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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

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. Minter, 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

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 Sterner,
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

- 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

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., Sterner, 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.**, Sterner, 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.ezproxy1.lib.asu.edu/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., Anderies, 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., Anderies, 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
- 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

Other publications (non-peer reviewed)

- Anderies, 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

- **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*. 9th 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., Anderies, 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 Anderies, 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.
- Anderies, 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*. 16th 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*. 75th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference. Chicago, Illinois. April 6-9, 2017.
- **Brady, U.**; and Anderies, 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*. 15th 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

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

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

2025-present	Associate Director	Computational Institutional Science Lab (CISL)
2025-present	Organizer/Co-Editor	Commons governance through new perspectives on rules-in-use. Special Issue (invited). <i>International Journal of the Commons</i> . https://thecommonsjournal.org/collections/perspectives-on-rules-in-use
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.” https://institutionalgrammar.org/research/igri-working-groups/
2020-present	Associate Director	Institutional Grammar Research Initiative (IGRI)
2021-present	Commissioner, Chair	Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission
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.