

**Education**

- Ph.D. Environmental Policy, Graduate Group in Ecology, University of California, Davis, 2000  
Advisors: Paul Sabatier (chair), Edella Schlager, David Layton
- M.S. Natural Resource Policy, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1995
- B.S. Conservation and Resource Studies, College of Natural Resources, University of California, Berkeley, 1992, *magna cum laude*

**Academic Appointments**

- University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy
  - Professor (teaching), 2022–
  - Associate Professor (teaching), 2016–2022
  - Assistant Professor (teaching), 2013–2016
- California State University, Sacramento
  - Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy & Administration, 2008–2011
  - Director, Faculty Research Fellows Program, Center for California Studies, 2009–2011
  - Research Director, Center for Collaborative Policy, 2003–2008
- University of California, Davis
  - Instructor and Research Associate, Department of Environmental Science & Policy, 2001–2003

**Teaching Experience**

- University of Southern California, 2013-present
  - Collaborative Environmental Management and Conflict Resolution (on-campus)
  - Collaborative Governance (online)
  - Directed Research (on-campus)
  - Economics for Policy, Planning and Development (online)
  - Essential Statistics for Public Management (online; on-campus)
  - Fundamentals of Public Administration (online; on-campus)
  - Human Behavior in Public Organizations (online)
  - Intersectoral Leadership (online)
  - Place, Institutions, and Governance (weekend intensive)
  - Policy and Program Evaluation (online)
  - Professional Practice of Public Administration (online; on-campus)
  - Solving Public Problems (on-campus)
  - Urban Planning and Social Policy (online; weekend intensive)
- California State University, Sacramento, 2008-2011
  - Applied Economic Analysis
  - Research Methods in Public Policy and Administration
  - Introduction to Collaborative Policy
  - Public Budgeting and Finance (module on participatory budgeting)
- University of California, Davis, 2000-2001
  - Environmental Policy Analysis
  - Research Methods in Environmental Science and Policy

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- Gaus, Raphael, Olivier Ejderyan, Adrienne Grêt-Regamey, **William D. Leach**, and Matthias Buchecker. 2023. "How previous experiences shape actors' current perspectives in integrated natural resource management." *People and Nature* 5: 2048–60. doi.org/10.1002/pan3.10541
- Leach, William D.**, Brian Y. An, and Shui-Yan Tang. 2021. "Evaluating California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: The first five years of governance and planning." *Journal of the American Water Resources Association* 57(6): 972–989.
- An, Brian Y., Shui-Yan Tang, and **William D. Leach**. 2021. "Managing environmental change through inter-agency collaboration: Protective governance in mandated sustainability planning." *Journal of Environmental Science & Policy* 125: 146–156.
- Siddiki, Saba, Jangmin Kim, and **William D. Leach**. 2017. "Diversity, trust, and social learning in collaborative governance." *Public Administration Review* 77(6): 863–874.
- Schwarz, Norbert, Eryn Newman, and **William Leach**. 2016. "Making the truth stick and the myths fade: Lessons from cognitive psychology." *Behavioral Science & Policy* 2(1):85–95.
- Calanni, John C., Saba R. Siddiki, Christopher W. Weible, and **William D. Leach**. 2015. "Explaining coordination in collaborative partnerships and clarifying the scope of the belief homophily hypothesis." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 25(3): 901–927.
- Leach, William D.**, Christopher M. Weible, Scott R. Vince, Saba N. Siddiki, John Calanni. 2014. "Fostering learning through collaboration: Knowledge acquisition and belief change in marine aquaculture partnerships." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 24(3): 591–622.
- Leach, William D.** 2011. "Building a theory of collaboration." In *Community-Based Collaboration: Bridging Socio-Ecological Research and Practice*. Edited by Frank Dukes, Karen Firehock, and Juliana Birkhoff (University of Virginia Press), pp. 146–188.
- Lubell, Mark, **William D. Leach**, and Paul A. Sabatier. 2009. "Collaborative watershed partnerships in the epoch of sustainability." In *Toward Sustainable Communities: Transitions and Transformations in Environmental Policy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Edited by Daniel A. Mazmanian and Michael E. Kraft (MIT Press), pp. 255–288.
- Leach, William D.** 2006. "Collaborative public management and democracy: Evidence from western watershed partnerships." *Public Administration Review* 66(s1): 100–110.
- Leach, William D.** 2006. "Theories about consensus-based conservation." *Conservation Biology* 20(2): 573–575.
- Leach, William D.** 2006. "Public involvement in USDA Forest Service policymaking: A literature review." *Journal of Forestry* 104(1): 43–49.
- Leach, William D.** and Paul A. Sabatier. 2005. "To trust an adversary: Integrating rational and psychological models of collaborative policymaking." *American Political Science Review* 99(4): 491–503.
- Sabatier, Paul A., **William D. Leach**, Mark Lubell, and Neil W. Pelkey. 2005. "Theoretical frameworks explaining partnership success." In *Swimming Upstream: Collaborative Approaches to Watershed Management*. Edited by Paul A. Sabatier, et al. (MIT Press), pp. 173–200.
- Leach, William D.** and Paul A. Sabatier. 2005. "Are trust and social capital the keys to success?" In *Swimming Upstream: Collaborative Approaches to Watershed Management*. Edited by Paul A. Sabatier, et al. (MIT Press), pp. 233–258.
- Leach, William D.** and Paul A. Sabatier. 2003. "Facilitators, coordinators, and outcomes." In *The Promise and Performance of Environmental Conflict Resolution*. Edited by Rosemary O'Leary and Lisa Bingham, (Resources for the Future Press), pp. 148–171.

**Leach, William D.** 2002. "Surveying diverse stakeholder groups." *Society & Natural Resources* 15(7): 641–649.

**Leach, William D.,** Neil W. Pelkey, and Paul A. Sabatier. 2002. "Stakeholder partnerships as collaborative policymaking: Evaluation criteria applied to watershed management in California and Washington." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 21(4): 645–670.

**Leach, William D.** and Neil W. Pelkey. 2001. "Making watershed partnerships work: A review of the empirical literature." *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management* 127(6): 378–385.  
\*\* Winner of the journal's "Best Theoretical Paper" award \*\*

## Book Reviews

**Leach, William D.** 2006. *Adaptive Governance and Water Conflict: New Institutions for Collaborative Planning*. John Scholz and Bruce Stiftel, eds. (RFF Press, 2005), *Journal of the American Planning Association* 72(4): 514.

**Leach, William D.** 2005. *Collaborative Environmental Management: What Role for Government?* Tomas M. Koontz, et al. (RFF Press, 2004), *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 25(5): 105–107.

## Commissioned Reports and Other Publications

Calanni, John, Saba Siddiki, Chris Weible, **William Leach**, Scott Vince. 2012. "Measuring impacts of marine aquaculture partnerships." *Global Aquaculture Advocate* Nov/Dec: 50–51.

**Leach, William D.** 2009. "If You Bill It, They Will Come: A Literature Review on Clinical Outcomes, Cost-Effectiveness, and Reimbursement for Telemedicine." Prepared for the California Telemedicine & eHealth Center. (Center for Collaborative Policy, California State University, Sacramento).

**Leach, William D.** 2008. "Shared Governance in Higher Education: Structural and Cultural Responses to a Changing National Climate." (Center for Collaborative Policy, California State University, Sacramento).

**Leach, William D.** 2008. "Evaluation of a Media Campaign to Promote Disaster Awareness and Preparedness in Greater Los Angeles." Prepared for CaliforniaVolunteers, Office of the Governor. (Center for Collaborative Policy, California State University, Sacramento).

Lubell, Mark and **William D. Leach**. 2005. "Watershed Partnerships: Evaluating a Collaborative Form of Public Participation." Commissioned paper for the National Research Council, Panel on Public Participation in Environmental Assessment and Decision Making.

"Public Involvement Needs Assessment." Prepared for the California State Water Resources Control Board, with Laura Kaplan and Jodie Monaghan. (Center for Collaborative Policy, California State University, Sacramento) April 13, 2005.

**Leach, William D.** 2005. "Response to Michael McCloskey's commentary on *Is Devolution Democratic?*" Published in *The Collaborative Edge*, Winter 2004–2005.

**Leach, William D.** 2004. "Is Devolution Democratic? Assessing Collaborative Environmental Management." (Center for Collaborative Policy, California State University, Sacramento).

**Leach, William D.** 2004. Book Review: *Participatory Planning for Sustainable Communities: International Experience in Mediation, Negotiation and Engagement in Making Plans*. Published in *The Collaborative Edge*, February 2004.

**Leach, William D.** 2003. "Forward." In *Too Much Sun? Emerging Challenges Presented by California and Federal Open Meeting Legislation to Public Policy Consensus-Building Processes*, by Lauri Boxer-Macomber. (Center for Collaborative Policy, California State University, Sacramento) September 2003.

## **Blog Posts and Op-Eds**

### USC Price Faculty Perspectives Blog

"Five ways colleges are moving final exams online." April 24, 2020.

### Executive Master's in Health Administration Blog

"8 communication strategies to combat harmful health misconceptions." April 14, 2015.

"Obamacare subsidies: Intergenerational equity and economic impact." March 26, 2015.

"Affordable Care Act subsidies in perspective." March 16, 2015.

"Four ways behavioral economics can drive smarter decisions in health care." March 2, 2015.

### Los Angeles Times

"Government 'mandates' go beyond Obamacare [The reply]." online edition, October 10, 2011.

"An odious mandate?" (Online: "Healthcare reform law: What's the big deal?"), October 7, 2011.

## **Papers or Panels at Academic Conferences**

- 2025 International Association for Society and Natural Resources
- 2024 International Association for Society and Natural Resources
- 2019 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- 2018 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management
- 2011 Midwestern Political Science Association
- 2010 American Political Science Association
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- Western Political Science Association
- International Workshop on the Advocacy Coalition Framework
- University of Arizona, Speaker Series on Collaboration in Natural Resources
- 2008 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- 2007 American Political Science Association
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- 2006 American Political Science Association
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- 2005 American Planning Association
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- Western Political Science Association
- 2004 American Political Science Association
- American Society for Public Administration
- International Symposium on Society and Resource Management
- 2003 American Academy for the Advancement of Science
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- 2002 American Political Science Association
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- 2001 Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- 2000 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- 1999 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

## **Papers Delivered at Applied Conferences and Workshops**

- 2021 Giant Kelp Cluster Mini-Conference, AltaSea at the Port of Los Angeles
- 2019 Conference on Aquaculture in the Southern California Bight
- 2011 World Aquaculture Society, Aquaculture America

- 2010 U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution  
California and the World Oceans Conference  
World Aquaculture Society, Aquaculture America
- 2008 U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution  
Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum, League of California Cities
- 2007 Policy Consensus Initiative and University of Washington Ruckelshaus Center  
Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy, Washington State University  
Capital Campus California, Fall Retreat, water policy seminar
- 2006 Association for Conflict Resolution  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Community of Practice Conference
- 2005 Community Based Collaboratives Research Consortium  
U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution  
American Water Resources Association
- 2004 Community Based Collaboratives Research Consortium  
U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution  
Watershed Management Council  
Association for Conflict Resolution
- 2003 Community Based Collaboratives Research Consortium  
North Bay Water Conference, Sonoma, California  
Sierra Nevada Alliance
- 2002 Community Based Collaboratives Research Consortium  
National Policy Consensus Center  
Watershed Management Council
- 2001 Conference on Evaluating Environmental Dispute Resolution  
National Policy Conference on Environmental Policy in an Era of Devolution
- 2000 Watershed Management Council

#### **External Service and Leadership**

- Editorial Board, *Society & Natural Resources*, 2019-2021
- National Science Foundation, proposal review panel, Washington DC, June 2010
- Collaborative Democracy Network, co-founder and coordinator, 2004 to 2008
- Community-Based Collaboratives Research Consortium, steering committee 2001 to 2006
- National Research Council, author of commissioned white paper, February 2005

#### **Peer Review for Grant Proposals 60+**

- National Science Foundation
- CSU Faculty Research Fellows Program
- NOAA National Estuary Research Reserve System
- Sea Grant Programs (Georgia, Michigan, New Hampshire, Washington)
- North Pacific Research Board

#### **Peer Review for Public Affairs Journals 100+**

- American Journal of Political Science*
- Cognitive Systems Research*
- Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*
- Evaluation*
- International Public Management Journal*
- Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*
- Journal of Public Administration, Research and Theory*

*Journal of Public Policy*  
*Perspectives on Public Management and Governance* Page  
*Policy Sciences*  
*Policy Studies Journal*  
*Political Behavior*  
*PS: Political Science and Politics*  
*Public Administration*  
*Public Administration Review*  
*Public Performance & Management Review*  
*Publius*  
*Regulation and Governance*  
*State and Local Government Review*

**Peer Review for Environmental Planning and Management Journals 50+**

*Citizen Science: Theory and Practice*  
*Ecology and Society*  
*Environmental Management*  
*Environmental Science and Policy*  
*International Journal of Water Governance*  
*Journal of Environmental Management*  
*Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*  
*Journal of Forestry*  
*Journal of the American Water Resources Association*  
*Land Use Planning*  
*Landscape and Urban Planning*  
*Nature - Climate Change*  
*San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science*  
*Society & Natural Resources*  
*Sustainability*  
*Water Resources Research*  
*World Development*

**Clients (through the Center for Collaborative Policy)**

California Telemedicine and eHealth Center, 2008  
California Volunteers in the Office of the Governor, 2008  
First Five California, Children & Families Commission, 2008  
California Resources Agency, 2005-2006  
U.S. Forest Service, 2004-2005  
California Department of Water Resources, 2004  
California State Water Resources Control Board, 2004

| <b>Grants</b>  | <b>Dates</b> | <b>Award</b> |
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| PI. "Proposal to establish an Interdisciplinary Coastal Resilience Research and Education Group. " <u>USC Collaboration Fund</u>   | 2019-2020    | \$13,000     |
| Co-PI. "Annotating, immortalizing, and domesticating ocean biodiversity." <u>USC Zumberge Fund Multi-School Interdisciplinary</u>  | 2019-2020    | \$85,000     |
| Co-PI. "Evaluating Aquaculture Partnerships: An Institutional and Stakeholder Analysis." <u>National Science Foundation</u>  | 2008-2011    | \$285,000    |
| Co-PI. "Collaborative Governance for California." <u>William and Flora Hewlett Foundation</u>  | 2004-2007    | \$200,000    |
| Co-PI. "Voluntary Compliance or Agency Capture? A Natural Experiment in Water Quality Regulation." <u>University of California, Water Resource Center</u>                    | 2001-2004    | \$28,000     |
| Co-PI. "When Do Watershed Partnerships Work?" <u>David and Lucile Packard Foundation</u> , Conserving California's Landscapes Program  | 2000-2002    | \$200,000    |
| Co-PI. "When Do Stakeholder Negotiations Work? A Multiple Lens Analysis of Watershed Restorations in California and Washington." <u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</u> | 1999-2000    | \$150,000    |
| Co-PI. "When Do Stakeholder Negotiations Work? A Multiple Lens Approach." <u>National Science Foundation</u>   | 1998-1999    | \$150,000    |