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## EDUCATION

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**PhD. Environment and Ecology, 2014**

*University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC*

Dissertation Title: The Communication of Values, Beliefs, and Norms in Live Animal Interpretive Experiences: A Comparative Case Study

Committee chair: Pamela Jagger

**M.Sc. Environmental Sciences & Policy, 2005**

*Central European University, Budapest, Hungary*

**B.A. Public Policy Analysis/Biology, cum laude, 2003**

*Pomona College, Claremont, CA*

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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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2024-present Associate Professor and Department Chair; Earth, Environment, and Society  
*University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN*

2020-2024 Associate Professor and Program Coordinator, Environmental Studies  
*University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL*

2014-2020 Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, Environmental Studies  
*University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL*

2015-2016 Instructor for Earth Expeditions (Belize and Mongolia) with Project Dragonfly/Biology, *Miami University, Oxford, Ohio*

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## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Environmental Education, Environmental Studies & Sciences, Environmental Policy, Sustainability, Environmental Communication, Social-Environmental Systems, Environmental Justice, Interdisciplinary Collaboration

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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*Environmental Studies Core Courses:*

Introductory: Environment & Society, Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Solutions

Mid-level: Principles of Sustainability, Society and Sustainability, Environmental Internship

Capstone: Environmental Studies in Action, ES Capstone, Field Seminar

*Environmental Electives:*

Environmental Education and Human Behavior

Environmental Studies Independent Research Project

Policy and Practice of Sustainable Food

Coastal Conservation Education (included week-long trip to Florida Keys)

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Reef Ecology (TA/Trip Leader to St. John USVI)  
Equity of Education (Graduate Research Consultant)

### *Co-taught Interdisciplinary Environmental Courses:*

Sport, Environment, and Health (exercise science co-instructor)  
Environmental Narratives (creative writing co-instructor)  
Blue Planet: Water, survival, and artistic expression (studio art co-instructor)  
Ethical Challenges to Environmentalism (philosophy co-instructor)  
Travel Writing: Conservation, Colonialism and the (Eco)Tourist (English co-instructor)

### **Environmental/Informal Education**

2017-present	Certified Interpretive Guide Trainer, National Association for Interpretation
2006-2008	Wild Wings Educator, Carolina Raptor Center, Huntersville, NC
2006	Outdoor Education Instructor, Haw River Program, Browns Summit, NC
2003	Naturalist Intern, Lee & Rose Warner Nature Center, Marine on St. Croix, MN
2002-03	Policy Intern, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, CA
2002	Tour Guide, Monte Verde Butterfly Garden, Monte Verde, Costa Rica
2000	Field Manager, Fund For Public Interest Research, Minneapolis, MN

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### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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2025	<b>Environmental Stewardship Curriculum Grant</b> for Interpreting Art and the Environment at University of St. Thomas (\$500)
2025	<b>Elevating the Arts Grant</b> for Storytelling meets professional development: support for Certified Interpretive Guides, University of St. Thomas (\$4,000)
2023	<b>Alabama Scholars Strategy Network Mini-Grant</b> , for Being Green in a Red State: The Experiences of Environmental Advocates in Alabama (\$1,500)
2023	<b>Faculty Service Award</b> , University of Montevallo (\$1,000)
2023	<b>Funded Participant</b> , Advancing FEW-Nexus-based Education through Research, National Collaborative for Food, Energy, and Water Education (NC-FEW), National Science Foundation, Science Education Resource Center (SERC)
2022	<b>Green Fund Grant</b> for Nature Classroom Tower Renovation, University of Montevallo (\$10,815)
2021	<b>Academic Development Grant</b> for Environmental Narratives, with Ashley Wurzbacher, University of Montevallo (\$2,000)
2021	<b>Legacy, Inc.</b> Informational Kiosks for the Swamp and the Garden: Communicating from a Distance (\$2,200)
2021	<b>Daniel Foundation</b> , for Environmental Education Programs for Shelby, Bibb, and Chilton Counties (\$15,000)
2020	<b>CAWACO Resource, Conservation &amp; Development Council</b> , for Environmental Education in Montevallo: A longitudinal, holistic program to provide outdoor experiences for Montevallo youth (\$5,000)

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2020	<b>Early Career Award</b> , Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (honored at conference, travel award, lifetime membership)
2019	<b>Green Fund Grant</b> for ValloCycle Bicycle Repair (faculty advisor), University of Montevallo (\$1,159)
2018	<b>Traveling Workshops Program</b> , Environmental Studies Planning Workshop. National Association of Geoscience Teachers (travel and stipends for two workshop facilitators)
2017	<b>Green Fund Grant</b> for UMOM Pocket Park Bioswale project (faculty advisor), University of Montevallo (\$5,785)
2015	<b>Green Fund Grant</b> for Shoal Creek Project, University of Montevallo (\$400)
2015	<b>Course Development Grant</b> , University of Montevallo (\$2,000)
2011-2014	<b>Predoctoral Traineeship</b> , Carolina Population Center, UNC- Chapel Hill (research and administrative support, office space, equipment use, and \$750/year for conference travel)
2013	<b>Funded Participant</b> , Teaching Social-Environmental Synthesis Short Course, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center
2013	<b>A.C. and Dot Hall Summer Research Fellowship</b> , The Graduate School, UNC-Chapel Hill (\$4,000)
2012 & 2013	<b>Stapp Scholarship</b> , North American Assoc. for Environmental Ed. (\$800)
2008-2011	<b>NSF-Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT)</b> , Carolina Population Center, UNC-Chapel Hill (stipend, tuition, fees, health insurance, and conference funds – totaling approximately \$139,000)
2010	<b>Research Residency Grant</b> , Carolina Population Center (\$1,000)
2010	<b>Funded Presenter</b> , International Society of Tropical Foresters, New Haven, CT
2009	<b>EU Grant Recipient</b> , EASY-ECO Conference, Budapest, Hungary (\$550)
2004-2005	<b>Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship</b> , Central European University, Budapest Hungary (tuition, living expenses, travel, insurance – \$25,000)
2004-2005	<b>Outstanding Academic Achievement Award</b> Central European University (\$500)
2005	<b>Research Travel Award</b> , Central European University, Budapest (\$800)
2000-2003	<b>Pomona College Scholar</b> , Pomona College

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Articles

- 2024 Romulo, C., B. Venkataraman, **S. Caplow**, S. Ajgaonkar, C.R. Allen, A. Anandhi, S.W. Anderson, C.B. Azzarello, K. Brundiers, E. Blavascunas, J. Dauer, D.L. Druckenbrod, E. Fairchild, L.R. Horne, K. Lee, M. Mwale, J.A. Mischler, E.E. Pappo, N.S. Patel, N.D. Sintov, C.S. Ramsdell, and S. Vincent. Implementing Interdisciplinary Sustainability Education with the Food-Energy-Water Nexus. *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications* 11, 928.

- 2024 **Caplow, S.**, and Hunter, R. A Scoping Review of the Intersection of Environmental and Science Identity. *Interdisciplinary Journal of Environmental and Science Education*, 20(4), e2417.
- 2022 Nichols, B.; **S. Caplow**, R. Franzen, L. McClain, L. Pennisi, J. Tarlton. Pandemic shift: Meeting the challenges of moving post-secondary environmental education online. *Environmental Education Research*, 28(1): 1-17.
- 2021 **Caplow, S.** Using value-belief-norm theory to explore visitor responses to education programs at animal-themed facilities. *Journal of Environmental Education*, 52(3), 190-204.
- 2020 **Caplow, S.** The role of EcoTypes in engagement across difference. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 10(2):189-195.
- 2019 **Caplow, S.** Are we preaching to the same choir? A mixed-methods comparison of audiences at animal-themed interpretive facilities. *Journal of Interpretation Research*, 23(2): 5-29.
- 2018 **Caplow, S.** The presentation of environmental values, beliefs, and norms in live animal interpretive experiences. *Environmental Education Research*, 25(8): 1158-1173.
- 2018 Proctor, J.; J. Bernstein, P. Brick, E. Brush, **S. Caplow**, K. Foster. Environmental engagement in troubled times: a manifesto. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 8(3): 362-367.
- 2018 Patrick, P., and **Caplow, S.** Identifying the foci of mission statements of the zoo and aquarium community. *Museum Management and Curatorship* 33(2): 120-135.
- 2017 Shay, E., and **Caplow, S.** Integrated traditional and applied education in a public US university: exploring sustainable cities and regions in classrooms and communities. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 7(2): 296-300.
- 2017 Thomsen, J., and **Caplow, S.** Defining success over time for Large Landscape Conservation Organizations. *Environmental Planning and Management*, 60(7): 1153-1172.
- 2014 Dokken, T.; **S. Caplow**, A. Angelsen, W. Sunderlin. Early tenure issues from REDD+ pilot projects in Tanzania: implications for deforestation and forest degradation. *Forests* 5 (2): 234-255.
- 2013 Marion Suiseea, K, and **Caplow, S.** In Pursuit of Procedural Justice: Lessons from an Analysis of 56 Forest Carbon Project Designs. *Global Environmental Change* 23 (5): 968-979.
- 2012 Miller, BW.; **S. Caplow**, P. Leslie. Feedbacks between conservation and social-ecological systems. *Conservation Biology* 26(2): 218-227.
- 2011 **Caplow, S.**; P. Jagger, K. Lawlor, E. Sills. Evaluating Land Use and Livelihood Impacts of Early Forest Carbon Projects: Lessons for Learning about REDD+. *Environmental Science and Policy* 14(2):152-167.
- 2010 Miller, BW.; I Breckheimer, A. McCleary, L. Guzman, **S. Caplow**, J. Jones-Smith, S. Walsh. Modeling Land Use Land Cover Change and Livelihood Decision-Making in the Galápagos Islands. *Population and Environment* 31(6): 401-426.

### **Book Chapters**

- 2023 **Caplow, S.** Teaching Systems Thinking. In T. Evans, K. Hiser, I. Feldman R. Potter (eds). *Practical Approaches to Teaching Sustainability: Key Competencies*. Sustainability Curriculum

Consortium/Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

- 2019 **Caplow, S.**, and Thomsen, J. Significant Life Experiences and Animal-themed Education. In T. Lloro-Bidart and V. Banschbach (eds). *Animals in Environmental Education: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Curriculum and Pedagogy*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2014 **Caplow, S.**; A.A. Dwi Putri, D.L. Kweka. Piloting REDD in Zanzibar Through Community Forest Management, Tanzania. In: E.S. Sills, S.S. Atmadja, C. de Sassi, A.E. Duchelle, D.L. Kweka, I.A.P. Resosudarmo, and W.D. Sunderlin (eds.) *REDD+ on the ground: A case book of subnational initiatives across the globe*. Bogor, Indonesia: CIFOR.
- 2009 Walsh, SJ; BW Miller, I. Breckheimer, A. McCleary, L. Guzman, **S. Caplow**, J. Jones-Smith. Complexity Theory and Spatial Simulation Models to Assess Population-Environment Interactions in the Galápagos Islands. In: M. Wolff and M. Gardner (eds.) *Proceedings of the Galápagos Science Symposium, Charles Darwin Foundation, Puerto Ayora, Galápagos, Ecuador*. P: 145-148.

### **Other Publications**

- 2025 Azzarello, C.B.; C. Romulo, B. Venkataraman, **S. Caplow**, S. Ajgaonkar, C.R. Allen, A. Anandhi, S.W. Anderson, K. Brundiers, E. Blavascunas, J. Dauer, D.L. Druckenbrod, E. Fairchild, L.R. Horne, K. Lee, M. Mwale, J.A. Mischler, E.E. Pappo, N.S. Patel, N.D. Sintov, C.S. Ramsdell, and S. Vincent. Lessons learned from a collaboration process for implementing interdisciplinary sustainability education with the food-energy-water (FEW) nexus. *2025 Conference Proceedings: Education Research and Practice in the FEW Nexus. National Collaborative for Research on Food, Energy, and Water Education (NC-FEW)*.  
<https://docs.lib.purdue.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1019&context=ncfew>
- 2019 **Caplow, S.**, and Forrester, S. Open Peer Commentary for “Pricing Carbon for Climate Justice” by Alexandre Gajevic Sayegh. *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 22 (2): 142-144.
- 2014 Pricope, N.; A. Gaughan, **S. Caplow**. Community-Based Management and Conservation in Africa: Trade-offs and synergies in land-use decisions in local villages. Buffalo, NY: National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science, University at Buffalo, State University of New York.
- 2008 **Caplow, S.** *A Structural Analysis of the National Environmental Movement in Sri Lanka*. Saarbrücken, Germany: VDM Verlag Dr. Müller.

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Selected Conference Presentations**

- 2025 Caplow, S.; M. Carson Mazur, D. Druckenrod, R. Guida, D. Kloster, B. Kyte Kirby, J. Maximillian, B. Muchnick, D. Murphy. A review of core courses in Environmental Science curricula: Connecting best practices to on-the-ground program realities. Association for Environmental Studies and Science Annual Conference, St. Paul, MN.
- 2025 Caplow, S.; P. Born, P. Jackson, D. Larson, J. Underhill, G. Vrtis, C. Wells. Creating a Regional Environmental Studies Community: A View from the Greater Twin Cities. Discussion Symposium. Association for Environmental Studies and Science Annual Conference, St. Paul, MN.

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- 2025 Azzarello, C.B.; C. Romulo, B. Venkataraman, **S. Caplow**, S. Ajgaonkar, C.R. Allen, A. Anandhi, S.W. Anderson, K. Brundiers, E. Blavascunas, J. Dauer, D.L. Druckenbrod, E. Fairchild, L.R. Horne, K. Lee, M. Mwale, J.A. Mischler, E.E. Pappo, N.S. Patel, N.D. Sintov, C.S. Ramsdell, and S. Vincent. Lessons learned from a collaboration process for implementing interdisciplinary sustainability education with the food-energy-water (FEW) nexus. Poster. Invited Conference: Education Research and Practice in the FEW-Nexus. Northfield, MN.
- 2024 Caplow, S., Hunter, R. Developing and Validating an Instrument to Explore the Intersection of Environmental and Science Identity. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2024 Romulo, C., (AESS) **Caplow, S.**, Mischler, J. (NAAEE). Improving Food-Energy-Water-Nexus-based Education: Defining new research directions from problems of practice. Workshop, presented twice: Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences Virtual Conference/ North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2024 Proctor, J., **Caplow, S.** Going Deeper with EcoTypes: Navigating Environmental Difference. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences Virtual Conference.
- 2023 **Caplow, S.**, Hunter, R. A Scoping Review of the Intersection of Environmental and Science Identity. Poster. Southeastern Environmental Education Association Research Symposium, Spencer, TN.
- 2023 **Caplow, S.** Being Green in a Red State: Narratives, Identities, and Resilience of Environmental Advocates in Alabama. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Portland, OR.
- 2023 Proctor, J., **Caplow, S.**, Smith, K., Wei, C. Integrating Environmental Frameworks Into Your Courses. Workshop. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Portland, OR.
- 2022 **Caplow, S.**, *A Mixed-Method Network Analysis of Environmental Professional Associations*. Roundtable discussion. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium, Tucson, AZ.
- 2022 **Caplow, S.**, Hunter, R. *Bridging Possible Pathways: Collaborations in Environmental and Science Identity Research*. Roundtable discussion. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium, Tucson, AZ.
- 2022 Manring, N, **Caplow, S.** Morel, E. Teaching Environmental Science in a Post-Truth World. Discussion Panel. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Baltimore, MD.
- 2021 **Caplow, S.**, Khalil, K., Stevenson, K. *Speed-Dating for Side Projects: Expanding Our EE Research Collaborative Network*. Workshop. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium.
- 2021 **Caplow, S.**, Muchnick, B., and Whitehead, S. *Mentoring in ESS: Early Career Agency and Empowerment*. Workshop. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences Virtual Conference.
- 2021 **Caplow, S.**, *Challenges and opportunities in managing campus sustainability without a sustainability manager*. Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges Annual Meeting.
- 2020 **Caplow, S.** *K-12/Higher Education Partnerships for EE and Green Schools*. North American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference.

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- 2020 **Caplow, S.** *Design Of A 13-Year Collaborative Continuous EE Partnership*. Roundtable discussion. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium.
- 2020 **Caplow, S.**, Muchnick, B., Mumford, K., Rowland, J. *Introducing Sustainability to Undergraduate Audiences: Course Materials, Structure, and Big Ideas*. Discussion Symposium (chair). Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences Virtual Conference.
- 2020 Proctor, J., Banschbach, V., Bernstein, J., **Caplow, S.** *Embracing Disagreement in Environmental Thought*. Discussion Symposium. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences Virtual Conference.
- 2020 **Caplow, S.**, Muchnick, B., and Whitehead, S. *Resilience in ESS Programs: A Program Materials Workshop to Save the World*. Workshop. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences Virtual Conference.
- 2020 **Caplow, S.**, Watson, H., Bobo, S. *Blue in Environmental Studies: art, adventure, and advocacy*. Blue Nature Colloquium, Montevallo, AL.
- 2019 **Caplow, S.**, Khalil, K., Stevenson, K. *Goals, Ambition, and Work-Life Balance: Taking The Next Step In Your Career*. Workshop. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium, Lexington, KY.
- 2019 **Caplow, S.**; A. Eckelman, C. Hultquist, T. Sanders, M. Tetloff, T.S. Turner. *Environmental Studies as an Interdisciplinary Model at University of Montevallo*. Panel presentation. Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges Meeting, Johnson, VT.
- 2019 **Caplow, S.** *Institutional Sustainability: How to Green Your School*. Environmental Education Association of Alabama, Mt. Cheaha, AL.
- 2018 **Caplow, S.** *The role of ecotypes in engagement across differences*. Presentation. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Washington, DC.
- 2018 Whitehead, S., **Caplow, S.**, and Muchnick, B. *Lone wolves and growing pains: a collaborative workshop for junior faculty managing new programs alone*. Workshop. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Washington, DC.
- 2018 Tetloff, M., Wicknick, J., **Caplow, S.** *Community Gardens as Pedagogical Tools for Social Justice*. Gulf South Summit, Birmingham, AL.
- 2017 **Caplow, S.**, Muchnick, B., Whitehead, S. *Growing pains and lone wolves: A skill-sharing and network mapping workshop for faculty managing new programs*. Workshop. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Tucson, AZ.
- 2016 Stevenson, K., Khalil, K., **Caplow, S.** *Transitioning from Mentee to Mentor: Best Practices from Both Sides*. Workshop. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium, Madison, WI.
- 2016 **Caplow, S.**, and Thomsen, J. *A typology of environmental educators in animal-themed organizations and its implications for promoting pro-environmental behavior*. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Washington, DC.
- 2016 **Caplow, S.** *AESS and the North American Association for Environmental Education*. Discussion Moderator. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Washington, DC.

- 2015 **Caplow, S.**, and Patrick, P. *Revisiting Zoo and Aquarium Mission Statements*. Poster. North American Association for Environmental Education, San Diego, CA.
- 2015 Khalil, K., **Caplow, S.**, Stevenson, K. *Bursting the Bubble: Getting a job in EE research*. Workshop. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium, San Diego, CA.
- 2015 **Caplow, S.** *Specifying the value-belief-norm framework for animal-themed education*. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, San Diego, CA.
- 2015 **Caplow, S.** *How does interdisciplinary teaching differ by discipline? An exploration of experiences at University of Montevallo*. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, San Diego, CA.
- 2015 **Caplow, S.**, and Muchnick, B. *Managing the Transition to Faculty Positions in Environmental Studies and Sciences*. Roundtable. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, San Diego, CA.
- 2014 **Caplow, S.** *Values, Beliefs, and Norms in Animal-Themed Programs: A Multiple-Case Study*. North American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2014 **Caplow, S.** *Environmental Education Research Post-Dissertation: Expanding the Agenda*. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2014 **Caplow, S.**, Pricope, N., Gaughan, A. *Community-Based Management and Conservation in Africa*. Assoc. for Environmental Studies and Sciences, New York, NY.
- 2013 **Caplow, S.** *Exploring the Challenges of Interviewing: Abstract Concepts and Memory Data*. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium, Baltimore, MD.
- 2013 Khalil, K.A., and **Caplow, S.** *The Emotional Experience of Graduate School: Coping and Communication Tools*. Workshop. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium, Baltimore, MD.
- 2013 **Caplow, S.** *Are we preaching to the same choir? A comparative analysis of audiences at AZA and non-AZA institutions*. Poster. Association of Zoos and Aquariums Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO.
- 2013 **Caplow, S.**; N. Bullock, E. Chapin, B. Elder, A. Evans, M. Givens, N. Jeffay, E. Pierce, W. Robinson. *Experiential Learning at UNC-Chapel Hill: Black Soldier Fly Breeding at Pickards Mountain Eco-Institute*. Poster. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2012 **Caplow, S.** *The process of communicating values and identity in live animal interpretive programs*. North American Association for Environmental Education Research Symposium, Oakland, CA.
- 2012 Suiseeya, K.M and **Caplow, S.**, 2012. *Pursuing Procedural Justice: Lessons for REDD+ from an Analysis of 34 Forest Carbon Project Designs*. Beyond Carbon: Ensuring justice and equity in REDD+ across levels of governance, Oxford, United Kingdom.



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- 2010 **Caplow, S.**, Jagger, P., Lawlor, K., Sills, E., 2010. *Evaluating Land Use and Livelihood Outcomes Associated with Early Forest Carbon Projects: Lessons for Learning about REDD+*. International Society of Tropical Foresters Annual Conf., New Haven, CT.
- 2009 **Caplow, S.**, 2009 *A review of stakeholder participation in conservation evaluation: ideas for best practices*. EASY-ECO Budapest Conference: Stakeholder Perspectives in Evaluating Sustainable Development, Budapest, Hungary.
- 2009 Seiter, S., Jobe, R.T; A. Anton, E. Bidgood, I. Breckheimer, **S. Caplow**, B. Evans, M. Faestel, J. Muehlbauer, K. Palmquist, S. Seymour, S. Tessel, A. Moody, 2009. *The Great Smoky Mountains All Taxa Biological Inventory: Lessons for sampling design, management, and citizen science*. Poster. Ecol. Soc. of America, Albuquerque, NM.

### **Invited Presentations**

- 2025 *Being Green in a Red State: Environmental Research and Advocacy in Alabama*. EnviroThursday Seminar Series, Macalester College
- 2024 *Being Green in a Red State*. Research Luncheon, University of Alabama-Birmingham.
- 2023 *Bolton-Orr Ecological Preserve at Ebenezer Wetlands*. Montevallo Historical Society, Montevallo, AL.
- 2022 *Teaching Systems Thinking*. Pedagogies for Key Competencies in Sustainability Education Workshop, Brandeis University (virtual ½ day workshop).
- 2021 *Teaching Systems Thinking*. Sustainability Curriculum Consortium Annual Meeting.
- 2019 *Environmental Studies in Action: Capstone Projects at University of Montevallo*. Two presentations: Birmingham Environmental Professionals' Association, Birmingham, AL and JX Nippon Oil, Childersburg, AL
- 2018 *Budapest to Montevallo: my journey as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar*. Montevallo Rotary Club, Montevallo, AL.
- 2017 *Environmental Studies at University of Montevallo*. North Alabama Environmental Professionals' Association, Decatur, AL.
- 2016 *Sustainability at University of Montevallo*. Daughters of the Revolution, Columbiana, AL.
- 2016 *Sustainability in Higher Education*. Alabama Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Florence, AL.
- 2015 *Fossil Fuels and the Future*. Just Faith Study Group, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Hoover, AL.
- 2015 *Green from Birth: A Healthy Perspective on Breastfeeding*. University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.
- 2014 *Technology, Society, and Sustainability*. Presented to students from several local middle/high schools participating in UAB's Blazer BEST robotics competition. Alabaster, AL.
- 2014 *What ways can the natural environment assist in alleviating poverty?* Honors in Action program, Phi Theta Kappa. Columbiana, AL.

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### **VOLUNTEER & ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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#### External Service

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2025	<b>Program Co-Chair</b> , Invited Conference: Education Research and Practice in the FEW Nexus, Northfield MN
2025-present	<b>Board Member</b> , Minnesota Association for Environmental Education
2023-present	<b>President Elect/President/Past President</b> , Association for Environmental Studies & Sciences
2021-present	<b>Mentor/Mentee</b> , AESS Mentorship Program
2018-present	<b>Chair/Member</b> , AESS Professional Development Committee
2024-2025	<b>Program Co-Chair</b> , NC-FEW Conference
2020-2024	<b>Member</b> , Montevallo Main Street Sustainability Committee
2016-2024	<b>Vice President/Member</b> , Environmental Education Assoc. of Alabama
2015-2024	<b>Board Member</b> , ValloCycle (The Montevallo Bikeshare)
2020-2022	<b>Planning Team</b> , Alabama Environmental Education Summit
2011-2014	<b>Board President</b> , Weaver Community Housing Association (NC)
2011-2014	<b>Animal Care Volunteer</b> , Carolina Tiger Rescue (NC)

### At University of St. Thomas

2024-present	<b>Department Chair</b> , Earth, Environment, and Society
2024-present	<b>Academic Advisor</b> , Environmental Studies
2024-present	<b>Member</b> , Sustainability Council
2024-2025	<b>Member</b> , Sustainability and Dept Chair Faculty Learning Communities

### At University of Montevallo

2019-2024	<b>Member</b> , Peace & Justice Studies Committee
2019-2024	<b>Supervisor</b> , UM Environmental Education Program
2018-2024	<b>Campus Coordinator</b> , AASHE-STARs
2016-2024	<b>Academic Advisor</b> , Environmental Studies
2015-2024	<b>Workshop Facilitator</b> , Sustainability Across the Curriculum
2014-2024	<b>Supervisor</b> , UM Organic Community Garden
2014-2024	<b>Sustainability Coordinator/Chair</b> , Sustainability Committee
2014-2024	<b>Faculty Advisor</b> , Environmental Club
2021-2023	<b>Faculty Advisor</b> , Club ValloCycle
2018-2022	<b>Member</b> , Transforming Academic Advising Committee
2014-2021	<b>Academic Advisor</b> , Interdisciplinary Studies
2021-2023	<b>Department Senator</b> , Faculty Senate
2015-2021	<b>Member</b> , Interdisciplinary Studies Committee

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### MEMBERSHIPS

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North American Association for Environmental Education  
 Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences

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National Association for Interpretation  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
Minnesota Environmental Education Association