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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Assistant Research Professor.** School of Life Sciences. Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona (January 2024-present).

**Postdoctoral Scholar.** School of Life Sciences. Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona (January 2022-December 2023).

**Visiting Scholar.** School of Sustainability. Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona (August-December 2021).

**Postdoctoral Scholar.** Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York (August 2020-July 2021).

## EDUCATION

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### Arizona State University

Ph.D. Environmental Social Science (August 2020)

Thesis: “Robust Conservation Anarchy: Comparing Treaty Institutional Design for Evidence of Ostrom’s Design Principles, Fit, and Polycentricity”

Committee: John M. Anderies, Michael Schoon, Ben A. Minteer, Leah Gerber, Saba Siddiki

M.A. Environmental Social Science (May 2015)

B.S. Sustainability (Sustainable Ecosystems) | Science, Technology and Society (minor) (December 2012)

## RESEARCH SUPPORT

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### Awarded

2024-27 Effective Design of Institutions and Data Sharing Platforms in International Environmental Agreements  
Co-PI (60%) | 312K | National Science Foundation | PI Beckett Sterner, Co-PI Zoe Nyssa (Purdue) (terminated April 25, 2025)

2023-25 Debating the Who, What, and Where of the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON)  
Co-PI (40%) | 240K | Sloan Foundation | PI Beckett Sterner, Co-PI Zoe Nyssa (Purdue)

2022-23 Scoping a Future Framework for the *Alliance for Biodiversity Knowledge*  
Co-PI (33%) | 26K | Global Biodiversity Information Facility | PI Beckett Sternner,  
Co-PI Zoe Nyssa (Purdue)

2016 Breaking the Code: Synthesizing coding efforts for Social-Ecological Systems  
Research  
Co-PI (25%) | Workshop Funding Support | National Socio-Environmental Synthesis  
Center | Co-PIs: Elicia Ratajczyk, Graham Epstein (Waterloo), Frederike Gehrigk  
(Martin-Luther University)

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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2019 Career Development Grant. Arizona State University Graduate and Professional  
Student Association (GPSA)

2017-2018 Numerous travel grants and awards. Arizona State University Graduate and  
Professional Student Association (GPSA)

2017 Agriterra Grant. International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC)

2017 Graduate Student Research Grant. School of Human Evolution and Social  
Change, Arizona State University

2014-2015 University Graduate Fellowship. Arizona State University

2014 Doctoral Recruiting Fellowship. Arizona State University

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Google Scholar Profile: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=k6363qsAAAAJ>  
Total citations: 671 | h-index: 12 | i10-index: 13 | Accessed November 14, 2025

### **Book contracts**

- Stamboulakis, D., Nagtzaam, G., and **U. Brady** (under contract). *BioTrade and Biodiversity Conservation: Public Regulation and Private Initiatives*. Routledge.

### **Manuscripts under review**

- Nyssa, Z., Sternner, B., and **U. Brady** (under review). Collected Resources or Resourceful Collectives? Reimagining the Social Experience of Open Data Portals. *BioSocieties*.
- Pérez Ibarra, I., **Brady, U.**, Tenza Peral, A., Detzi, D.W., and I. Lare David (under review). People still don't talk in institutional statements but now we can translate: Advancing a new approach to the analysis of rules-in-use. *International Journal of the Commons*.
- **Brady, U.**, Sternner, B, and Z. Nyssa (under review). Curating knowledge commons: Institutional arrangements for data provisioning in online biodiversity portal. *Policy Studies Journal*.

### **Journal articles (peer reviewed)**

- Siddiki, S., **Brady, U.**, Frantz, C.K. (2023). The Institutional Grammar: Evolving Directions in Current Research. *International Review of Public Policy*. 5(2), 121-136.  
<https://journals.openedition.org/irpp/3550>

- Carr Kelman, C., **Brady**, U., Schoon, M., Raschke, A.B. (2023). A Systematic Review of Key Factors of Effective Collaborative Governance of Social-Ecological Systems. *Society and Natural Resources*, 36(11), 1452–1470. DOI: [10.1080/08941920.2023.2228234](https://doi.org/10.1080/08941920.2023.2228234)
- **Brady**, U. (2023). The grammar of monitoring and enforcement mechanisms in international conservation: A comparative institutional analysis of four treaty regimes. *Environmental Policy and Governance*, 33(5), 489-503. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/eet.2045>
- Ambrose, G., Siddiki, S., & **Brady**, U. (2022). Collaborative governance design in local food systems in the United States. *Policy Design & Practice*, 5(3), 362–383. DOI: [10.1080/25741292.2022.2109253](https://doi.org/10.1080/25741292.2022.2109253)
- Schoon, M., Chapman, M., Loos, J., Speranza, C.I., Carr Kelman, C., Aburto, J., Alexander, S., Baggio, J., **Brady**, U., Cockburn, J., Cundill Kemp, G., Garcia Lopez, G., Hill, R., Robinson, C., Thondlana, G., Trimble, M. & Whittaker, D. (2021). On the Frontiers of Collaboration and Conflict: How Context Influences the Success of Collaboration. *Ecosystems and People*, 17(1), 383-399. DOI: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/26395916.2021.1946593>
- Anderies, J.M., Barreteau, O. & **Brady**, U. (2019). Refining the Robustness of Social-Ecological Systems Framework for comparative analysis of coastal system adaptation to global change. *Regional Environmental Change*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10113-019-01529-0>
- Naylor, L.A., **Brady**, U., Quinn, T. et al. (2019). A multiscale analysis of social-ecological system robustness and vulnerability in Cornwall, UK. *Regional Environmental Change*, 19, 1835–1848. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10113-019-01530-7>
- Guerbois C., **Brady**, U., de Swardt, A.G. Fabricius, C. (2019). Nurturing ecosystem-based adaptations in South Africa's Garden Route: a common pool resource governance perspective. *Regional Environmental Change*, 19, 1849–1863. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10113-019-01508-5>
- Bernstein M.J., Mancha-Cisneros M.M., Tyson M., **Brady** U., Rubiños C.A., Shin H.C., Vallury S., Smith-Heisters S., Ratajczyk E., Anderies J.M., Janssen M.A. (2019). Mapping Ostrom's common-pool resource systems coding handbook to the coupled infrastructure systems framework to enable comparative research. *International Journal of the Commons*, 13(1), 528-552. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.18352/ijc.904>
- Therville, C., **Brady**, U., Barreteau, O., Bousquet, F., Mathevet, R., Dhenain, S., Grelot, F., Brémond, P. (2018). Challenges for local adaptation when governance scales overlap. Evidence from Languedoc, France. *Regional Environmental Change*, 19, 1865–1877. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10113-018-1427-2>
- Ratajczyk, E., **Brady**, U., Baggio, J. A., Barnett, A. J., Pérez-Ibarra, I., Rollins, N., Rubiños, C., Shin, H. C., Yu, D. J., Aggarwal, R., Anderies, J. M., Janssen, M. A. (2016). Challenges and opportunities in coding the commons: problems, procedures, and potential solutions in large-N comparative case studies. *International Journal of the Commons*, 10(2), 440–466. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.18352/ijc.652>

- Baggio, J. A., Barnett, A. J., Pérez-Ibarra, I., **Brady, U.**, Ratajczyk, E., Rollins, N., Rubiños, C., Shin, H. C., Yu, D. J., Aggarwal, R., Andries, J. M., Janssen, M. A. (2016). Explaining success and failure in the commons: the configural nature of Ostrom's institutional design principles. *International Journal of the Commons*, 10(2), 417–439. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.18352/ijc.634>
- Barnett, A. J., Baggio, J. A., Shin, H. C., Yu, D. J., Pérez-Ibarra, I., Rubiños, C., **Brady, U.**, Ratajczyk, E., Rollins, N., Aggarwal, R., Andries, J. M., Janssen, M. A. (2016). An iterative approach to case study analysis: insights from qualitative analysis of quantitative inconsistencies. *International Journal of the Commons*, 10(2), 467–494. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.18352/ijc.632>

### Book chapters

- Nagtzaam, G.; & **Brady, U.** (2022). Global Biodiversity: Trends and Regulation. In R. Brinkmann (Ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Sustainability*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-38948-2\\_39-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-38948-2_39-1)
- Nagtzaam, G.; & **Brady, U.** (2022). The State of the World's Natural Resources. In R. Brinkmann (Ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Sustainability*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-38948-2\\_34-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-38948-2_34-1)

### Other publications (non-peer reviewed)

- Andries, J.M., Barreteau, O., and **Brady, U.** (2018). *Refinements of the robustness framework: towards a standardization of SES adaptation analysis*. CBIE Working Paper Series #CBIE-2018-007, Arizona State University. [\[Download PDF\]](#).
- **Brady, U.**, Basurto, X., Bennett, A., Carter, D.P., Hanlon, J., Heikkila, T., Lien, A., Miller Chonaew, S., Olivier, T., and Schlager, E. (2018). *Institutional analysis of rules-in-form coding guidelines*. CBIE Working Paper Series #CBIE-2018-006, Arizona State University. [\[Download PDF\]](#)
- Bernstein, M.J., Mancha-Cisneros, M.M., Tyson, M., **Brady, U.**, Rubinos, C., Shin, H.C., Vallury, S., Smith-Heisters, S., and Ratajczyk, E. (2018). *Making sense of a babbling equilibrium across common-pool resources frameworks*. CBIE Working Paper Series #CBIE-2018-005, Arizona State University. [\[Download PDF\]](#).
- Carr Kelman, C., **Brady, U.**, Baggio, J.A., Lee, J., Rojas, C., Srinivasan, J., Vallury, S., and Schoon, M. (2018). *Practitioner brief on factors for effective environmental management collaboration*. CBIE Working Paper Series #CBIE-2018-003, Arizona State University. [\[Download PDF\]](#).

### Work in progress

- **Brady, U.**, Sterner, B., Nyssa, Z., and H. Cooke. Information sharing & polycentricity in international conservation governance.
- **Brady, U.**, Sterner, B., and Z. Nyssa. Advancing a classification of biodiversity knowledge commons.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- **Brady, U.**, Sterner, B., Cooke, H., and Nyssa, Z. (2025). *Information sharing & polycentricity in international conservation governance*. XX Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Conference. Amherst, Massachusetts. June 16-20, 2025.
- **Brady, U.**, Frantz, C., Olivier, T., and Siddiki, S. (2025). *The Institutional Grammar: More to Explore*. XX Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Conference. Amherst, Massachusetts. June 16-20, 2025.
- **Brady, U.** (2023). *The grammar of monitoring and enforcement in international conservation governance*. Biennial Conference of the Standing Group on Regulatory Governance (ECPR) Conference. Antwerp, Belgium. July 12-14, 2023.
- **Brady, U.** & Sterner, B. (2023). *From social dilemma to social panacea: Openness in natural and digital commons*. XIX Biennial International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Conference. Nairobi, Kenya. June 19-24, 2023.
- **Brady, U.** & Sterner, B. (2022). *Exploring International Biodiversity Knowledge Commons Using the IG*. Second Annual IGRI Conference. Online. June 20-22, 2022.
- Sterner, B. & **Brady, U.** (2022). *Governance and the Social Epistemology of Data Integration for Global Biodiversity Loss*. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Governance of Emerging Technologies and Science (GETS) Conference. Phoenix, Arizona. May 19-20, 2022.
- **Brady, U.** (2021). *Making sense of constitutive institutional arrangements in international conservation governance: Building a rule typology*. Inaugural Institutional Grammar Research Initiative (IGRI) Conference: Coming Together, Building Together: Exploring Contemporary and Future Directions in Institutional Grammar Research. Online. June 21-23, 2021.
- **Brady, U.** (2019). *Comparing International Conservation Treaty Rule Structures for Evidence of Robustness and Polycentricity*. Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop (WOW6): Governance: Past, Present, and Future. Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. June 19-21, 2019.
- **Brady, U.** (2019). *International Conservation Treaties and Biodiversity Declines: Comparing Written and Perceived Rule Configurations to Assess Treaty Effectiveness in Generating Behavior Change*. Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop (WOW6) – Governance: Past, Present, and Future. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. June 19-21, 2019.
- **Brady, U.** (2019). *Robust Anarchy and Fit: Treaties and International Wildlife Conservation*. Second Annual “Working Together on the Commons” Workshop of the International Association for the Study of the Commons. University of Arizona. Tucson, Arizona. March 7-8, 2019.
- **Brady, U.**, Andries, J.M., Barreteau, O., Therville, C., Brown, K., Fabricius, C., and Naylor, L. (2017). *Facing global changes with resource over-appropriation and under-provision of public services: Exploring robustness-fragility trade-offs in three coastal areas*. Contributed session oral presentation. Resilience 2017 Conference. Stockholm, Sweden. August 20-23, 2017.

- Therville, C., **Brady, U.**, Barreteau, O., Bousquet, F., Mathevet, R., Dhenain, S., Grelot, F. and Andries, J.M. (2017). *How global change challenge coordination amongst action situations in coastal systems: a case study from Languedoc, France*. Resilience 2017 Conference. Stockholm, Sweden. August 20-23, 2017.
- Andries, J.M., and **Brady, U.** (2017). *Working Together: Building Databases and Collaborative Platforms for the Study of Social-Ecological Systems*. Resilience 2017 Conference. Stockholm, Sweden. August 20-23, 2017.
- Carr Kelman, C., **Brady, U.**, Schoon, M., and Movahed, N. (2017). *Collaboration as collective action: Exploring collaborative forest restoration projects in Arizona as social-ecological systems*. Resilience 2017 Conference. Stockholm, Sweden. August 20-23, 2017.
- **Brady, U.** (2017). *Coding Anarchy: Using the IGT to decipher the enigma of international wildlife governance*. 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons. Utrecht, the Netherlands. July 10-14, 2017.
- **Brady, U.** (2017). *Coding Anarchy: Utilizing the Institutional Grammar Tool to understand institutional feedbacks and fit of international wildlife governance treaties*. 2017 Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) Conference. Tucson, Arizona. June 21-24, 2017.
- **Brady, U.** (2017). *Utilizing the Institutional Grammar Tool to Understand Institutional Feedbacks and Fit of International Wildlife Governance Treaties*. 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference. Chicago, Illinois. April 6-9, 2017.
- **Brady, U.**; and Andries, J.M. (2015). *From Cornwall to Eden via Languedoc: A Comparative Analysis of Coastal Vulnerabilities to Climate Change in Britain, France, and South Africa*. Program on Ecosystem Change and Society (PECS) Conference. Stellenbosch, South Africa. November 3-5, 2015.
- Ratajczyk, E.; and **Brady, U.** (2015). *Challenges and opportunities in coding the commons: Problems, procedures, and potential solutions in large-N comparative case studies*. 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC). Edmonton, Alberta. Canada. May 25-29, 2015.

### Invited presentations & guest lectures

- EUI School of Transnational Governance. 2021. Guest Lecture (virtual). “Institutional design of regulative monitoring and enforcement mechanisms in international conservation governance: A comparison of four treaty regimes”.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University Courses

- Instructor. Arizona State University. Tempe, Arizona.
  - Social-ecological Systems & Adaptation. Online seminar. (Spring 2026)
  - Society and Natural Resource Management. Online seminar. (Fall 2024, Summer 2025)
- Instructor. Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.
  - Public Policy Process. Online Executive MPA Program. (Spring 2022)
  - Environmental Law, Regulation, and Governance (Fall 2020)
- Graduate Teaching Associate. Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.
  - Food & Culture (Spring 2020)
  - Poverty & Global Health (Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)
  - Practicum for Social Science (Spring 2020)
  - Disaster! (Fall 2019)
  - Society and Drugs (Spring 2019)
  - Money and Culture (Fall 2018)
  - Introduction to Global Health (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018)

### Other Teaching

- Co-Instructor. IGRI Graduate Student Workshop.
  - Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona (February 9-12, 2025)
  - Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York (February 11-14, 2024)
  - Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Gjøvik, Norway (May 21-24, 2023)
  - University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado. (June 20-22, 2022)
- Co-Instructor. Institutional Grammar Research Initiative (IGRI)
  - “Introduction to the Institutional Grammar 2.0”. University of Nairobi, Kenya. June 20, 2023
  - “Institutional Analysis with the Institutional Grammar”. Online training
    - April-May 2023
    - May-June 2022
    - July-Sep. 2021
  - “Institutional Grammar Coding — Foundations and Applications”. Online course (Nov.-Dec. 2020)

## Mentorship

### Graduate Student Mentoring | ASU

2025-present PhD Biology & Society Jocelyn Chee Santiago

### Graduate Student Committee Member | Other Universities

2024-present Committee M.A. Economic Anthropology Purdue Heidi Cooke

## NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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1995-2013 Paralegal / Office manager

Various law firms in the Phoenix metropolitan area practicing toxic tort, medical and professional malpractice, and contract law.

## SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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2025-present	Associate Director	<a href="#">Computational Institutional Science Lab (CISL)</a>
2025-present	Organizer/Co-Editor	Commons governance through new perspectives on rules-in-use. Special Issue (invited). <i>International Journal of the Commons</i> . <a href="https://thecommonsjournal.org/collections/perspectives-on-rules-in-use">https://thecommonsjournal.org/collections/perspectives-on-rules-in-use</a>
2025-present	Co-Lead	Institutional Grammar Research Initiative (IGRI) Working Group “The grammar of rules-in-use: Collecting and analyzing institutional statements from non-policy texts.” <a href="https://institutionalgrammar.org/research/igri-working-groups/">https://institutionalgrammar.org/research/igri-working-groups/</a>
2020-present	Associate Director	<a href="#">Institutional Grammar Research Initiative (IGRI)</a>
2021-present	Commissioner, Chair	<a href="#">Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission</a>
2022	Co-Lead	“Alliance 2022 Workshop” (virtual) International 2-day workshop organized as part of the Alliance for Biodiversity Knowledge Governance Models project.
2025-present	Chair, Member	Outreach & Life Sciences for Society Faculty Innovation Groups School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University
2018-2020	Reviewer	Travel grants Arizona State University Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)
2015-2017	Lead, Contributor	Codebook Development Working Group <i>Center for Behavior, Institutions, and the Environment (CBIE)</i> . Arizona State University

2015-2016	Representative	Association of All Graduate Students (AAGS) <i>School of Human Evolution and Social Change.</i> Arizona State University. Environmental social science doctoral program approach representative
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### **Refereeing**

International Journal for the Study of the Commons; Policy Studies Journal; Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis; Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning; Regulation and Governance; Environmental Policy & Governance; Ecology and Society; Springer Nature; Business Strategy & Development; Journal of Public Policy; Environmental Management; Policy Design and Practice; Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability

### **ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Association for the Advancement of Science. Member (2025-present)
- American Political Science Association. Member. (2022-present)
- Society for Conservation Biology. Member. (2022-present)
- International Association for the Study of the Commons. Member. (2015-present).

### **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.