

Brief Curriculum Vitae
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Name, position, academic departments

J. Timmons Roberts

Ittleson Professor of Environmental Studies and Sociology
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Education:

- 1983 B.A. *Kenyon College* (Highest Honors in Biology, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi).
1989 M.A. *The Johns Hopkins University* (Sociology).
1992 Ph.D. *The Johns Hopkins University* (Department of Sociology/Program in Comparative International Development).

Professional appointments:

- 1990-1991 **Lecturer** (Adjunct Professor), *Greensboro College*, Greensboro, North Carolina, [while completing dissertation]
1991-2001 **Assistant to Associate Professor**, *Tulane University*. Joint appointment in Sociology and Latin American Studies
1998-2000 **Director of Graduate Studies**, Department of Sociology, *Tulane University*
1999-2001 **Co-Director of Environmental Studies**, *Tulane University*
2001-2009 **Chancellor Professor of Sociology** (2008-9), *The College of William and Mary*
2001-2008 **Director of the Program in Environmental Science and Policy**, *The College of William and Mary*
2006-2007 **James Martin 21st Century Professor**, Environmental Change Institute, *Oxford University* (Research and graduate teaching fellowship—sabbatical)
2007-2010 **Research Fellow**, Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations, *The College of William and Mary*
2009-2012 **Director, Center for Environmental Studies and Professor of Environmental Studies and Sociology**, *Brown University*.
2009-present **Ittleson Professor of Environmental Studies and Sociology**, *Brown University*
2013 **Invited Faculty**, Semester at Sea, University of Virginia, Summer 2013
2013-2015 **Faculty Fellow**, Watson Institute for International Affairs, *Brown University*
May 2016 **Visiting Research Fellow**, *German Institute for Development and Sustainability (IDOS)*, Bonn
2012-2020 **Non-Resident Senior Fellow**, *Brookings Institution*
2013-present **Core Faculty Fellow**, Institute at Brown for Environment and Society
2015-present **Member**, *Climate Strategies*, London
2020-2021 **Visiting Research Fellow**, Stockholm Environment Institute
2020-present **Executive Director**, Climate Social Science Network

Completed Publications: (*Student and former student and post-doc coauthors)

Google Scholar profile: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=G_x1m0EAAA&hl=en&oi=ao

Books/monographs (authored and/or edited volumes);

1. ***From Modernization to Globalization: Perspectives on Development and Social Change***. J. Timmons Roberts and Amy Hite*. London: Blackwell Publishers. 2000.
2. ***Chronicles from the Environmental Justice Frontline***. J. Timmons Roberts and Melissa Toffolon-Weiss*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2001.
3. ***Trouble in Paradise: Globalization and Environmental Crises in Latin America***. J. Timmons Roberts and Nikki Thanos*. London: Routledge publishers. 2003.
4. ***A Climate Of Injustice: Global Inequality, North-South Politics, and Climate Policy***. J. Timmons Roberts and Bradley Parks*. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press. 2007.
5. ***The Globalization and Development Reader: Perspectives on Development and Social Change***. J. Timmons Roberts and Amy Hite*. London: Blackwell Publishers. 2007.
6. ***Greening Aid? Explaining Environmental Foreign Assistance***. Robert Hicks, Bradley Parks*, J. Timmons Roberts, and Michael Tierney. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2008.
7. ***Climate change and the fate of the Amazon*** edited by Yadvinder Malhi, Richard Betts and Timmons Roberts. Special Issue of the *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*. Vol. 363, No. 1498 / May 27 2008: p. 1727-1932 (27 articles).
8. ***Expanding Our Understanding of Aid with a New Generation in Development Finance Information***. Edited by J. Timmons Roberts, Darren Hawkins and Michael Findley. Special Issue of *World Development*. November, 2011 (Vol. 39, No. 11)]. (12 articles)
9. ***The Globalization and Development Reader (Second Edition)***. J. Timmons Roberts, Amy Hite*, and Nitsan Chorev. London: Wiley-Blackwell. 2015.
10. ***Power in a Warming World: The New Global Politics of Climate Change and the Remaking of Environmental Inequality***. David Ciple*, J. Timmons Roberts, and Mizan Khan. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press. 2015. Reviewed in *Development and Change; Contemporary Sociology; Environmental Politics, Global Governance; Jacobin and Global Environmental Politics*.
11. ***A Fragmented Continent: Latin America and the Global Politics of Climate Change***. Guy Edwards and J. Timmons Roberts. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press. 2015.
12. ***The Globalization and Environment Reader***. Peter Newell and J. Timmons Roberts. London: Wiley-Blackwell. 2016.
13. ***The Pocket Guide to Transparency Under the UNFCCC***. Harro Van Asselt, Romain Weikmans*, J. Timmons Roberts. Oxford: European Capacity Building Initiative. 2017.
< Translated into French as Van Asselt, Harro, Romain Weikmans, and Timmons Roberts. "Guide de poche sur la transparence sous la CCNUCC." Oxford: European Capacity Building Initiative. 2017.>
14. ***The Paris Framework for Climate Change Capacity Building***. Mizan Khan, J. Timmons Roberts, Saleemul Huq and Victoria Hoffmeister*. London and New York: Routledge/Taylor and Francis. 2018.
15. ***Climate Obstruction Across Europe***. Robert Brulle, J. Timmons Roberts, and Miranda Spencer, Co-editors. Forthcoming, Oxford University Press. June, 2024.
16. ***First Global Assessment of Climate Obstruction***. J. Timmons Roberts, Carlos Milani, Jennifer Jacquet, and Christian Downey, co-editors. Forthcoming, Oxford University Press. Forthcoming May, 2025.

Refereed Journal Articles since 2021

82. Marlow, Thomas*, Sean Miller*, and J. Timmons Roberts. "Bots and online climate discourses: A case study of Twitter discourse on President Trump's announcement of U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement." *Climate Policy*. 2021.

83. Roberts, J. Timmons, Jason Veysey, Daniel Traver*, Benjamin Gross*, Brett Cotler*. "Faster and Steeper is Feasible: Modeling Deeper Decarbonization in a Northeastern U.S. State." *Energy Research and Social Science*. 2021. 72: 101891.
84. Culhane, Trevor*, Galen Hall*, and J. Timmons Roberts. "Who delays climate action? Interest groups and coalitions in state legislative struggles in the United States." *Energy Research and Social Science*. 79: 102-114. 2021.
85. Robinson, Stacy-ann*, Mizan Khan, J. Timmons Roberts, Romain Weikmans*, and David Ciplet*. "Financing loss and damage from slow onset events in developing countries." *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability* 50 (2021): 138-148.
86. Roberts, J. Timmons, Romain Weikmans*, Stacy-ann Robinson*, David Ciplet*, Mizan Khan, and Danielle Falzon*. "Rebooting a failed promise of climate finance." *Nature Climate Change* 11, no. 3 (2021): 180-182.
87. Dooley, Kate, Christian Holz, Sivan Kartha, Sonja Klinsky, J. Timmons Roberts, Henry Shue, Harald Winkler et al. "Ethical choices behind quantifications of fair contributions under the Paris Agreement." *Nature Climate Change* 11, no. 4 (2021): 300-305.
88. Levi, Sebastian, Finn Müller-Hansen, William F. Lamb, Giulio Mattioli, J. Timmons Roberts, Stuart Capstick, Felix Creutzig, Jan C. Minx, Trevor Culhane*, and Julia K. Steinberger. "Klimaschutz-Ausreden." In *Climate Action-Psychologie der Klimakrise*, pp. 89-104. Psychosozial-Verlag, 2021.
89. Robinson, Stacy-ann*, Emma Bouton*, Mara Dolan*, Allison Meakem*, Anna Messer*, Ian Lefond*, and J. Timmons Roberts. "A new framework for rapidly assessing national adaptation policies: An application to small island developing states in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans." *Regional Environmental Change* 22, no. 2 (2022): 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10113-021-01855-2>.
90. Garth, Ann* and J. Timmons Roberts. "Economic Framing Dominates Climate Policy Reporting: A Fifty-State Analysis." *Climatic Change*. (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10584-022-03371-6>.
91. Pauw, W.P., Moslener, U., Zamarioli, L.H., Amerasinghe, N., Atela, J., Affana, J.P.B., Buchner, B., Klein, R.J.T., Mbeva, K.L., Puri, J. and Roberts, J.T. (2022). "Post-2025 climate finance target: how much more and how much better?" *Climate Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14693062.2022.2114985>
92. Basseches, Joshua A., Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo, Maxwell T. Boykoff, Trevor Culhane*, Galen Hall*, Noel Healy, David J. Hess, David Hsu, Rachel M. Krause, Harlan Prechel, and Roberts, J. Timmons. "Climate policy conflict in the US states: a critical review and way forward." *Climatic Change* 170, no. 3 (2022): 1-24.
93. Robinson, Stacy-ann*, D'Arcy Carlson, Emma Bouton*, Mara Dolan*, Allison Meakem*, Anna Messer*, and J. Timmons Roberts. "The dynamics of institutional arrangements for climate change adaptation in small island developing states in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans." *Sustainability Science* 2022:1-14.
94. David Ciplet*, Danielle Falzon*, Ike Uri*, Stacy-ann Robinson*, Romain Weikmans*, and J. Timmons Roberts. "The unequal geographies of climate finance: Climate injustice and dependency in the world system." *Political Geography*, Volume 99, October, 2022.
95. Robinson, Stacy-ann*, Andrea Vega Troncoso*, J. Timmons Roberts, and Matilda Peck. 2022. "'We are a people': Sovereignty and disposability in the context of Puerto Rico's post-Hurricane Maria experience." *The Geographical Journal* (2022).
96. Robinson, Stacy-ann*, D'Arcy Carlson, Anna Messer*, Lauren Maunus*, Emma Bouton*, and J. Timmons Roberts. "Climate compatible development in practice." *Development in Practice* 32, no. 2 (2022): 234-244.
97. Roberts, J. Timmons, and Romain Weikmans*. "Checking contentious counting." *Nature Climate Change* 12, no. 10 (2022): 887-888. [Commentary]
98. Robinson, Stacy-ann*, D'Arcy Carlson, Emma Bouton*, Mara Dolan*, Allison Meakem*, Anna Messer*, and J. Timmons Roberts. "The dynamics of institutional arrangements for climate change adaptation in small island developing states in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans." *Sustainability Science* 18, no. 1 (2023): 251-264.
99. Robinson, Stacy-ann*, J. Timmons Roberts, Romain Weikmans*, and Danielle Falzon*. "Vulnerability-based allocations in loss and damage finance." *Nature Climate Change* 13, no. 10 (2023): 1055-1062.

100. Falzon, Danielle*, Fred Shaia*, J. Timmons Roberts, Md Fahad Hossain, Stacy-ann Robinson*, Mizan R. Khan, and David Ciplet*. "Tactical opposition: Obstructing loss and damage finance in the United Nations climate negotiations." *Global Environmental Politics* 23, no. 3 (2023): 95-119.
101. Roberts, J. Timmons. "In Closing." *Sociological Inquiry* 93, no. 2 (2023): 392-396. [Postscript to special issue, not peer-reviewed]

Non-Refereed Journal Articles, Policy Briefings, and Report Chapters since 2019

53. Veysey, Jason, J. Timmons Roberts, Daniel Traver*, Brett Cotler*, Benjamin Gross* and Angie Kim*. "Deeper Decarbonization in the Ocean State: The 2019 Rhode Island Greenhouse Gas Reduction Study." **Stockholm Environment Institute and Brown University Climate and Development Lab.** Research Report. 2019.
- 54,55,56,57,58,59,60. Policy and Program Reviews of each New England state and as a region. **Renew New England.** Lead authored by undergraduate members of my Climate and Development Lab. 2020.
61. Weikmans, Romain*, J. Timmons Roberts and Stacy-ann Robinson*. "What counts as climate finance? Define urgently." *Nature* 588, 220, 08 December 2020, [correspondence, not peer-reviewed] doi: <https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-020-03481-0>.
62. Mckie, Ruth, Carlos Milani, Guy Edwards, Jonathan Walz, Kathryn Hochstetler, Omar Faruqe, Prakash Kashwan, Pamela McElwee, and Timmons Roberts. *Is Climate Obstruction Different in the Global South? Observations and a Preliminary Research Agenda.* **Climate Social Science Network Position Paper** 2021:4, 2021.
63. Hall, Galen*, Trevor Culhane* and J. Timmons Roberts. 2021. "Who's Delaying Climate Action in Massachusetts? Twelve Findings." **CSSN Research Report** 2021:1, January 2021.
64. Trevor Culhane*, Galen Hall*, and J. Timmons Roberts. 2021. Who's Influencing Connecticut Climate and Clean Energy Politics? Five Questions." **CSSN Research Report** 2021:3. CSSN.org.
65. Roberts, J. Timmons, and Romain Weikmans*. "Checking contentious counting." *Nature Climate Change* 12.10 (2022): 887-888.
66. Falzon, Danielle, J. Timmons Roberts, Fred Shaia*, Md. Fahad Hossain, Stacy-ann Robinson*, Mizan Khan, David Ciplet*. 2022. "Loss and Damage Finance: Four Periods of Obstruction in the UN Climate Negotiations" **Climate Social Science Network Briefing** 2022:2.
67. Roberts, J. Timmons, Falzon, Danielle, Fred Shaia, Md. Fahad Hossain, Stacy-ann Robinson, Mizan Khan, David Ciplet. 2022. "The CDL Field Guide To Obstruction of Loss and Damage Finance in the UNFCCC Negotiations." **Climate and Development Lab In Brief** October 2022:1.
68. Synapse Energy Economics, Climable, Brown University Climate and Development Lab. 2023. **Power Play: Actions for New England's Equitable Energy Transition.** Full report. Climable.org.
69. The Climate and Development Lab. 2023. "Discourses of Climate Delay in the Campaign Against Offshore Wind: A Case Study from Rhode Island." **The Climate and Development Lab**, April, 2023.
70. Depledge, Joanna, Kari De Pryck and J. Timmons Roberts. 2023. Decades of Systematic Obstructionism: Saudi Arabia's Role in Slowing Progress in UN Climate Negotiations. **Issue Paper CSSN.**
71. Slevin, Isaac, William Kattrup, and Timmons Roberts. 2023. "Against the Wind: A Map of the Anti-Offshore Wind Network in the Eastern United States." **The Climate and Development Lab.**

Many blogs and op-eds have appeared, especially on brookings.edu, newsweek.com, climatechangenews.org, intercambioclimatico.com, and climatedevlab.org and in the *Providence Journal*.

Invited Lectures and Panels (selected, since 2022, more available on request);

Invited panelist: 4th Gobeshona Global Conference [Bangladesh, remote] 2023

Invited panelist: Cambridge University [UK, remote] 2023

Invited panelist: **Fix the Grid and Take Back the Grid webinar**. 23 January 2023. [remote]
 Invited speaker: **University of Lusanne, Switzerland CLIMACT seminar series** [online].” April 24, 2023.
 Invited speaker: **Aquidneck Island Climate Caucus** [online]. 30 April 2023.
 Invited panelist: Educational Event on Offshore Wind. Little Compton, Rhode Island. 20 March 2023.
 Invited panelist: **Cambridge University**, Jesus College. 8 June 2023.
 Invited panelist: **International Public Policy Association** annual conference, Toronto (remote) 2023.
 Invited speaker: **Clark University Marsh Institute**. September 28th.
 Keynote Speaker, **Tel-Aviv University** Miniconference: January 4, 2022. [remote]
 Keynote Speaker, **Salve Regina University**-wide speaker series. February 16, 2022.
 Invited speaker, **Lifelong Learning, Providence**. March 21, 2022. [remote]
 Invited Panelist, **Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs**. 2022, 2023, 2024.
 Invited Speaker, WaterFire Arts Center. Planet Earth Exhibition Programming, Providence RI. 2022.
 Moderator, **Climate Social Science Network/German Development Institution** conference. 2022.
 Invited panelist, **Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction, University College London** 2022.
 Invited paper presentation: **University College London/University of the Bahamas** workshop 2022.
 Guest speaker, First-year Initiative course, **Clark University**, 2022.
 Invited Plenary Address, **XIX Seminario Internacional Nanotecnologia, Sociedade e Meio Ambiente**.

Conferences Organized since 2019:

2024 Lead Organizer, Climate Social Science Network annual conference [Online]
 2023 Lead Organizer, Climate Social Science Network annual conference [Online]
 2022 Lead Organizer, Climate Social Science Network and German Institute for Development and Sustainability Conference, Bonn, Germany. [Online]
 2021 Organizer, Institute at Brown for Environment and Society (IBES) Fall Lecture Series.
 2019 Co-organizer. RISD/Brown Just Transitions Conference. 2019.
 2019 Organizer, **Briefing to the U.S. Senate Climate Task Force**, Brown, 2019.
 2019 Co-organizer. **Watson Institute/Rhodes Center**, Feb. 1.

Service to the Community

Legislation/Governance:

- In 2010 a group of students and I **drafted the RI Climate Risk Reduction Act** of 2010 which created the Rhode Island Climate Change Commission.
- From December 2013 to December 2014 I led a team of twenty Brown undergraduate interns and consultants to research, draft, and pass the first comprehensive climate change legislation in the state’s history, called the **Resilient Rhode Island Act**. The bill passed nearly unanimously and was signed into law August 1, 2014 by Governor Lincoln Chafee.
- In 2015 I was appointed by Governor Gina Raimondo to the **Science and Technology Advisory Board of the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (the EC4)**, where state agency heads coordinate planning for climate change in Rhode Island, as mandated by the Resilient RI Act. I continue to serve on the Board and observe the EC4.
- From January 2015 to June 2019 I lead a team of student interns and consultants in developing **legislation on pricing carbon and dispersing revenue** (including dividends and funding to weatherizing low-income housing and small businesses).
- In 2017 my Climate and Development Lab provided research support for the Massachusetts effort to allow taxpayers to make a voluntary contribution to the Least Developed Countries Fund of the UNFCCC, introduced by Senator Bennett in March.

I routinely give public speeches on climate change, such as at the Rotary Club, Providence (2018), Foreign Affairs Council of Providence (2017), Lincoln School (2017), Interfaith Power and Light annual conference

(2011, 2015), the Unitarian Universalists church in Providence (2015), Blackstone Park Conservancy (2016), Environment Council of Rhode Island (2016), and People's Power and Light (2017). I have given speeches to groups as diverse as Occupy Providence and the Lions Club of Williamsburg, Virginia.

Academic honors, fellowships, honorary societies (selected):

1989-1990	Fulbright Scholarship for a year of dissertation research in the Brazilian Amazon
1993, 1996	Nominated for the <i>Tulane Graduate School Student Association</i> Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching
1999	The Tulane College Senior Class Outstanding Advisor Award for Exemplary Service to Students
2006-2007	James Martin 21 st Century Professor (fellowship), Oxford University
2008	Fred Buttel Distinguished Contribution Award, the Environment and Technology Section of the American Sociological Association
2011	Nominated and Selected to National Academy of Sciences' Board on Environmental Change and Society
2014	Frederick Buttel Award for Distinguished Scholarship, Environment and Society Research Committee RC24 of the International Sociological Association.

Teaching at Brown:

Climate Policy Research
Understanding and Overcoming Climate Obstruction
Climate Futures and Just Transitions (with Damian White, RISD)
Equity and Environment: Movements, Scholarship, Solutions
Power, Justice and Climate Change
Engaged Climate Policy at the U.N. Climate Negotiations
Globalization and the Environment
TRI-Lab: Environmental Justice and Climate Change in Rhode Island
Social Science of the Environment
The Social and Political Dimensions of Climate Change
Environmental Sociology
Special Topics in Environmental Studies

Advising PhD students in Sociology, Honors undergraduates, concentration advising in Environmental Studies and occasionally in Sociology. I do much informal advising for the 20 students in my lab group.

Outside PhD reviewer/committee member for **Georg-August-Universität Göttingen**, Dekanat der Sozialwissenschaftlichen Fakultät, Germany, **University of Brasilia**, MIT Department of Urban Policy and Planning, **University of Zurich**, Switzerland, three Ph.D. committees at **Oxford University**, advised 4 Oxford M.Sc. students on their dissertations, **University of East Anglia (UK)**, and The **Flinders University** of South Australia, **Virginia Institute for Marine Studies (VIMS)**, Tulane 14 completed Ph.D. committees--chaired 5

I routinely lead groups of students in research, including 12-20 students in my Climate and Development Lab (including travel to Washington, DC and previously to the U.N. negotiations and supporting local and international NGOs, think tanks, governmental offices, and UN negotiating groups—see climatedevlab.org). I continue to lead the CDL as my teaching transitions to research.