES6900 Supervised Independent Study: Climate Change Resilience
ES6010 Political Economy and Sustainability
ES6000 Collaborative Service Initiative (Master's Capstone)
ESP5100 Policy Advocacy: Climate Change
ESP567 Environmental Justice in the Mississippi Delta
ES5440 Leadership for Change
ESP5270 Environmental Justice: Community Organizing, Extractive Industries and Human Rights Advocacy
ES5260 Advocacy: Applied Methods
ESACO 5230 Proposal Writing and the Grants Process
ES5180 Advocacy Clinic
ES5150 Environmental Advocacy: The Essentials

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Dreyer, S., Kurz, T., Prosser, A., Abrash Walton, A., Dennings, K., McNeill, I., Saber, D., & Swim, J. (2020). Towards a Psychology of the Food-Energy-Water Nexus: Costs and Opportunities. Special Issue on the Psychology of Sustainable Consumption. *Journal of Social Issues*, 76(1), 136-149.
- Abrash Walton, A. (2018). Positive deviance and behavior change: A research methods approach for understanding fossil fuel divestment. *Energy Research and Social Science: Problems of method in the social study of energy and climate change*, 45, 235-249. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2018.07.003>
- Abrash Walton, A. (2018). Fossil fuel divestment: The power of positively deviant leadership for catalyzing climate action and financing clean energy. In S. Lowe Steffen, J. Rezmovits, S. Rappaport, and S. Trevanna (Eds.), *Evolving Leadership for Collective Wellbeing – Lessons for Implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Ltd. ISBN: 978-1-78743-879-8
- Abrash Walton, A., Simpson, M., Rhoades, J., & Daniels, C. (2016). *Local solutions report: Identifying and meeting the needs of local communities adapting to climate change*. Keene, NH: Antioch University New England Center for Climate Preparedness and Community Resilience.
- Abrash Walton, A., Simpson, M., & Castriotta, M. (2015) *U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit road test: Bridging the data-practice divide*. Keene, NH: Antioch University New England, Center for Climate Preparedness and Community Resilience. <https://aura.antioch.edu/facarticles/48/>
- Abrash Walton, A. (2010). Conservation through different lenses: Reflection, responsibility and the politics of participation in conservation advocacy. *Environmental Management*, 45(1), 19–25. doi:10.1007/s00267-008-9175-6
- Abrash Walton, A. (2010). The sustainable learning community: One university's journey to the future. *The Northeastern Geographer*, 2, 76.
- Abrash Walton, A. (24 September, 2008). *Lessons learned: Case study regarding the Amungme, Kamoro and Freeport*. Hearing on Extracting Natural Resources: Corporate Responsibility and the Rule of Law, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law of the Senate Judiciary Committee. United States Senate.
- Abrash, A. (2007). The Amungme, Kamoro and Freeport: How indigenous Papuans have resisted the world's largest gold and copper mine. In F. J. Lechner & J. Boli (Eds.), *The globalization reader* (3rd ed.) (pp. 431–436). Malden, MA: Blackwell.
- Abrash Walton, A. (2004). Mining a sacred land. *Human Rights Dialogue: Environmental Rights*, Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, 2(11).

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Abrash, A. (2003). Let freedom ring: Recharging and consolidating ‘inside the Beltway’ activism. In M.A. Tetreault & R. Teske (Eds.), *Partial truths and the politics of community: Feminist approaches to social movements, community, and power* (Vol. 2) (pp. 211–229). Columbia: University of South Carolina Press.

Abrash, A. (2001, March 6). The victims of Indonesia’s pursuit of progress. Invited opinion piece, *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com/2001/03/06/opinion/the-victims-in-indonesia-s-pursuit-of-progress.html>

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Positively Deviant Leadership and Sustainable Consumption: The Phenomenon of Institutional Fossil Fuel Divestment,” Psychology of Sustainable Consumption Meeting, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, May 18, 2018.

“Using Facilitated Communities of Practice to build local climate resilience capacity,” National Conference and Global Forum on Science, Policy and the Environment, Washington, DC, January 25, 2017.

“Change Leadership for a Changing Climate: Positive Deviance, Innovation, and Institutional Investing,” International Leadership Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 4, 2016.

“Change Leadership for a Changing Climate: Positive Deviance, Innovation, and Institutional Investing,” Behavior, Energy, and Climate Change Conference, Baltimore, MD, October 22, 2016.

“Organizational Leadership and Fossil Fuel Divestment: Exploring Positive Deviance and Pro-Environmental Behavior,” Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences Annual Conference, Washington, DC, June 9, 2016.

Session Leader, “Equitable Adaptation: Collaborating for Resilience,” Local Solutions: Eastern Regional Climate Change Preparedness Conference, Baltimore, MD, April 4, 2016.

Session Organizer and presenter, “Collaborating for Resilience,” with J. Patterson, National Adaptation Forum, St. Louis, May 13, 2015.

Session Leader, “Collaborating for Resilience: Reaching the Most Vulnerable Populations,” Local Solutions: Northeast Climate Change Preparedness Conference, Manchester, NH, May 19, 2014.

Panelist, “Making Science Matter: Engaging Scientists and Engineers in Policy,” AAAS Science & Technology Policy Forum, Washington, DC, May 2, 2014.

Co-Chair & Panelist, “The role of marginalized peoples in sustainability solutions: How do Environmental Studies scholars, practitioners and students approach this critical need?” Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, June 2013.

Co-presenter & Organizer, “Translating Research to Inform Policy: How to Participate Effectively in the Policy Process,” with C. Bartholomew, National Adaptation Forum, Denver, CO, April 3, 2013.

Co-presenter & Organizer, “Translating Research to Inform Policy: How to Participate Effectively in the Policy Process,” with C. Bartholomew and D. Blockstein, 12th National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment, Washington, DC, January 17, 2012.

Co-Presenter, “Cutting Campus Commuter Carbon & Building Social Capital – Strategies & Tactics for Effective Change,” AASHE 2011 Conference & Expo, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, Pittsburgh, PA, October 10, 2011.

“Walking our Talk: Strategies, Challenges & Successes in the Pursuit of Sustainability and Social Justice on Campus,” AASHE 2008 Conference & Expo, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, Raleigh, NC, November 10, 2008.

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

Invited presenter, “Translating Science to Inform Policy,” with C. Bartholomew, AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellows, Washington, DC, September 10, 2019.

Invited speaker, “Getting in the Game: Becoming Scientist Citizens,” Union of Concerned Scientists, December 5, 2018.

Invited speaker, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration panel. American Geophysical Union annual conference, New Orleans, LA, December 11-15, 2017.

Invited speaker, Global Environmental Speakers Series. University of Richmond. Sponsored by the Jepson School of Leadership and the Department of Geography and the Environment, Richmond, VA, November 29, 2017.

Invited presenter, “Translating Science to Inform Policy,” with C. Bartholomew, AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellows, Washington, DC, September 11, 2017.

Invited presenter, “Translating Science to Inform Policy,” with C. Bartholomew, AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellows, Washington, DC, September 2, 2016.

Invited presenter, “Local Climate Data Needs: Very Preliminary Findings,” Community Resilience Workshop, [ESIP Summer Meeting](#), July 15, 2015.

Invited presenter, “Translating Science to Inform Policy,” with C. Bartholomew, AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellows, Washington, DC, September 4, 2014.

Invited presenter, “Freeport in Papua: Continuing Challenges & Questions,” Yale Indonesia Forum Conference on Papua, Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 16, 2011.

Invited presenter, “Values into Action: Effective Strategies for Advancing Corporate Social Responsibility, Social Justice & Sustainability,” Goddard College Sustainable Business & Communities program residency workshop, Plainfield, VT, May 3, 2011.

Invited speaker, “Working Together as a Campus Community on Critical Issues of Social Justice: Practical Tools and Strategies for Grassroots Organizing,” Keene State Diversity Commission Summer Institute, May 2006.

Invited speaker, “Gold & Globalization: The Case of a U.S. Multinational's Exploits in Asia's Last Wilderness,” International Human Rights Lecture Series, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, November 15, 2005.

Invited panelist, “The Global Challenge for Human Security: Lessons on Environmental Governance from Asia,” Asia Society Symposium, New York City, October 18, 2004.

Invited panelist, “Community Development in Indonesia: Changing Strategies in Transitional Environments,” Fund for Peace, Human Rights & Business Roundtable, Washington, D.C., November 24, 2003.

Invited panelist, “Environmental Rights are Human Rights: The Case for Working Together,” Grantmakers without Borders Conference, Washington, D.C., November 17-19, 2002.

Invited panelist, “Environmental Rights are Human Rights: New Opportunities for Synergy,” Environmental Grantmakers Association Fall Retreat, Asheville, NC, September 7-11, 2002.

Invited panelist, “Human Rights Dialogues with Corporations: Lessons and Rules of Engagement,” Conference sponsored by Harvard University Trade Union Program with the Harvard Law School Human Rights Program, and the Kennedy School of Government’s Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Cambridge, MA, June 11-12, 2001.

SELECTED GIFTS, GRANTS & CONTRACTS (2012-present)

- Conservation Psychology Institute, 2019-2025.
- Center for Climate Preparedness & Community Resilience, Town Creek Foundation, 2016-2017.
- Center for Climate Preparedness & Community Resilience, Bay & Paul Foundations, 2013-2017.
- Roadmaps Collaborative Learning, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiative, (with Center for Population Health Strategy and Practice, Cheshire Medical Center-Dartmouth-Hitchcock), 2016-2017.
- State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Building Resilience Against Climate Effects & Severe Weather, 2016-17; 2018-19; 2020-2021.
- Eastern Shore Coastal Resilience Facilitated Community of Practice, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, 2016.
- Center for Academic Innovation, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, 2012-2014.

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chair, Sustainability and Social Justice Committee, 2005-2008

Faculty Advisor, Student Government, 2008-2010

Member, Institutional Review Board, 2016-2019

Member, Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Process, Criterion One Team: Mission, 2011-12; Campus Committee, HLC Site Visit, 2013

Member, Strategic Planning Committee, 2012-13; 2003-04; Chair, Social Justice Subcommittee, 2003-04

Member, Building Committee

Member, University Academic Council, 2019-2020

Member, Faculty for the Future Commission, 2019-2020

Search Committee Chair, President's Executive Assistant, 2008; ES Director of Administration, 2018

Search Committee Member, Environmental Studies Core Faculty positions, 2011-12; 2018; 2020

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACTIONWORKS, Keene, NH

Founder & Principal, 1999-2009

Independent consulting firm focusing on issue & policy research, communications, and strategic planning.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CITIZENS ALLIANCE/NHCA FOR ACTION, Concord, NH

Program Director, 2001-2003

ROBERT F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, Washington, DC

Program Director, 1993-1998

Designed and implemented the Center's programs in Asia and the Middle East, including research and analysis of human rights conditions in nine countries and territories, U.S. foreign policy analysis and recommendations, institutional strengthening and capacity building for human rights organizations, and coalition-building with other U.S. and international NGOs. Hired and supervised staff, consultants and interns. Represented RFK Center on the Apparel Industry Partnership, Working Group on the Human Rights of Women, and at the U.N. World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, and U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing. **Portfolio:** India, Indonesia, Israel & the Occupied Palestinian Territories, People's Republic of China, South Korea, Turkey, Poland & Vietnam.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW GROUP, Washington, DC

Senior Program Coordinator, 1988-1993

Coordinated four human rights programs: domestic election-monitoring training and fact-finding mission to Kenya; training and needs assessment mission to former Yugoslavia working with leading women's groups in Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia addressing rape and gender-based violence; and long-term, on-site programs in Romania and Cambodia for human rights NGO capacity building. Conducted advocacy with U.S. State Department, U.S. Congress and international organizations. Represented the Law Group at the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

PHILADELPHIA MAGAZINE, Philadelphia, PA

Copy Editor/Freelance Writer/Fact Checker

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Sahel and West African Affairs, Washington, DC

Temporary Staff, G-4 ranking

MEDIA

Extensive experience serving as an organizational spokesperson and commentator on public affairs, including interviews with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, British Broadcasting Corporation, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," C-SPAN, "Democracy Now!", National Public Radio, Voice of America, Radio Free Asia, *The Boston Globe*, *Business Week*, *Hong Kong Standard*, *International Herald-Tribune*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Daily Yomiuri*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times* and *USA Today*.

AWARDS

Recipient, Precourt Fellow – Behavior, Energy, and Climate Change Conference (2014)

Recipient, President's Faculty Scholarship Award (2008, 2010), Antioch University New England

Recipient, American Friends of LSE scholarship (1991-2)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program committee, 2018, 2019 Association of Environmental Studies & Science Annual Conferences.

Proposal Reviewer, 2018 International Leadership Association Annual Conference.

Proposal Reviewer, 2020 Environmental Literacy Grants Program, NOAA.

Editorial Board Member, *Case Studies in the Environment*, University of California Press, 2017- present

Founding Member, Steering Committee: Engaging Scientists and Engineers in Policy, 2013-2018 (with AAAS, Association of American Universities, Union of Concerned Scientists and others)

Referee: Provided peer review for manuscripts in *American Journal of Public Health*, *Climatic Change*, *Energy Research & Social Science*, *International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education*, *Journal of Business Ethics*

Program Committee; 2011 & 2012 Conferences, AASHE

MEMBERSHIPS

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Geophysical Union

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

Walpole International Affairs Dialogue Group

SELECTED PUBLIC SERVICE and CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

City of Keene Planning Board, Member (2007-2014); Vice Chair (2010), Chair (2011-2014)

City of Keene Comprehensive Master Planning Steering Committee, Member (2008-2010)

Colonial Theater Group Board Member (2016-present); Vice Chair (2017-2018), Chair (2018-present); Keene, NH

Monadnock International Film Festival Founding Board Member (2012-14); Keene, NH

Project Underground Founding Board Member (1996-2001); Berkeley, CA

State of New Hampshire Citizen-Funded Election Task Force, Member (2009-10)

State of New Hampshire Commission on Public Funding of Elections, Commissioner (2008)