

R. Patrick Bixler

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Positions

The University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs, Community and Regional Planning, RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service, Austin, TX

2020-Present Assistant Professor (tenure track)

2018-2020 Assistant Professor of Practice

2016-2018 Research Fellow and Lecturer

Texas A&M University, Institute for Renewable Natural Resources and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, College Station, TX

2015-2016 Research Scientist and Assistant Lecturer

University of Oregon, Institute for a Sustainable Environment and Environmental Studies Program, Eugene, OR

2014-2015 Research Faculty Associate and Affiliated Faculty

Colorado State University, Department of Sociology, Fort Collins, CO

2012-2016 Adjunct Faculty

Pinchot Institute for Conservation, Washington DC

2014-Present Senior Fellow

2013-2014 Post-doctoral Research Fellow

Humboldt State University, Extended Education, Arcata, CA

2011-2012 Extension Faculty

Education

2014 **Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology**
Colorado State University (CSU), Fort Collins, Colorado

2011 Thor Heyerdahl Summer School, Environmental Governance
Norwegian Life Sciences University, Aas, Norway

2008 **Master of Arts, Sociology, Honors**
University of Montana (UM), Missoula, Montana

2006 **Postgraduate Diploma in Science, Psychology, First Degree Honors**
University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

2003 **Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance, Summa Cum Laude**
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

2002 Summer Study Abroad, International Business
Consortium of Universities for International Studies, Paderno, Italy

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Publications

Books and Special Issues (editor)

2 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Lynn Scarlett, Matthew McKinney (eds). 2016. "Network Governance and Large Landscape Conservation." A special issue in *Frontiers in Ecology and Environment*, 14(3).
<http://esajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/hub/issue/10.1111/fee.2016.14.issue-3/>

1 Sample, V. Alaric, **R. Patrick Bixler**, and Char Miller (eds.). 2016. *Forest Conservation and Management in the Anthropocene: Adaptation of Science, Policy and Practices*.
• University Press of Colorado.
• General Technical Report. RMRS-P-71. Fort Collins, CO: US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. Rocky Mountain Research Station. (2014)

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles (* graduate student co-author; **indicates community partner co-author)

32 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Euijin Yang*, Steven Richter*, Marc Coudert**. 2021. "Boundary crossing for urban community resilience: A social vulnerability and multi-hazard approach in Austin, Texas." *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, 66: 102613.

31 J. Kelly Hoffman*, Gerard Kyle, Morgan Treadwell, **R. Patrick Bixler**, Urs P. Kreuter. 2021. "A process-oriented model of decision-making toward landscape-scale prescribed fire implementation in the Southern Great Plains, USA". *Environmental Management*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00267-021-01538-y>

30 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Sandeep Paul*, Jessica Jones*, Matthew Preisser*, Paola Passalacqua. 2021. "Unpacking adaptive capacity to flooding in urban environments: social capital, social vulnerability, and risk perception." *Frontiers in Water*, 3:728730.
doi: 10.3389/frwa.2021.728730

29 J. Kelly Hoffman*, **R. Patrick Bixler**, Morgan Treadwell, Lars G. Coleman*, Thomas W. McDaniel*, Urs P. Kreuter. 2021. "The impact of affective heuristics in decision-making regarding the implementation of prescribed fire on private rangelands in the Southern Great Plains, USA". *Society and Natural Resources*, 34(5): 621-638.

28 **R. Patrick Bixler**. 2020. "Fertile Soil for Organic Public Sociology: Community-Based Natural Resource Management." *The American Sociologist*, 51: 558–565.

27 Samer Atshan*, **R. Patrick Bixler**, Varun Rai, David Springer. 2020. "Pathways to Urban Sustainability through Individual Behaviors: the Role of Social Capital." *Environmental Science and Policy*, 112: 330-339.

26 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Katherine Lieberknecht, Samer Atshan*, Clare Zutz*, Steven Richter*, Amy Belaire. 2020. "Reframing urban governance for resilience implementation: A network paradigm and the role of network closure." *Cities*, 103: 102726.

25 Stephanie Mansourian, John Parrotta, Poorna Balaji, Imogen Bellwood-Howard, Suhas Bhasme, **R. Patrick Bixler**, et al. 2020. "Putting the Pieces Together: Integration for Forest Landscape Restoration Implementation." *Land Degradation and Development*, 31(4): 419-429.

24 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Samer Atshan*, Jay Banner, Robert Mace, Darrel Tremaine. 2019. "Assessing integrated sustainability research: Use of social network analysis to evaluate scientific integration and transdisciplinarity in research networks." *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, 39: 103-113.

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- 23 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Katherine Lieberknecht, Fernanda Leite, Micheal Oden, Juliana Felkner,
Steven Richter, Samer Atshan*, Alvaro Zilveti*, and Rachel Thomas*. 2019. “An observatory
22 framework for metropolitan change: understanding urban social-ecological-technical systems in
Texas and beyond.” *Sustainability*, 11, 3611; doi:10.3390/su11133611
- 21 **R. Patrick Bixler** and David W. Springer. 2018. “Nonprofit Social Capital as an Indicator of a
Healthy Nonprofit Sector.” *Nonprofit Policy Forum*, 9(3): 1.
- 20 Abrams, Jesse, Heidi Huber-Stearns, Marlene Luviano*, Chris Bone, **R. Patrick Bixler** Michael
Nelson, and Cassandra Moseley. 2018. “Does Policy Respond to Environmental Change Events? An
analysis of Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemics in the Western United States.” *Environmental Science
and Policy*, 90: 102-109.
- 19 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Marisa Zappone, Lin Rui Li*, and Samer Atshan*. 2018. “Unpacking the role of
data in philanthropy: Prospects for an integrated framework.” *The Foundation Review*, 10(2): 52-66.
- 18 Nielsen-Pincus, Max, Cody Evers*, Cassandra Moseley, Heidi Huber-Stearns, and **R. Patrick Bixler**.
2018. “Local capacity to engage in federal wildfire suppression efforts: An explanation of variability
in local capture of suppression contracts.” *Forest Science*, 64 (5): 480-490.
- 17 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Melly Rueling, Shawn Johnson, and Gary Tabor. 2018. “The Crown of the
Continent: A Case-study of Collaborative Climate Adaptation.” *Encyclopedia of the Anthropocene*,
Volume 2: 307-315.
- 16 **R. Patrick Bixler**. 2017. “The World System of the Paris Agreement: Construction, Flow, and
Implementation of Climate Knowledge Through REDD+”. *Social Thought and Research (STAR)*, 34:
33-58.
- 15 Keske, Catherine M.H., R. Patrick Bixler, Christopher T. Bastian, Jennifer E. Cross. 2016. “Are
Population and Land Use Changes Perceived as Threats to Sense of Place in the New West? A
Multilevel Approach.” *Rural Sociology*, 82 (2): 263-290.
- 14 Romolini, Michele, **R. Patrick Bixler**, Morgan Grove. 2016. “A social-ecological framework for
urban stewardship network research to promote sustainable and resilient cities.” *Sustainability*, 8: 956.
- 13 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Matthew McKinney, Lynn Scarlett. 2016. “Forging New Models of Natural
Resource Governance.” *Frontiers in Ecology and Environment*, 14(3): 115.
- 12 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Dara M. Wald, Laura A. Ogden, Kirsten M. Leong, and Erik W. Johnston, Michele
Romolini. 2016. “Network Governance for Large-Scale Natural Resource Conservation and the
Challenge of Capture.” *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, 14(3): 165-171.
- 11 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Shawn Johnson, Kirk Emerson, Tina Nabatchi, Melly Reuling, Charles Curtin,
Michele Romolini, and J. Morgan Grove. 2016. “Networks and Landscapes: A Framework for Setting
Goals and Evaluating Performance at the Large-landscape Scale.” *Frontiers in Ecology and
Environment*, 14(3): 145-153.
- 10 Bone, Christopher, Cassandra Moseley, Kirsten Vinyeta, **R. Patrick Bixler**. 2016. “Employing
Resilience in the United States Forest Service.” *Land Use Policy*, 52: 430-438.
- Sample, Alaric, **R. Patrick Bixler**, Maureen McDonough, Steven Bullard, and Mary Snieckus. 2015.

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“The Promise and Performance of Forestry Education in the United States: Results of a Survey of Forestry Employers, Graduates, and Educators.” *Journal of Forestry*, 113(6): 528-537.

9 Jedd, Theresa and **R. Patrick Bixler**. 2015. “Accountability in networked governance: Learning from a case of landscape-scale forest conservation.” *Environmental Policy and Governance*, 25: 172-187.

8 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Jampel Dell’Angelo, Orleans Mfune, Hassan Roba. 2015. “The Political Ecology of Participation: A Cross-Continent Assessment.” *Journal of Political Ecology*, 22: 164-182.

7 Pejchar, Liba, Sarah Reed, **R. Patrick Bixler**, Lindsay Ex, Miranda Mockrin. 2015. “Consequences of Residential Development for Biodiversity and Human Well-being.” *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, 13(3): 146–153.

6 Mattor, Katherine, Michele Betsill, Ch’aska Huayhuaca, Heidi Huber-Stearns, Theresa Jedd, Faith Sternlieb, **R. Patrick Bixler**, Matthew Luizza, Antony S. Cheng. 2014. “Transdisciplinary Research on Environmental Governance: A View from the Inside.” *Environmental Science and Policy*, 42: 90-100.

5 **Bixler, R. Patrick**. 2014. “From Community Forest Management to Polycentric Governance: Assessing Evidence from the Bottom-up.” *Society and Natural Resources*, 27 (2): 155-169.

4 Sternlieb, Faith, **R. Patrick Bixler**, Heidi Huber-Sterns, and Ch’aska Huaska. 2013. “A Question of Fit: Reflections on Boundaries, Organizations, and Social-Ecological Systems.” *Journal of Environmental Management*, 130: 117-125.

3 **Bixler, R. Patrick**. 2013. “The Political Ecology of Local Environmental Narratives: Power, Knowledge, and Mountain Caribou Conservation.” *Journal of Political Ecology*, 20: 273-285.

2 Wyborn, Carina and **R. Patrick Bixler**. 2013. “Collaboration and Nested Environmental Governance: Scale Dependency, Scale Framing, and Cross-Scale Interactions in Collaborative Conservation.” *Journal of Environmental Management*, 123: 58-67.

1 **Bixler, R. Patrick** and Peter Leigh Taylor. 2012. “Toward a Community of Innovation in Community-Based Natural Resource Management: Insights from Open Source Software.” *Human Organization*, 71 (3): 234-243.

Book Chapters

5 **R. Patrick Bixler** and Jessica Jones*. 2021. “Indicators for Community Resilience: social vulnerability, adaptive capacity, and multi-hazard exposure in Austin, Texas.” Community Quality-of-Life Indicators: Best Cases IX volume. Springer International Publishing.

4 **R. Patrick Bixler**. 2021. “The knowledge network: identifying actors and structural dimensions of knowledge transfer.” In Catarina C. Ferreira and Cornelya F.C. Klutsch (eds.) *Wildlife Research Monographs: Closing the Knowledge-Implementation Gap in Conservation Science - Evidence Transfer across Spatiotemporal Scales and Different Stakeholders*. Springer International Publishing. Forthcoming.

3 Bruce Beard and R. Patrick Bixler. 2020. “Wildlife Management on Federal Lands.” In Nova Silvy (ed). *The Wildlife Techniques Manual: Management (Volume 2)*, 9th Edition. The Johns Hopkins University Press. Forthcoming.

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2 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Teresa Jedd, and Carina Wyborn. 2018. "Polycentric Governance and Forest Landscape Restoration: Considering Local Needs, Knowledge Types, and Democratic Principles." Pp. 176-198 in Stephanie Mansourian and John Parrotta (eds). *Forest Landscape Restoration: Integrated Approaches to Support Effective Implementation*. Earthscan Forest Library Series.

1 Cleaves, David and **R. Patrick Bixler**. 2016. "Evolving Institutional and Policy Frameworks to Support Adaptation Strategies." Pp. 223-234 in Sample, V. Alaric, R. Patrick Bixler, Char Miller (eds.). *Forest Conservation and Management in the Anthropocene: Adaptation of Science, Policy, and Practices*. University of Colorado Press.

Book Reviews

1 **Bixler, R. Patrick**. 2014. "It's Not Just Who You Know but Can You Tell a Story? The Role of Narratives in Network Governance." *Public Administration Review*, 74 (2): 277–280.

Manuscripts Under Review or Revision

"Mobilizing the Community for Disaster Resilience: Risk Perception and Individual Prosocial Behavior Supporting Nonprofits." In review at *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*.

"Exploring the connection between transdisciplinary co-production and urban stream sustainability solutions: A case study at an urban stream management symposium." In review at *Urban Ecosystems*.

"Intersecting Fluvial and Pluvial Inundation Estimates with Sociodemographic Vulnerability to Quantify Risk in Urban Areas." In review at *Water Resources Research*.

"A Convergent Prospectus for Sustainable Physical, Research, and Governance Infrastructure in Semi-Arid Urban Centers" In review at *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*.

"A Framework to Assess Equitable Access to Urban Parks: A Look at the Spatial and Social Distribution of Urban Parks." In review at *Landscape and Urban Planning*.

"How Perspectives on Racial Equity Influence Climate Change Collaboration amongst ENGOs: A Network Perspective." In review at *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.

"Measuring Social Capital as a Collaborative Governance Outcome: Application of Social Network Analysis for Inter-Organizational Networks Over Time." In review at *Public Performance and Management Review*.

Technical Reports, Policy Briefs, and Non-Peer Reviewed Articles

2020 **Bixler, R. Patrick** and Euijin Yang*. "Social Vulnerability in Texas: Implications for Resilience, Equity, and Climate Policy." Planet Texas 2050.

2020 **Bixler, R. Patrick** and Euijin Yang*. "Climate Vulnerability in Austin: A Multi-risk Assessment." Planet Texas 2050 and Austin Area Sustainability Indicators.

2019 Lieberknecht, Katherine, Michael Oden, Fernanda Leite, **R. Patrick Bixler**, Juliana Felkner, Steven Richter*, Sarah Wu, Lucy Hall*, Rachel Thomas*, Alvaro Zilveti*, Samer Atshan*, and Julien Brown*. "People, Land, and Water: Stories of Metropolitan Growth." Planet Texas 2050.

2019 **Bixler, R. Patrick**. "Why Equity Matters for Sustainability: Towards a More Equitable Austin."

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- 2018 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “Austin Civic Health Index Report.”
- 2018 **Bixler, R. Patrick** and Rochelle Olivares. “Strategic Collaboration for Sector Sustainability: A Study of Community Catalytic Funds and Austin Area Collaboration.”
- 2017 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “Women Issues are Community Issues.” Austin Community Foundation.
- 2017 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “When Hispanics Rise, Austin Rises: 2017 Status Report on Hispanic Families in Central Texas.” Austin Community Foundation.
- 2016 **Bixler, R. Patrick,** Clare Zutz, and Ashley Lovell. “Using Networks to Tackle Growth and Complexity: The application of social network analysis to regional conservation.” *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.
- 2016 Bixler, Audrey, **R. Patrick Bixler,** Cassandra Moseley, Autumn Ellison, and Doug Quirk. “Administrative and Judicial Review of NEPA Decisions: Risk Factors and Risk Minimizing Strategies for the Forest Service.” Ecosystem Workforce Program, Working Paper #56.
- 2016 **Bixler, R. Patrick** and Ashley Lovell. “Hill Country Conservation: A Network and Narrative for Large-Scale Collaborative Conservation.” A report to the Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation.
- 2015 Moseley, Cassandra, Emily Jane Davis, and **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Innovative Contracting: A Guide for Collaborative Groups and Community Partners.” Quick Guide, Summer 2015. Ecosystem Workforce Program, University of Oregon.
- 2015 Huber-Stearns, Heidi, **R. Patrick Bixler,** and Cassandra Moseley. “Private Contracting on National Forest Lands: Preseason Contracting and Fire Response.” Working Paper 61, Summer 2015. Ecosystem Workforce Program, University of Oregon.
- 2015 Huber-Stearns, Heidi, **R. Patrick Bixler,** Autumn Ellison, and Cassandra Moseley. “Call When Needed: Private Contracting for Wildfire Suppression in Unpredictable Work Environment”. Briefing Paper 63, Summer 2015. Ecosystem Workforce Program, University of Oregon.
- 2015 Reuling, Melly, Shawn Johnson, Sue Higgins, **R. Patrick Bixler,** Sam Williams, and Gary Tabor. “Adapting to change in the Crown of the Continent: an ecosystem scale approach to collaborative management.” Center for Large Landscape Conservation: Bozeman, Montana. September 2015.
- 2015 **Bixler, R. Patrick** and Brian Kittler. “Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration: A Meta-Analysis of Existing Research on the CFLR Program.” Pinchot Institute for Conservation. June 2015.
- 2015 Autumn Ellison, Cassandra Moseley, and **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Drivers of Wildfire Suppression Costs: Literature Review and Annotated Bibliography.” Ecosystem Workforce Program, Working Paper #53.
- 2014 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “Biodiversity Conservation and Wildlife Management in the Anthropocene.” *Pinchot Letter*, 17 (4) (Summer)
- 2014 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “Preparing for the Mid-term: Nearing Five Years of the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program.” *Pinchot Letter*, 17 (3) (Spring)
- 2013 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “Navigating Waters Beyond the Blackfoot: Transferability of the Collaborative Conservation Model.” Center for Collaborative Conservation, Colorado State University.

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- 2012 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “Montana: The Last Best Place.” *American Sociological Association Footnotes*, 40/3 (March).
- 2011 **Bixler, R. Patrick,** Jampel Dell’Angelo, Orleans Mfune, Hassan Roba. “Discourse and practice in participatory conservation: exploring how it varies in different geo-political settings.” *Thor Heyerdahl Summer School for Environmental Governance, Vol. I.*

Manuscripts in Progress

“Assessing Nonprofit Capacity for Volunteer Engagement: The Service Enterprise Diagnostic.” In preparation for *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*.

“The Role of Community Indicators in Sustainability Transitions: The Case of the Austin Area Sustainability Indicators.” In preparation for *Social Indicators*.

“Polycentric Governance and Water Resources in Texas.” In preparation for *Journal of Environmental Management and Planning*.

Teaching Experience

- 2022 Sustainability Governance (PA388L)
(Spring) University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of how public, private, and non-governmental actors approach sustainability. We examine climate impacts and identify gaps and opportunities to improve how society can respond.
- 2021 Collaborative Governance (PA388L)
(Fall) University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of governance and collaboration. Topics of negotiation, facilitation, collaborative governance regimes and dynamics, power and equity are covered.
- 2019-2021 Program Evaluation (PA 397C)
(Fall) University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- This course is designed to teach the elements of program evaluation for public, nonprofit, and social impact initiatives. Topics of logic models, experimental, quasi-experimental, and qualitative evaluation methods will be covered.
- 2018-2022 Engaging the Community (PA 388L)
(Spring) University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- This course is designed to teach the elements of planning, administration and management with a focus on the unique concerns of community engagement and volunteer involvement in the nonprofit and public sector.
- 2017-2018 Ecology and Society (WFSC 630 / 420)
(Spring) Texas A&M University, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Science
- The foundation for this course is resilience and social-ecological systems to explore a range of issues where ecology and society intersect
 - Taught as a “stacked” graduate and undergraduate online course
- 2016 Applied Biodiversity Science II (WFSC 689 / GEOG 689)
(Spring) Texas A&M University, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Science

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- This course examines the linkages between varying forms of governance and biodiversity and surveys the interests of diverse stakeholders in conservation programs.
- Graduate seminar

2014-2016 Population, Natural Resources, and Environment (SOC 320)
Colorado State University, Department of Sociology¹

- This course surveys the intersection of population and demography with natural resource use and environmental sustainability.
- This course is taught Summer, Fall, and Spring semesters

2014-2016 Foundations of Social Theory (SOC 301)
Colorado State University, Department of Sociology¹

- This course surveys the contributions of foundational and classical social theorists.
- This course is taught Summer, Fall, and Spring semesters

2012 Society and Environment (SOC 460)
Colorado State University, Department of Sociology

- This course surveys the field of environmental sociology, such as the social construction of the environment, political economy, political ecology, environmental justice, theories of risk society, and ecological modernization.

2012, 2011 American Nature Philosophers (AHSS 481)
Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA, Extended Education²

- This course surveys the contours of American nature philosophy from Emerson and Thoreau to Leopold and Wendell Berry.

2012, 2011 Perspectives on Nature (ENVS 400)
Humboldt State University, Extended Education²

- Explores sociological, anthropological, and historical ways we (as individuals, cultures, and societies) perceive and change our natural environments.

2012, 2011 Environmental Education and the Wilderness Experience (EDU 480)
Humboldt State University, Extended Education³

- This course surveys the eco-psychology and environmental education literature to explore the role of nature in education, community, and individual well-being.

Current Students (#indicates chair or primary advisor)

2021- Sandeep Paul[#], UT-Austin. PhD at LBJ School of Public Affairs.
Dissertation: Climate Policy and Governance in Indian Cities.

2021- Noorah Alhasan[#], UT-Austin. PhD student at LBJ School of Public Affairs.
Dissertation: Adaptive capacity in the Gulf Arab States.

2021- Khalid Osman, UT-Austin. PhD candidate in Environmental Engineering.
Dissertation: Towards the Operationalization of Equity in Water Infrastructure Services.

2020- Clare Zutz, UT-Austin. PhD candidate in Community and Regional Planning.

¹ Taught as CSU Online Plus course

² Course was taught as part of Sierra Institute California Wilderness program. In 2013, accreditation for Sierra Institute programs move to University of California-Davis.

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Dissertation: Food System Planning and Resilience in Central Texas.

- 2020- Steven Richter, UT-Austin. PhD candidate in Community and Regional Planning.
Dissertation: Modeling land-use change in the metropolitan United States: implications for social-ecological systems.
- 2019- Aaron Jones[#], UT-Austin, M.S. in Earth and Energy Resources.
Thesis: Evaluation and Indexing of the Grid Resilience of Vulnerable Communities in Texas
- 2019- Euijin Yang, UT-Austin. PhD candidate in Civil Engineering.
Dissertation: Human-Infrastructure Interactions and Population Dynamics: A Systemic Approach to Assess Water Infrastructure Performances during Urban Restructuring.
- 2017- Regina Buono[#], UT-Austin. PhD candidate in Public Affairs.
Dissertation: Policy, Governance, and Legal Aspects of Nature-based Solutions to Climate Change. Expected graduation Summer 2021.

Graduated Students (#indicates chair or primary advisor)

- 2021 Cynthia Carolina Contreras Morales, University of Melbourne,
PhD in Ecosystem and Forest Science
Dissertation: Emerging sustainability governance paradigms: a case study of blue carbon initiatives in the Indo-Pacific
- 2021 Maria Elena Giner, UT-Austin,
PhD in Public Policy
Dissertation: Municipal Infrastructure and Public Policy: Program Evaluation of Three Case Studies along the U.S.-Mexico Border.
- 2020 Bethany Goad[#], UT-Austin,
BA in Urban Studies.
Thesis: The Role of Nonprofits in the Austin Urban Environmental Landscape
- 2019 Chinelo Agbim, UT-Austin.
Dual MPAff & MS (Public Affairs and Energy Resources).
Thesis: Residential Electricity Access: Objective versus Subjective Measures of Energy Poverty in Texas.
- 2018-2019 Elizabeth Griswold[#], UT-Austin.
BS Environmental Science (Capstone advisor).
Thesis: Social and Hydrological Feasibility of Urban Green Infrastructure in Waller Creek.
- 2018-2021 Sissi O'Reilly, UT-Austin,
PhD in Education Policy.
Dissertation: Leadership in School Improvement Networks: Social Network Analysis of Principal Ego-Networks
- 2018 Samer Atshan[#], UT-Austin.
Dual MPAff & MS (Public Affairs and Energy Resources).
Thesis: Determinants of Environmental Behavior: The Effect of Social Context.
Awarded LBJ School's Redford Award for best research in 2018.
- 2016-2020 James Kelly Hoffman, Texas A&M University.

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PhD in Ecosystem Science and Management.

Dissertation: Social and Regulatory Barriers to Prescribed Fire in the Southern Great Plains.

Conference Papers and Presentations (Bold indicates presenter)

- 2021 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “What do we need to create for our students to be data experts for social good?” Charrette lead at *NASPPA 2021* (virtual).
- 2021 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Evaluation of Service-Learning Components in the Classroom” *NASPPA 2021* (virtual).
- 2021 **R. Patrick Bixler** and Paola Passalacqua. “Integration of flood inundation and socio-demographic vulnerability: a techno-social approach for quantifying household flood risk” *Global Flood Partnership (GFP) 2021* (virtual).
- 2021 **R. Patrick Bixler**, Cara Cook*, Caroline Fairia, Jonathan Lowell, Ji Ma, Michael Shensky, Jayme Walenta. “Equity matters: Explaining environmental nonprofit collaboration to address climate change through a social network perspective. *ARNOVA: Climate Change and the Voluntary Sector Mini-Symposium.* (virtual)
- 2021 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “The intersection of equity and climate change action: an ERGM Approach”. Networks 2021 (a joint conference A joint INSNA and NetSci Conference). Washington, D.C. (virtual).
- 2020 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “A framework for measuring endogenous and exogenous capacity for adaptive governance: insights from the Sagebrush.” *North American Congress Conservation Biology (NACCB).* Denver, Colorado (virtual).
- 2020 **R. Patrick Bixler.** ““Unpacking centrality and capacity in inter-organizational networks.” *International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA).* Paris, France (virtual).
- 2019 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Does collaboration lead to better outcomes? Exploring the influence of networks on nonprofit evaluation capacity.” *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA).* San Diego, California.
- 2018 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Advancing research and policy for sustainability: a framework for urban observatories.” *International Forum on Urbanism 2018: Reframing Urban Resilience Implementation: Aligning Sustainability and Resilience.* Barcelona, Spain.
- 2018 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Data for Nonprofit Sector for Resilience: From Community Indicators to Measuring Systemic Impact.” *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA).* Austin, Texas.
- “Developing a regional data nonprofit ecosystem in Austin, Texas: from community indicators to measuring impact.” *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA).* Austin, Texas.
- 2018 Tom Arsufi, R. Patrick Bixler, Tyson Broad. “Tools of engagement in research, education, and engagement: The multiplier effect of boundary spanning, networks, and effective science communication in the land of private property.” *Ecological Society of America.* New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Evaluating large-scale collaborative conservation over time: application of social network analysis in the Northwest Boreal.” *North American Congress for Conservation Biology.* Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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- 2017 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Quantifying the extent of nonprofit impact: social capital as a critical dimension of nonprofit sector health.” *Independent Sector Conference & Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)*. Selected for “Independent Sector Public Policy Symposium.”
- 2017 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “The Austin Area Sustainability Indicators: From Data to Impact.” *Community Indicator Consortium*. Winnipeg, MB, Canada.
- 2016 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Social Network Analysis for Evaluation: The Roundtable of the Crown of the Continent.” *North American Congress for Conservation Biology*. Madison, WI.
- 2016 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Power in Networks: Shaping Water Governance in the Texas Hill Country.” *American Association of Geographers*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “A Social-ecological Approach to Climate Adaptation.” *National Adaptation Forum*. St. Louis, MO.
- 2015 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Fire Manager or Market Manager? Administrative Practices for Large Fire Suppression.” *International Association of Wildland Fire*. Boise, ID.
- 2014 **R. Patrick Bixler** (session chair), “From the Specific to the Generalizable: Tools and Techniques for Monitoring and Evaluating Large Landscape Conservation.” *National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation*, Washington, DC.
- . “Making it Count! Adapting Performance Evaluation to Network Governance in Large Landscape Conservation.” *National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation*, DC.
- 2014 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Forest Policy Evolution: A 10-year Review of Stewardship Contracting on US Federal Forests.” *Society of American Foresters*. Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2014 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “Towards Co-Delivery of Climate Adaptation: Transformations in Cross-Scale Adaptive Governance Networks.” *Resilience Alliance*, Montpelier, France.
- 2013 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “An Integrative Approach to Adaptive Governance: Social Learning in Collaborative Natural Resource Management.” *International Symposium of Society and Natural Resources*, Estes Park, CO.
- 2013 **Bixler, R. Patrick** and Theresa Jedd. “Social Networks and Accountability in Landscape-scale Forest Governance: Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent.” *International Symposium of Society and Natural Resources*, Estes Park, CO.
- 2013 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “Viewing Environmental Governance Architecture Relationally: Networked Agents and Accountability.” *Earth System Governance*, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2012 Cobb, Ashley and **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Climate Woes and Knowledge Flows: Exploring the Construction, Dissemination, and Governance of Climate Knowledge.” *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO.
- 2012 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “The Social Networks of Landscapes: Finding Cross-Scale Linkages in the Northern Rockies.” *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO.
- 2011 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “‘From my place to yours’: Communities of open innovation as an approach to collaborative watershed partnership transferability.” *Ecological Society of America*, Austin, TX.

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- 2011 Cross, Jennifer E., Catherine Keske, and R. Patrick Bixler. “‘It’s all about context’: The Social Dimensions of Perceived Land Use Change in the Intermountain West.” *Rural Sociological Society*, Boise, ID.
- 2010 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “Is it Always Better from the Bottom Up? Polycentric Socio-Ecological Governance and Community Forestry.” *International Symposium of Society and Natural Resources*, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 2008 **Bixler, R. Patrick.** “Contested Places: Rural Social Landscapes Under Transition.” *Pacific Sociological Association*, Portland, OR.

Invited Presentations

- 2020 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Rising to Resilience Challenges”. *A Planet Texas 2050 Showcase Event*. (Presentation)
- 2020 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Climate Vulnerability in Austin: A multi-risk assessment.” City of Austin Environmental Commission. Austin, Texas.
- 2019 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “The Sharing Democracy.” *South by Southwest (SXSW)*. #WeDC House. Austin, Texas.
- 2018 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Measuring the Network of the Texas Water Research Network.” *Texas Water Research Network Meeting*. Austin, Texas.
- 2018 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Environmental governance in the Anthropocene: theories, methods, strategies.” *Sustainable Coral Reef Series*. James Cook University, Townsville, Australia.
- 2016 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Hill Country Connectivity: A Network Approach to Working Together.” *Hill Country Leadership Summit*, Dripping Springs, Texas
- 2016 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Measuring Collaborative Conservation and Network Strength.” *National Academies of Science: Performance Measures for Landscape Conservation*, Washington, DC.
- 2015 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Hill Country Conservation: A Network Approach.” *Hill Country Alliance Leadership Summit*, Fredericksburg, TX.
- 2015 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Social Networks and Multi-Scalar Environmental Governance: A Case on the Crown of the Continent.” *Ecosystem Science and Management Seminar Series*, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.
- 2014 **R. Patrick Bixler.** “Social Network Analysis: A Measure of Social Capital.” *4th Annual Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent*. Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta Canada.
- 2011 **Bixler, R. Patrick** and Faith Sternleib. “The Role of Boundary Organizations in Collaborative Governance: Examples from Two Watersheds.” *Center for Collaborative Conservation Lecture Series*, Fort Collins, CO.

Grants and Fellowships

***Indicates my allocation**

- 2021-2022 (Co-PI) Planet Texas 2050 Flagship: Networks for Hazard Preparedness and Response.
(\$76,755*) Bridging Barriers UT-Austin

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2021 (In review)	(Co-PI) National Aeronautics and Space Administration Assessment of Austin Air POLLution Health Outcomes (A3POLLHO)
2021 \$228,095 (\$80,705*)	(Co-PI) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Adaptation Sciences: Understanding current and future coastal flood risk: How do local governance networks shape resilience efforts in response to perceived hazards?
2021 \$179,280 (\$75,173*)	(PI) City of Austin, Watershed Protection Department Behavioral Study for Raincatcher Program
2021 \$296,476 (\$15,600*)	(Co-PI) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Extreme Heat Risk Initiative: Urban Climate Science for Decision-making & Evaluation of Heat-Health Interventions
2021 \$15,000,000 (not funded)	(Co-PI) National Science Foundation (PI: Peter Groffman at CUNY) SRS RN: Social-environmental homogenization, vulnerability and stress along urban to rural gradients in the continental U.S.
2020 \$193,000 (\$24,444*)	(PI) Michael and Susan Dell Foundation Driving data-driven decisions with analytics support in the nonprofit sector
2020-2021 \$150,000 (\$54,018*)	(Co-PI) Planet Texas 2050 Flagship: Networks for Hazard Preparedness and Response. Bridging Barriers UT-Austin
2020 (\$71,850*)	(PI) Bill Wood Foundation Driving data-driven decisions with analytics support in the nonprofit sector
2020 \$25,000	(Senior Personnel) National Science Foundation Conference support grant for the Fifth Symposium of Urbanization and Stream Ecology (SUSE5)
2020 \$13,000,000 (not funded)	(Senior Personnel) National Science Foundation LTER: Baltimore Ecosystem Study (BES): Multi-scale Dynamics of a Redeveloping, Post-Industrial Ecosystem in Response to Long-Term Socio-Environmental Change
2019 \$1,409,305 (\$13,295*)	(Senior Personnel) National Science Foundation Smart and Connected Communities (SCC-IRG Track 2): Integrating Information Flows and Supporting Communities as Decision-Makers in Response to Acute and Chronic Stressors
2019 (not funded)	(Senior Personnel) National Science Foundation Science and Technology Centers: Integrative Partnerships Center for Rising seas from Ice Sheets and Effects on coastlines (C-RISE)
2019 (not funded)	(Senior Personnel) National Science Foundation Resource Implementations for Data Intensive Research in the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (RIDIR) Infrastructure for Modeling Latent Drivers of Critical City-level Outcomes at High Resolution and Scale Using Passive Data
2019	(Senior Personnel) National Science Foundation

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\$60,000	Concepts for Advancing Sustainable Urban Systems Research Networks Challenges to and Opportunities for Developing Resilience in Rapidly Growing Urban Corridors in Semi-Arid Regions
2019-2020 \$65,307 (*\$33,000)	(Co-PI) Planet Texas 2050: Towards an Equitable Knowledge-Action Network: Assessment of Texas E-NGOs, Bridging Barriers UT-Austin
2019 \$58,000	(Co-PI) St. David's Foundation (SDF) Understanding the Nonprofit Health Sector in Austin Using Social Network Analysis
2019-2020 \$60,000	(PI) St. David's Foundation (SDF) Leveraging Data Analytics Talent for Nonprofit Effectiveness through the CONNECT program
2019-2020 \$250,760	(PI) Michael and Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF) Leveraging Data Analytics Talent for Nonprofit Effectiveness through the CONNECT program
2019-2020 \$20,000*	(PI) City of Austin Sustainability Indicators for Informing Metropolitan Policy
2018-2019 \$200,000	(Co-PI) Planet Texas 2050: Texas Metropolitan Observatory, Bridging Barriers UT-Austin Database and data platform for Texas metropolitan decision-making
2018-2019 \$85,045*	(PI) Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) An empirical assessment of stakeholders and networks to inform multi-scale governance and implementation of the Sagebrush Conservation Strategy
2018-2019 \$15,000*	(PI) Policy Research Institute, University of Texas Public policy data hub proposal development
2018 \$12,000*	(PI) Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Assessing Green-Blue-Grey Infrastructure as a Transferable Urban Policy
2017-2018 \$17,000*	(PI) Environmental Science Institute, University of Texas Social Network Analysis for Measuring Interdisciplinarity in the Texas Water Research Network
2017-2018 \$10,000*	(PI) Austin Co-Lab Assessing Collaboration Potential in Austin's Social Sector
2017-2018 \$110,000*	(PI) St. David's Foundation Measuring Social Connectedness through the Austin Area Sustainability Indicators Project
2017-2018 \$100,000*	(PI) Austin Community Foundation From Data to Action: A Community Indicator System for Regional Sustainability
2016-2018 \$359,248	(Co-PI) Bureau of Land Management, Joint Fire Science Program Social and Regulatory Barriers to Prescribed Fire in Texas and Oklahoma
2015-2017 \$77,000	(PI) US Department of Interior, Northwest Boreal Forest Landscape Conservation Cooperative Social Network Analysis and Network Governance Performance Goals for the Northwest Boreal
2016	(PI) US Forest Service, Washington Office Partnerships

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\$78,500	Strategic Partner Assessment
2015	(PI) Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation
\$38,000	Central Texas Land and Water Conservation Network Research and Strategy
2014	(PI) US Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station
\$36,000	NEPA Innovation Line Officer Training Facilitation
2014	(PI) US Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station
\$24,000	Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Evaluation Project
2014	Embassy of France in the United States, Science and Technology
\$1500	Climate science exchange grant
2014	Resilience Alliance/CIRAD
\$1000	Conference participation grant
2013	US Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station
\$3000	Dissertation research grant
2013	National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC)
\$1500	Workshop participation grant
2013	Asia-Pacific Network for Global Environmental Change Research
\$3000	Conference participation grant
2013	Center for Collaborative Conservation
\$2000	Dissertation research grant
2011	Norwegian Life Sciences University Thor Heyerdahl Summer School
\$5000	Scholarship for tuition, travel, room, board
2011	Center for Collaborative Conservation
\$5000	Dissertation research grant
2010	International Symposium for Society and Natural Resources
\$200	Conference participation grant
2010	NSF Long-term Ecological Research Network
\$500	Workshop participation grant

Peer Review Activities

2019-	Reviewer for <i>Sustainability Science</i>
2019-	Reviewer for Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics
2016-	Associate Editor at <i>Frontiers in Ecology and Environment</i>
2016-	Reviewer for <i>Ecology and Society</i>
2016-	Reviewer for <i>Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene</i>
2016-	Reviewer for <i>Policy Studies Journal</i>
2016-	Reviewer for <i>Policy Sciences</i>
2015-	Reviewer for <i>Environmental Management</i>
2015-	Reviewer for National Science Foundation Geography and Spatial Science program
2015-	Reviewer for the <i>Journal of the Arid Environment</i>
2014-	Reviewer for <i>Local Environment</i>
2014-	Reviewer for <i>Journal of Environmental Planning and Management</i>

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- 2014- Reviewer for *Conservation Letters*
2013- Reviewer for *Society and Natural Resources*
2013- Reviewer for *Journal of Sustainable Development*
2013- Reviewer for *Journal of Rural Studies*
2013- Reviewer for *Wildlife Biology*

Additional Professional Experience

- 2021 National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Fellow
UT-Austin Nominated
- 2020- Global Council for Science and the Environment
current UT-Austin council representative (one of two)
- 2020- CSRD Faculty Fellow
current Center for Study of Race and Democracy
LBJ School, University of Texas
- 2020- ISTPP Fellow
current Institute for Science, Technology, and Public Policy
Bush School, Texas A&M University
- 2017-2020 Board Member
Social Science Working Group, Society for Conservation Biology
- 2014- Senior Fellow
current Pinchot Institute for Conservation
- 2013- Coordinating Committee Member, Working Group Chair
current Network for Landscape Conservation, Cambridge, MA
- 2013-2014 Visiting Researcher Faculty Affiliate
University of Montana, Department of Sociology, Missoula, MT
- 2012- Earth System Governance Research Fellow
current Earth System Governance Project, Lund, Sweden

Technical Expertise

Social Network Analysis	Quantitative Data Analysis	Qualitative Data Analysis
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• R Studio• Gephi• UCINET	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• R Studio• SPSS• Stata	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NVIVO

Professional Affiliations

- 2020 - American Society for Public Administration
2018 - International Forum on Urbanism
2018 - Public Administration Theory Network
2017 - Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
2014 - Association of American Geographers
2013 - Resilience Alliance

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- 2012 - American Sociological Association
- 2011 - Ecological Society of America
- 2010 - International Society for Conservation Biology
- 2010 - International Association for Society and Natural Resources

Interdisciplinary Working Groups

- 2016- Texas Water Research Network, Facilitation Team
A NSF supported effort to engage and coordinate water research across the state of Texas.
Hosted by Environmental Science Institute at The University of Texas.
- 2014- 2017 Forest Climate Working Group
Consensus multi-stakeholder dialogue for policy platform on forest-climate legislation
American Forest Foundation, Washington DC
Hosted by American Forest Foundation and Trust for Public Land
- 2013-2016 Large-scale Natural Resources Conservation and Restoration - Issues of Governance
Research and practice for network governance and large landscape conservation
National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center, Annapolis, MD
Hosted by Lynn Scarlett and Matthew McKinney
- 2011-2015 Conservation Development Working Group
Consequences of residential development on biodiversity and communities
Colorado State University, School for Global Environmental Sustainability
- 2010-2013 Environmental Governance Working Group
Boundaries and governance and intermountain west initiative
Colorado State University, School for Global Environmental Sustainability
- 2010 Long-term Ecological Research Social Science Working Group
National Science Foundation, Harvard Experimental Forest
Integrating social and ecological science
Hosted by Morgan Grove, Laura Ogden, and Ted Gragson

Awards and Media Mentions

- 2020 (Feb.) Climate vulnerability in Austin research presented at the City of Austin Environmental Commission and highlighted in an Austin Monitor news coverage.
- 2018 (Nov.) Civic engagement post-midterm elections. Guest on “Good Morning Austin” to discuss social capital and how residents can remain civically engaged in between elections.
- 2016 (April) Network governance research and personal interview in Science Daily, April 6th, 2016. Available at: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/04/160406181548.htm>
- 2015 (Fall) Advisory Board member for Hill Country Design Studio, Department of Architecture, University of Texas. Led by Robert Yaro.
- 2015 (Sept.) Research report and personal interview highlighted in *The Forestry Source* (monthly newsletter for the Society of American Foresters).
- 2015-2016 (January) *Society and Natural Resources* research highlight. Top 10 downloaded articles for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

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2014
(April)

Conservation development research highlighted in phys.org website, April 1st 2015. Available at:
<http://phys.org/news/2015-04-current-residential-poor-foundation-sustainable.html>.