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Employment

2020–2021 — UCSB Climate Justice Student Lab Project Manager (Professor David Pellow),
University of California, Santa Barbara

2020–2021 — Global Justice Project Graduate Student Researcher (Professor David Pellow),
University of California, Santa Barbara

2016 — Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa
Barbara

Education

Ph.D., Sociology Exp. 2022
University of California, Santa Barbara

Dissertation: “Infrastructures of Decentralization: Relocalizing Energy Questions
through Community Choice Aggregation and Distributed Energy Resources”
(Committee: Professor David Pellow, Professor Dana Kornberg, Professor Richard
Flacks)

M.A., Sociology, *high pass* 2019
University of California, Santa Barbara

Thesis: “Community Choice Aggregation: Technologies, Institutions, and Values”
(Committee: Professor David Pellow, Professor Javiera Barandiarán,
Professor Richard Flacks)

B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude* 2012
Williams College

Additional Educational Experience

Blue Horizons Documentary Filmmaking Course, Carsey-Wolf Center, University 2015
of California, Santa Barbara

Yale Summer Writers’ Workshop, Yale University 2015

Williams-Exeter Programme (concentration: Political Sociology), Oxford University 2010–2011

Research and Teaching Areas

Infrastructure Studies; Environmental Sociology; Political Sociology; Energy Democracy; Critical Environmental Justice; Marxist Theory; Prison Ecology; Labor and Environment; Community Based Participatory Action Research; Qualitative Methods

Grants, Honors, and Awards

Flacks Fund for the Study of Democratic Possibilities (\$1,000)	2020
Arthur B. Graves Award for Best Essay in Political Science, Williams College	2012
Phi Beta Kappa, Williams College	2012

Publications

Brennan, Ry. 2022. "Technoregionalism: Decentralizing Relations Among Humans, Ecologies, and Technologies." *The International Journal of Architectonic, Spatial, and Environmental Design*, 16 (1): 71-81. DOI:10.18848/2325-1662/CGP/v16i01/71-81.

Brennan, Ry. 2022. "Techoregions of Insurrection: Decentralizing Energy Infrastructures and Manifesting Change at Scale." In *Energy Democracies for Sustainable Futures*, edited by Majia Nadesan, Martin Pasqualetti, and Jennifer Keahey. New York: Elsevier.

Brennan, Ry. 2020. "The Resiliency of Community Pandemic Preparedness." *Contexts, Special Issue: The Global Impact of the Coronavirus*. March 30.

Manuscripts in Progress

Brennan, Ry and David Pellow. "Prison Ecology and Environmental Justice." *American Behavioral Scientist*. (invited, revised, and resubmitted)

Brennan, Ry. "Energy Democracy." *Encyclopedia of Environmental Sociology*. (invited)

Certifications and Qualifications

Certification for Preparing to Teach Online	2020
STIA Certification	2019

Service

Reviewer, <i>The International Journal of Architectonic, Spatial, and Environmental Design</i> , Special Issue	2019–2020
Departmental Pedagogy Lead Teaching Assistant	2019–2020

Teaching Experience

- 2022 Teaching Associate, Building Sustainable Communities, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2022 Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Garbage (Professor: Dana Kornberg), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2022 Teaching Assistant, Sociological Research Traditions (Professor: Erik Nielsen), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2021 Teaching Associate, Introduction to Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2020 Teaching Associate, Concrete and Wire: A Sociology of Infrastructure, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2019 Teaching Assistant, Sociological Theory: Marxist and Critical Theory (Professor: Kevin Anderson), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2019 Teaching Associate, Introduction to Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2019 Teaching Assistant, Methods of Sociological Research (Professor: Alex Kulick), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2019 Lead Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology (Professor: Howard Winant), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Development and Social Change in Africa (Professor: Kevin Anderson), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Global Methods of Sociology, (Professor: John Foran), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology (Professor: Howard Winant), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 Reader, Global Environmental Movements (Professor: David Pellow), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Sociology of the Environment (Professor: Raymond Cl  men  on), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2017 Reader, Animals in Human Society (Professor: David Pellow), University of California, Santa Barbara

Guest Lectures

- 2021 “Mixing Methods in Social Science: How to Be a Fox in a World of Hedgehogs.” UCSB PACE Program on Environmental Advocacy, Leadership, and Social Change
- 2019 “Ecology, Society, and Alter-Globalization.” Introduction to Sociology, Professor Howard Winant, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 “Environmental Justice and Santa Barbara’s 100% Renewable Goal.” Blue Horizons Documentary Filmmaking Course, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 “Affinity, Identity, Tactics.” Hope That Works Seminar, Professors John Foran and Marc McGinnes, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2016 “Rejecting Big Tents: Paris on Douze Decembre.” Global Environmental Movements, Professor David Pellow, University of California, Santa Barbara

Conference and Workshop Activity

- 2021 Brennan, Ry. “Don’t Lobby the Warden, Seize the Technoregion: Mobilizing Technological Infrastructures Against Toxic Prisons.” Pacific Sociological Association, Virtual Conference.
- 2021 Brennan, Ry. “New Strategies Against a New Right: Deprogramming Postmodern Conservatism in the Classroom.” Pacific Sociological Association, Virtual Conference.
- 2021 Brennan, Ry. “Technoregionalism: Decentralizing Relations Among Humans, Ecologies, and Technologies.” Eleventh International Conference on The Constructed Environment: Building the Anthropocene, University of Calgary.
- 2021 Brennan, Ry. “Technoregionalism: Recuperating a Strategy for Liberatory Decentralism at Scale.” Pacific Sociological Association, Virtual Conference.
- 2020 Brennan, Ry. “Brush Yourself Off and Come Back to the Table: Bringing Insights of Intersectional Organizing to Environment-Labor Coalition Work.” Pacific Sociological Association, Eugene, OR
- 2020 Brennan, Ry. “From Aurochs to Electric Hummers: A New Typology of Eco-Fascism.” Pacific Sociological Association, Eugene, OR
- 2020 Brennan, Ry. “Strong Facilitation and Constructive Dialogue: Refusing to Play the Alt-Right Game.” Pacific Sociological Association, Eugene, OR

- 2020 Discussant for "Teaching Sociology: Four Year Colleges. Balancing Teaching and Graduate Study: Lessons by and for Graduate Students." Alpha Kappa Delta sponsored workshop for the Pacific Sociological Association, Eugene, OR
- 2019 Brennan Clegg, Mariah and Jeff Feng. "Not Without Unions: Realizing a Fair and Just Transition in Santa Barbara County." Community Engaged Scholarship for Energy Justice, Mellon Sawyer Seminar on Energy Justice in Global Perspective, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 Brennan Clegg, Mariah. "State, Capital, and Ecology." International Marxist Humanist Organization Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Brennan Clegg, Mariah. "Eco-Modernism and Eco-Fascism: Uncomfortable Resemblances and Leftist Alternatives." Society of Global Scholars Conference: Alter-Globalizations, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2016 Brennan Clegg, Mariah. "Death: Ecology and the Sublimation of the Organism." Climate Justice Pecha Kucha, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2016 Brennan Clegg, Mariah. "'L'état d'urgence': State Hegemony and the Environmental Justice Movement." What Happened at COP21? Panel. University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2015 Brennan Clegg, Mariah. "Paris and Buen Vivir." The Paris COP 21 UN Climate Summit: Why We are Going and What We Hope to Do There for Climate Justice. University of California, Santa Barbara

Department Workshop Presentations

- 2022 "Navigating Conflict in the Classroom." Co-Host with Josh Kuntzman, Facilitated by Lisa Berry, Instructional Development, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2020 "Getting the Most Out of Mid-Quarter Feedback." Pedagogy Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2020 "Post Secret: How to Cultivate Important Conversations about Sensitive Topics." UCSB Engaging Teaching Symposium Series, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2019 "Brush Yourself Off and Come Back to the Table: Bringing Insights of Intersectional Organizing to Environment-Building Trades Coalition Work." Social Movements Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

- 2019 "Assessing for Growth and Equity." Pedagogy Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2019 "Orientation for Teaching Assistants in Sociology." Pedagogy Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 "Anarchism: Principles and Contributions." Social Movements Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 "Community Choice Aggregation and the Just Transition Framework." Social Movements Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

Community Outreach and Engagement

Community Talks and Workshops

- 2020 "A Just and Equitable Transition to a Clean Energy Future, with Ry Brennan." *Social Entrepreneur* Podcast with Tony Loyd
- 2020 Panel: "Creating Communities of Care: Mutual Aid in the Time of COVID and Climate Change." Strike University, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2020 "Consensus Decision-Making: How to Run a Meeting and Get Things Done." Strike University, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2020 "Realizing the Green New Deal in Santa Barbara County." Santa Barbara Community Action Network Roundtable, Hill-Carrillo Adobe, Santa Barbara, California
- 2019 "Eco-Decentralism." Eco-Socialism or Extinction Panel, Coalition for Peace, Revolution, and Social Justice, Westside Peace Center, Los Angeles
- 2018 "California Wildfires: Put Your Pain into Context and Your Rage into Action." Bonfire Collective Workshop, Merton House Co-Op, Isla Vista, California
- 2018 "Eco-Anarchism." KCSB radio show talk with Anita Carragher, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 "Eco-Decentralism and Resilience." Angeles Workshop High School, Los Angeles
- 2018 "Beyond Eco-Socialism: A Critique from the Left." International Marxist-Humanist Organization, Westside Peace Center, Los Angeles

- 2018 "To Academia through Activism." Academia Avance Charter School, Los Angeles
- 2018 Workshop: "What is Anarchism?" Bonfire Collective, Merton House Co-Op, Isla Vista, California
- 2018 "Community Choice Aggregation and Energy Democracy." 350 Santa Barbara, Unitarian Universalist Church, Santa Barbara, California
- 2017 "The Machine: Chapter 15 of *Capital, Volume 1*." ArtShare, Los Angeles
- 2016 "COP21." KCSB radio show talk with Radio Occupy, University of California, Santa Barbara

Community Publications

- 2021 "A Green New Deal for California's Central Coast." Written with Professor David Pellow in Collaboration with the Central Coast Climate Justice Network.
- 2018 "State, Capital, and Ecology." *The International Marxist-Humanist Organization Journal*.

Professional Organization Memberships

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| American Sociological Association | 2016 – present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Sociology • Marxist Sociology | |
| Pacific Sociological Association | 2019 – present |