

Students supervised

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Here are the research students I have been working with. The unifying themes are 'environment and development' and 'political ecology'. Our Department is strong in these areas. So far, my students at Melbourne have come from Australia (2), Canada (3), Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand, Trinidad, Philippines, South Africa, Nepal, New Zealand, Vietnam, Colombia, Cambodia and China. I am usually involved with 7-8 PhDs and I am pretty full from late 2012 unless somebody graduates! For PhD you need a background as strong as those students listed below –usually a good Masters and a chance of a scholarship. I don't have any projects right now with funding attached.

PhD admission rules <http://www.land-environment.unimelb.edu.au/phd/>
Scholarships <http://www.land-environment.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships/>
Email Directory of current student emails. <http://directory.unimelb.edu.au/>

PhD students graduated (4) *=main supervisor

Date, name, previous degree, title, funding, notes

1) *2006-2009. **Dr. Lisa Watts** (MA, Charles Darwin University, PhD Melbourne)
A political ecology of Warlpiri water rights: a denial of access and land alienation to perennial water sources on leased lands in the Western Desert. (APA - Australian Postgrad Award).



A longtime activist for Indigenous rights and resident in Yuendumu and Alice Springs, Lisa graduated in '09 and became a research fellow at Charles Darwin University, then the Centre for Indigenous Education, Univ. of Melbourne and is now a consultant and filmmaker based in Alice Springs. Current project is on Indigenous engagement in water planning, Southern Daly River. PhD supervised with Brian Finlayson, Simon Fisher (he's on the left!).

- Press article <http://uninews.unimelb.edu.au/news/6088/>
- Films: *Mer Rrkwer-akert (Brooks Soak Country)*, on denial of access and land alienation. <http://tinyurl.com/3xzn4g5>. *Sammy Butcher Out of the Shadows*. <http://tinyurl.com/352jxt> Both screened nationally on ABC.

2) *2005-2009. **Dr. Muhammad Ahsan Rana** (MA, Qld, PhD Melbourne) *Formalising the informal: the commercialisation of GM cotton in Pakistan.* (MIRS Uni. Melbourne scholarship)



Ahsan presented an excellent thesis that showed GM cotton in Pakistan causes 'accumulation by dispossession' of less powerful farmers, and that growth of 'unlicensed' Monsanto BT cotton does not actually contravene patent law. Now back in Pakistan, he established the [Agriculture Research and Advocacy Centre](#) (ARAC) for small farmer support. 2nd superv. Dr Vicki Schubert.

- Abstract and PhD download <http://repository.unimelb.edu.au/10187/7097> or [here](#)
- Press, Nov.2010 <http://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2010/11/higher-cotton-productivity-imperative>
- Rana, A. 2011. [Putting things in perspective](#). ARAC.
- Rana, A. 2011. [The catch 22](#). ARAC

3) 2005-2010. **Dr. Anna Witasari** (MSc, Edinburgh, PhD Melbourne) *Changing practices: negotiation, identity and social capital in protected area management – Lampung, Indonesia.* (AUSAID scholarship).



Now at Indonesian forest service directing a Division on community-based plantation forestry. PhD looked at communities that still live within 'protected' forestry areas even though legally they shouldn't - a reality in Indonesia. Supervised with Drs Ruth Beilin and Ruth Nettle.

- Paper in progress for *Sing. J. of Tropical Geography*.

4) *2008-2011. **Dr. Sean Sloan** (MA, Geography, McGill, Canada; PG Dip, U South Pacific, Fiji; PhD Melbourne) *Forest regeneration in Panama, 1980-2008: the forest transition and REDD+*. (SSHRC Canada Doctoral Award, MRS scholarship, CSIRO Climate Adaptation flagship award, Lindbergh Trust, earlier OAS award)



Sean is Canadian, and an expert on multi-method analysis of land cover change in the tropics, and spatial data handling. A complex PhD completed in record time. 2nd supervisor Prof. Nigel Stork. Now a postdoc with [Prof Bill Laurance](#) at James Cook University, Qld. [New email](#)

- Sloan, S. 2008. Reforestation amidst deforestation: simultaneity and succession. *Global Environmental Change* 18:425-441. <http://tinyurl.com/3x2kc64>
- Oestreicher, J. S., K. Benessaiah, M. C. Ruiz-Jaen, S. Sloan, K. Turner, J. Pelletier, B. Guay, K. E. Clark, D. G. Roche and M. Meiners 2009. Avoiding deforestation in Panamanian protected areas: an analysis of protection effectiveness and implications for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. *Global Environmental Change* 19(2): 279-291. <http://tinyurl.com/363rjxl>
- Sloan S. 2010. Remote sensing for modelling socio-environmental change in the tropics at large geographic and temporal scales. PERN Network <http://tinyurl.com/3y7xyv4>
- Sloan S. & N. Stork. 2010. Geography and Indonesian oil-palm expansion [comment] *PNAS* 107(45) E171
- Sloan S. in press. Historical tropical successional forest cover mapped with Landsat MSS Imagery. *International Journal of Remote Sensing*
- Sloan S. & J. Pelletier. in press. How accurately may we project tropical forest-cover change? A validation of a forward-looking forest baseline for reduced emissions from deforestation and degradation. *Global Environmental Change*

PhD students current (main supervisor [*] 5 as of Feb 2012, + 3 others)

5) *PhD: 2008→ (part time) **Alex Cullen** (BA Hons, U. Western Australia) *A political ecology of land tenure in rural Timor Leste – environmental contestation and livelihood impacts in forest reserves of Suai and Nino Konis Santana National Park*. (Australian Endeavour Postgrad Award)



Fieldwork late 2010-early 2011. Alex (from Perth) did Honours in East Timor and returned there for a combination of work, language training and PhD study on land and livelihoods in Suai and the eastern forests. 2nd supervisor Dr Lisa Palmer.

6) *2009→ on leave 2012 **Christina Ellis** (MEnvStuds, York U, Canada) *Political ecology of resource wars and biodiversity: an evaluation of gorilla conservation in World Heritage Sites, Democratic Republic of Congo*. (SSHRC Canada Doctoral Award; Zoos Victoria)



Fieldwork mid 2010-late 2011. Christina (on right with Jane Goodall) is a Canadian student with 10 yrs experience working on primate conservation in Africa with the Jane Goodall Institute, WWF, Conservation International and others. 2nd supervisor Prof. Nigel Stork, Griffith Univ.

- Baldus RD, R Hahn, C Ellis and S Dickinson DeLeon. 2007. Connecting the world's largest elephant ranges: The Selous–Niassa Corridor. In S. Ali (ed) *Peace parks: conservation and conflict resolution*. MIT Press.
- Ellis, C and Nasi, R. 2010. *Approaches and tools for wildlife management in logging concessions: a systematic review*. Bogor Indonesia: Centre for International Forestry Research.
- Tranquilli S. and 40 authors incl. Ellis, C. 2012. Lack of conservation effort rapidly increases African great ape extinction risk. *Conservation Letters* 5(1): 48–55.
- Blog <http://thecandiddoctorate.wordpress.com/>

7) *2009 → **Greg van der Horst** (MA, Geography, U. Guelph, BA King's University College, Canada) *Decentralisation, globalisation and rural livelihoods: the political ecology of commercial*





logging and community-based forest management in Sierra Leone. (SSHRC Canada Doctoral Award; [FAO ACP-FLEGT](#) project; Sustainable Forestry Initiative)

Canadian, previously worked in Burkina Faso for ADEFA, and did a Masters on urban fuelwood use and supply in Botswana. Fieldwork in 2011 in Sierra Leone (on left with FLEGT team). 2nd supervisor Dr Priya Rangan.

- Hiemstra-van der Horst, G. 2011. "We are scared to say no": facing foreign timber companies in Sierra Leone's community woodlands. *Journal of Development Studies* 47(4): 574-594.
- Munro, P.G. and G. Hiemstra-van der Horst 2011. Conserving exploitation? A political ecology of forestry management in Sierra Leone. *The Australasian Review of Africa Studies* 32(1): 59-78.
- Hiemstra-van der Horst, G., P.G. Munro and S.P.J. Batterbury. 2011. Les réseaux illégaux du pillage: la demande globale de bois et la (re)commercialisation des forêts d'Afrique de l'Ouest (*The Second Scramble for Africa: global timber demand and the (re)commercialisation of West African forests*). *Écologie & Politique*.42: 47-58.
- Other articles on Botswana

8) *2010 → [Paul Munro](#) (MA, Geography, King's College, London, BA Sydney) *Controlling nature: a history of forest management and conservation in Sierra Leone.* (APA - Australian Postgrad Award; [FAO ACP-FLEGT](#) project)



Fieldwork in mid 2011-mid 2012 in Europe and W. Africa. Paul (from Sydney) has worked in Uganda, Liberia, Mexico and Sierra Leone, and completed a Masters on logging on the Freetown Peninsula. He helps run a renewable energy NGO based in Sierra Leone that is internationally funded. Until early 2010 he was lecturer in social sciences at Mondelo Univ. in Mexico. 2nd supervisor Prof. Tony Binns, U of Otago.

- Munro, P.G. 2009. Deforestation: constructing problems and solutions on Sierra Leone's Freetown Peninsula. *Journal of Political Ecology* 16:104-122. <http://tinyurl.com/28dcx84>
- Munro, P. G. and M.Melo. 2009. Aprendiendo del pasado: ilmpactos históricos de intervenciones en la agricultura de Sierra Leona. *Ecología Política*, 38: 92-95.
- Munro, P.G. and G. Hiemstra-van der Horst. 2011. Conserving exploitation? A political ecology of forestry management in Sierra Leone. *The Australasian Review of Africa Studies* 32(1): 59-78.
- Munro, P. G and M.Melo (accepted). Cenotes, Henequen, Chicle and the caste war: the importance of water on the Yucatan Peninsula during the 19th and early 20th century. *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Research*.
- Hiemstra-van der Horst, G., P.G. Munro and S.P.J. Batterbury. 2011. Les réseaux illégaux du pillage: la demande globale de bois et la (re)commercialisation des forêts d'Afrique de l'Ouest (*The Second Scramble for Africa: global timber demand and the (re)commercialisation of West African forests*). *Écologie & Politique*.42: 47-58.
- NGO: <http://www.energyforopportunity.org/>

9) *2011 → [Ainka Granderson](#) (MSc Cons. Biol & Sust. Dev, Univ Wisconsin-Madison; BA Hons Geography, U. of Cambridge). *Enabling community-based adaptation to climate change in Papua New Guinea's tropical forests* (IPRS and MIRS scholarships, Univ. Melbourne; CSIRO Adaptation Flagship topup award)



Ainka is from Trinidad & Tobago, and studied in the UK and USA. She worked at the National Council for Science and Environment, Washington DC, USA. Supervised with Prof. Rod Keenan.

- Granderson A.A. 2011. [Enabling multi-faceted measures of success for protected area management in Trinidad and Tobago.](#) *Evaluation and Program Planning* 34(3): 185-195.

10) *mid 2012→ [Bunlong Leng](#) (BEd, Royal U. of Phnom Penh, MS Urban Env't. Management, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand) *Strategic adaptation to climate change in Cambodia: a development perspective.* (Australian Leadership Award, AUSAID)



Bunlong has worked at the World Bank in Cambodia since 2003, latterly as an Environmental Specialist in the Sustainable Development Department, and taught and researched environmental topics at Cambodian universities.

11) *mid 2012→ Marcela Chaves-Agudelo (MSc Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo, BSc Biology, Universidad Nacional de Colombia) *Cultural and environmental biodiversity as the motor of development in megadiverse Colombia* (Francisco José de Caldas Scholarship for Doctoral Programs, Colciencias)

Marcela, from Colombia, studied biology and human-environment relationships (thesis on environmental sustainability of farming systems in the Complejo Páramo de Guerrero), and worked in the Departamento Administrativo de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (Colciencias), the Colombian national science organization in Bogotá until early 2012. She starts in mid 2012.

- Chaves-Agudelo, M. 2011. Análisis de la sustentabilidad ambiental de los sistemas productivos agropecuarios: alta montaña del Complejo Páramo de Guerrero (Cundinamarca, Colombia). V Congreso Iberoamericano sobre Desarrollo y Ambiente de REDIBEC. Santa Fé, Argentina.

Second supervisor

12) 2007→ Anuporn Wanwisade (BSc Monash) *Lessons from Victoria's waste facility siting*. (Royal Thai scholarship). 1st supervisor Peter Christoff.



13) 2008→submitted 2012 Xin Wen Chi (MSc Development Studies, LSE) *Formal and informal electronic and consumer waste recycling in China*. (self funded, lecturing in the Department 2011/12). 1st supervisor Mark Wang.



Ambitious thesis looking at what happens to electronic waste. Completed in 2011.

- Streicher-Porte, M. Kummer, X Chi, S Denzler, X Wang. 2010. Chinese e-waste legislation, current status and future development. *Environmental Law Network International Review* 1/10: 7-17.
- Chi X, M. Streicher-Porte, M.Y.L. Wang, M.A. Reuter. 2011. [Informal electronic waste recycling: a sector review with special focus on China](#). *Waste Management* 31: 731–742.

14) 2010→ Kerry Mudge (BEnvSci Hons distinction, Monash U.) *Intent, delivery, outcomes: strategies for the successful implementation of negotiated agreements between mining companies and indigenous peoples*. (ACARP doctoral fellowship). 1st supervisor Marcia Langton.



Kerry worked for Rio Tinto mining after undergraduate study, and has now completed PhD fieldwork on the complex implementation of native title agreements in two coal mining regions of Australia.

Masters students, past

Brunel

1999 **Constant Kwitegetse** (M. Env't Change) *Soil Erosion and Land Use Change in SW Uganda*

ICGM, Bicester, UK.

1999 **Claire Wilton**. (M. Env't Change with Distinction) *Environmental protest and citizenship in Britain; the case of anti-roads campaigners*

Claire was Environmental Justice coordinator and senior campaign manager, Friends of the Earth UK until 2009. She now has 2 girls, and volunteers with <http://www.creativitycultureeducation.org> in York.
<http://vimeo.com/17534404>

1999 **Shelley Braithwaite** (M. Env't Change, with Distinction) *Evaluation of the impacts of Shell's oil mining programme, Ogoniland, Nigeria*.

Australian, formerly an environmental and rights activist in London, Oxford and Nigeria. Fieldwork was risky. Now establishing reserves at the Parks and Wildlife Group, Dept. Env't. & Climate Change, Coffs Harbour, NSW Australia.

- Braithwaite S. 1999. Profits above principles: agenda appropriation through public relations and sponsorship. *Philosophy & Geography*, 2 (2): 246–248.

1998 **Danny Wooton** (M. Env't Change) *Improving access to environmental information in Romania*

Formerly environmental information specialist, Powerful Information, UK. Whereabouts unknown.

LSE

Supervisor to 11 Masters students at LSE (1999-2001). All placed in international environmental positions – e.g. 4 at United Nations in Geneva and New York, 2 World Bank junior officers, Policy Studies Institute, 2 finishing PhDs at Oxford) <http://tinyurl.com/3yfczo6>

Arizona

Masters committee member: Louise Every (graduated 2004), Dr Katie Meehan, Rebecca Drummond (2004), Dr? Jimmy Klepek (2004), Andrew Clark (2004), Jason Welbourn (2004), Alison Schneider (2003), Kristen Reed (2003), Jen Shepherd (2003), Dr Erika Trigoso (2002).

Melbourne

2004 **Lanie Stockman**. (MA, Dev't.Studs.) *Guaranteeing a better deal for Third World producers? Thien Hoang Organic Tea Farmer Cooperative, Vietnam.*

Transition and Orientation Programs office, University of Melbourne

2004 **Joyce Njoba**. (MSc, Agribusiness). *Cashew production, Kenya* . 1st supervisor Ruth Beilin

2005 **Adrian Albano**. (MA, Dev't. Studs.). *Indigenous forest enterprise development in the Philippines.*

Interesting study on indigenous forest livelihoods. Worked at CIFOR, Bogor, Indonesia and ICRAF. Now PhD student, Kyoto University, Japan. <http://tinyurl.com/3b3haug>

- Pandi BH , A Albano, C Kumar. 2008. *Improving forest benefits for the poor. Learning from community-based forest enterprises in Nepal.* Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia. <http://tinyurl.com/2b4m6q8>
- Regmi B, A Albano, C Kumar. 2008. [Improving the livelihoods of the poor and marginalized in Nepal through leasehold forestry: a review of institutional constraints and opportunities.](#) Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
- Phanbuh S, A Albano, V Darlong. 2008. [Forest-based interventions of Nercormp in Meghalaya, India.](#) (North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project for Upland Areas). IFAD & Gov't of India.

2005 **Sunil Sharma**. (MA, Dev't. Studs.). *Public-private partnerships for ecotourism development in Nepal.*

Now Manager, Nepal Tourism Board.



2005 **Bella Whittle**. (MA, Dev't.Studs.). *The model forest as an approach to good governance: Ngao model forest, Lampang, Thailand.*



Now at Environmental Risk Management Authority, Wellington, New Zealand. Formerly research Officer at Pesticide Action Network, Asia & the Pacific.

- Whittle, B. 2010. *Communities in peril: Asian Regional Report on community monitoring of highly hazardous pesticide use*. PAN

2005-6 **Marelize Görgens-Albino**. (MA, Devt. Studs.) *Monitoring AIDS/HIV programs in Southern Africa*.

Passionate HIV/AIDS campaigner from South Africa. Now works at World Bank Global HIV/AIDS Program.

- Gorgens M., J. Zall Kusek. 2009. *Making monitoring and evaluation systems work: a capacity development toolkit*. World Bank. <http://tinyurl.com/32s2nj2>
- Gorgens M N Mohammad, D Blankhart & MDO Oluwole. 2007. *The Africa multi-country AIDS Program 2000-2006: results of the World Bank's response to a development crisis*. World Bank.



2006 **Finn Cheshire**. (MA, Devt.Studs.) *Postconflict humanitarian coordination in Liberia*. (UN Internship)

A difficult UN internship in Liberia for fieldwork, followed by working as a researcher for Oxfam New Zealand. Then Deputy High Commissioner, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Solomon Islands. Returned to Wellington, NZ (government) in 2011.

2008. **Ruqun (Susie) Wu 吴佳宸** (Master of Environment). *Organic cotton: a sustainable alternative?*

Did an LCA analysis of organic cotton. Product Sustainability Consultant, ECOVANE, Beijing. <http://www.ecovane.cn/>

2010. **Gabriela Ramos Bahena**. (Master of Environment). *Values and environment: a review of the literature in environmental behaviour*. (research review)

2008-10 **Jess Fritze** (Master of Environment with Distinction). *Equity in Australian climate change policy*.

Now working at Victoria Legal Aid on social justice. Previously climate policy specialist, Vic Council of Social Service. Several papers on climate policy. e.g.

- Wiseman J., L.Williamson, & J.Fritze, 2010. [Community engagement and climate change: learning from recent Australian experience](#). *International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management* 2(2):134-147.
- Fritze, J. & J. Wiseman. 2009. Climate justice: key debates, goals and strategies. In Moss J. (ed) *Social justice and climate change*. Melbourne University Publishing. Pp187-220.
- Fritze J, Blashki G, Burke S, Wiseman J. 2008. [Hope, despair and transformation: climate change and the promotion of mental health and wellbeing](#). *International Journal of Mental Health Systems*. 2:13.



2010. **Vicki Chantra**. (Master of Environment with Distinction) *Postconflict environmental peacebuilding in Sierra Leone. (and a shorter study of climate adaptation in the Pacific)*

Vicki is now Policy Officer, Security and Emergency Management, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victoria dealing with floods and other issues. Very employable and the winner of numerous awards before starting the Masters.



2011-12. **Julie Hunter** (Master of Environment). *The disconnect in 'engendering' climate change adaptation: a case study of Bangladesh (research review)*

Now a graduate trainee, Parsons Brinckerhoff consultants, Brisbane



2012 (**Ariel**) **Nguyen Thi Cat Tuong** (Master of Environment). *Transport behaviours in Asian cities: a case study in urban Vietnam*.

2012. **Sue Noy** (Master of Environment). *Analysing student learning and interdisciplinary collaboration in a new undergraduate sustainability curriculum (title to change)*

Sue also teaches sustainability at Deakin University.



Honours students

Brunel

1999. **Sally Denbigh** (BA Geography Honours, First class). *Eco tourism in Nepal*.

Lives in Sussex, UK. Was Head of Development for International Animal Rescue, now at the Celia Hammond Animal Trust. Did a PG Dip in Env't, Policy & Society, at the Open University (2003).



.....& others I have unfortunately forgotten...one did a thesis on cycle lanes.

Melbourne

2006 **Jane Torney**. (BA Hons, Dev't.Studs.) *The World Bank and Rwanda: ignoring ethnicity?*

[AYAD volunteer](#), Thailand, then Marie Stopes International, Masters student Monash Uni, now Safe Communities and Health promotion Officer, Maribyrnong City Council, VIC

- HealthWest Sexual & Reproductive Health Working Group 2010. *Sexual and Reproductive Health: Healthwest catchment profile*. HSRHWG. <http://www.whwest.org.au/docs/SRHreport.pdf>

2006 **Dr. Kamakshi Mubarak**. (BA Hons, Geography, with Distinction) *Analyzing post-tsunami livelihoods recovery: the case of masons in Polhena village, Sri Lanka*. (JJ Wood scholarship).

Went on to do a DPhil in Geography, University of Oxford, UK, 2007-11. Thesis "Analysing post-tsunami livelihoods recovery and sustainable development in Sri Lanka" (Clarendon Scholarship and Keble College scholarship, tutor at Jesus College)

- Mubarak, K. 2007. *Analyzing post-Tsunami livelihoods recovery: the case of Masons in Polhena Village, Sri Lanka*. SSEE Research Paper No. 2, U. of Melbourne. <http://tinyurl.com/65qf2aq> (thesis version-original document not on web)
- Articles in progress



2006 **Harriet Moore**. (BA Hons, Env't Studs.) *Strategic forest management in a Karen community, Thailand*.

M. Environment student, U of Melbourne, 2011-12, specializing in catchment management. Staff, University of Melbourne.

2006 **Anna O'Brien**. (BA Hons, Geography) *Adaptive capacity and climate change, Urana Shire, NSW*.

Was Southern.Otways Landcare coordinator, VIC. until 2010.

- <http://www.smh.com.au/travel/walk-with-purpose-20100527-wg7m.html>



2009. **Sean Bain** (BA Hons, Development Studies, Distinction) *Conflict in contemporary Timor-Leste: interventions and identities*.

Worked at Oxfam, and did an AYAD internship in Dili, East Timor. Now starting postgrad in Law, ANU. Photo with the Timorese PM.



2010. **Jessie McMaster** (BSc Hons Geography with Distinction, BSc Science) *Aquaculture in the Mekong Delta, Southern Vietnam*. (JJ Wood scholarship, in-kind support from DPI Victoria)



Now Threatened Species officer, Dept of Sustainability & Environment, Colac, VIC. Article in prep.

2010. **James Plant** (BA Hons Geography with Distinction I think) *Governing climate change adaptation at the local level: an analysis of the responses and responsibilities of South-Western Victorian coastal councils*. (PIARN scholarship)

State government, Victoria, young professionals program

2010. **Josh Fisher** (BA Hons, Geography) *Public attitudes towards urban consolidation (Melbourne)*.

2012 ??? **Samuel Cossar-Gilbert** *Community development*

2012 **Iain Elgin-Stuczynski** *Agricultural adaptations in VIC*

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