

# Curriculum Vitae - Cindy Isenhour

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## Academic Appointments

### University of Maine

Associate Professor - Dept. of Anthropology (2018-)/Climate Change Institute (2018-)  
Assistant Professor - Dept. of Anthropology (2013-18)/Climate Change Institute (2017-18)  
Cooperating Faculty - Economics (2015-), School of Policy & International Affairs (2017-)  
Faculty Associate - Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions (2014-)

### Centre College

Andrew W. Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow, Environmental Studies (2011-2013)

## Education

### University of Kentucky

PhD 2010, Anthropology

Dissertation "Building Sustainable Societies: Exploring Sustainability Policy and Practice in the Age of High Consumption" Advised by Drs. Lisa Cliggett (chair), Sarah Lyon, Thomas Håkansson, Mary Anglin & Ellen Furlough (Department of History)

### Colorado State University

MA 2003, Anthropology (with an International Development Studies Certificate)

Thesis "Following the Buffalo: Lakota Value Construction and Consumption in Shifting Economic Environments" Advised by Drs. Kathleen Pickering (co-chair), Kate Browne (co-chair), Jeffrey Snodgrass & Janet Ore (Department of History)

### Miami University

BA 1997, Communications

International Study Certificate 1996, Dolibois European Center, Luxembourg

## Research Experience

"Convergence on the Circular Economy" Co-PI. Funded by the National Science Foundation Convergence Program. *Multi-sited 2019 - 2022.*

"Quantifying the GHG Mitigation Potential of Natural Climate Solutions from Maine's Working Lands" Co-PI. Funded by the U.S. Climate Alliance Natural Working Lands Program and the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions. *Maine 2020 -2022.*

"Rethinking Reuse and Resilience in America's 'Depleted' Communities" PI. Funded by the National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Program. *Maine 2018 - 2020.*

"Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship: Addressing Food Waste and Hunger in Maine" Co-PI. Funded by the University of Maine Office of Research Development. *Maine 2018 - 2020.*

"The Emergent Risks of Food Waste Recovery" Co-PI. Funded by the Environmental Research and Education Foundation. *New England 2018 - 2020.*

"Maine's Community Waste Toolbox: Resources for Healthier People and Communities" Co-PI. Funded by the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions, University of Maine. *Maine 2016 - 2018.*

"Campuses for Environmental Stewardship: The Impacts of Service Learning on Environmental Stewardship Orientation" Co-PI. Funded by the New England Campus Compact (Davis Education Foundation). *University of Maine 2015-2016.*

"Brokering Collaborative, Participatory and Sustainable Waste and Materials Management Solutions in Maine" Co-PI. Funded by the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions, University of Maine. *Maine 2014 - 2016.*

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- “Assessing the Efficacy of Scenario Building to Stimulate Climate Adaptation Planning” PI. Unfunded research in conjunction with the Climate Change Institute’s Climate Adaptation and Sustainability Conference. *Maine Fall 2014.*
- “The Development of a Social and Ecological Framework for Understanding Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation” Participant. Rebecca Jordan & Rachel Shwom, CO-PIs. Funded by the Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC). *Annapolis 2013 – 2015.*
- “Sino-Scandinavian Cooperation for the Climate and Sustainable Urbanism” PI. Research funded by Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship & University of Maine College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. *Stockholm & Beijing Summer 2012, 2014.*
- “Environmental Risk Perception and Response in the Age of High Consumption” PI. Funded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation, the American Scandinavian Foundation and the Fulbright Program. *Sweden 2007-2008.*
- “Community-Based Reforestation and Watershed Management” Program Consultant. Funded by Trees, Water & People (international environmental non-governmental organization). *Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Honduras, Guatemala, & Mexico 2002-2004.*
- “Cash and the Social Economy of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation” Graduate Research Assistant. Funded by the National Sciences Foundation: Kathleen (Pickering) Sherman, PI. *Pine Ridge Oglala Lakota Reservation 2001-2002.*
- “Biocomplexity, Spatial Scale and Fragmentation: Implications for Arid and Semi-arid African Ecosystems” Graduate Research Assistant. Funded by the National Science Foundation: Kathleen Galvin, Co-PI. *Fort Collins, CO January – May 2001.*

## Select Honors, Fellowships & Grants

- 2019 National Science Foundation Convergence Program, Co-PI (\$1.3M)
- 2018 University of Maine College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Service and Outreach Award
- 2018 National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Research Award, PI (\$265,147)
- 2016 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Co-PI (\$19,714)
- 2016 Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions Research Grant (\$43,249)
- 2015 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Fellowship, University of Maine (release)
- 2015 Rising Tide Advance Research Seed Grant, University of Maine (\$2,277)
- 2015 Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions Research Grant (\$49,000)
- 2015 Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum Award, University of Maine (\$500)
- 2012 Environmental Protection Agency, PI “Centre Composts” (\$24,998)
- 2010 Margaret A. Lantis Award for Outstanding Graduate Research, University of Kentucky
- 2008 Roy A. Rappaport Student Paper Prize Panel, Anthropology and Environment Society
- 2007 J. William Fulbright Fellowship (\$18,500)
- 2007 Wenner-Gren Foundation (\$15,000 awarded/\$10,000 accepted)
- 2007 American-Scandinavian Foundation (\$20,000 awarded/\$7,400 accepted)
- 2007 University of Kentucky Graduate School Dissertation Enhancement Grant (\$3,000)
- 2007 The Swedish Institute (\$20,000 awarded, declined due to duplicate funding)
- 2007 National Science Foundation (recommended, declined due to duplicate funding)
- 2006 Susan Abbot-Jamieson Pre-Dissertation Research Award (\$2,000)

## Peer-Reviewed Books

- N.D. Roscoe, Paul and **Cindy Isenhour**, eds. *Consumption, Status and Sustainability: Ecological and Anthropological Perspectives*. London: Cambridge University Press. Anticipated release Dec 2020.

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- 2019 **Isenhour, Cindy**, Lucie Middlemiss & Mari Mariskanen, eds. *Power and Politics in Sustainable Consumption Research*. Routledge Press.  
[ISBN- 9781138056206](#)
- 2015 **Isenhour, Cindy**, Melissa Checker & Gary McDonogh, eds. *Sustainability in the Global City: Myth and Practice*. New York: Cambridge University Press.  
[ISBN-13: 9781107076280](#)

## Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

- 2020 **Isenhour, Cindy** and Brieanne Berry. "Still Good Life": On the Value of Reuse and Distributive Labor in "Depleted" Rural Maine. *Economic Anthropology* 7(2).  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/sea2.12176>
- 2020 O'Reilly, Jessica, **Cindy Isenhour**, Pamela McElwee and Ben Orlove. Climate Change: Expanding Anthropological Possibilities. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 49.  
<https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-anthro-010220-043113>
- 2019 Berry, Brieanne and **Cindy Isenhour**. Linking Rural and Urban Circular Economies through Reuse and Repair. *Journal for the Anthropology of North America* 22(2):112-114.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/nad.12103>
- 2019 **Isenhour, Cindy** & Josh Reno. Waste Materiality and Meaning: Ethnographic Engagements with Reuse, Repair and Care. *World Wide Waste: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 2(1):1-12.  
<http://doi.org/10.5334/wwwj.27>
- 2019 Middlemiss, Lucie, Mari Mariskanen and **Cindy Isenhour**. Introduction: Integrating Power and Politics into Sustainable Consumption Research. In *Power and Politics in Sustainable Consumption Research*, Isenhour et al. eds. Routledge Press.  
[ISBN- 9781138056206](#)
- 2019 Berry, Brieanne, Jennifer Bonnet and **Cindy Isenhour**. Rummaging Through the Attic of New England. *World Wide Waste: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 2(1):6.  
<http://doi.org/10.5334/wwwj.16>
- 2019 **Isenhour, Cindy**. Consuming Globalism: On Power, Politics and Competition in International Action for the Climate. In *Power and Politics in Sustainable Consumption Research*, Isenhour et al. eds. Routledge Press.  
[ISBN- 9781138056206](#)
- 2018 Rebecca Jordan, Amanda E. Sorensen, Rachael Shwom, Jennifer Meta Robinson, **Cindy Isenhour**, Steven Gray, Mary Nucci & Diane Ebert-May. Using Authentic Science in Climate Change Education, *Applied Environmental Education & Communication*  
[DOI: 10.1080/1533015X.2018.1431162](https://doi.org/10.1080/1533015X.2018.1431162)
- 2017 Rachel Shwom, **Cindy Isenhour**, Aaron McCright, Rebecca Jordan, Jennifer Meta-Robinson. Integrating the Social Sciences to Enhance Climate Literacy. *Frontiers in Ecology and Environment* 15(7):377-384.  
[DOI: 10.1002/fee.1519](https://doi.org/10.1002/fee.1519)
- 2017 **Isenhour, Cindy**, Andrew Crawley, Brieanne Berry and Jennifer Bonnet. Exploring Maine's Culture of Reuse and its Potential to Advance Environmental and Economic Policy Objectives. *Maine Policy Review* 26(1):36-46.  
<http://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mpr/vol26/iss1/6>
- 2016 **Isenhour, Cindy**, Jessica O'Reilly and Heather Yocum. Accounting for Climate Change: Measurement, Management, Morality and Myth. *Human Ecology* 44(6):647-654.  
[DOI: 10.1007/s10745-016-9866-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10745-016-9866-1)

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- 2016 **Isenhour, Cindy**. Unearthing Human Progress: Ecomodernism and Contrasting Definitions of Technological Progress in the Anthropocene. *Economic Anthropology* 3(2):315-328.  
[DOI: 10.1002/sea2.12063](https://doi.org/10.1002/sea2.12063)
- 2016 **Isenhour, Cindy**, Travis Wagner, Travis Blackmer, Linda Silka, John Peckenham, David Hart & Jean McRae. Moving Up the Waste Hierarchy in Maine: Learning from Best Practice State-Level Policy for Waste Reduction and Recovery. *Maine Policy Review* 25(1)15-29.  
<http://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mpr/vol25/iss1/6>
- 2016 Love, Thomas and **Cindy Isenhour**. Energy and Economy: Recognizing High-Energy Modernity as an Historical Period. *Economic Anthropology* 3(1):1-18.  
[DOI: 10.1002/sea2.12040](https://doi.org/10.1002/sea2.12040)
- 2016 **Isenhour, Cindy** and Kuishuang Feng. Decoupling and Displaced Emissions: On Swedish Consumers, Chinese Producers and Policy to Address the Climate Impact of Consumption. *Journal of Cleaner Production* 134(a): 320-329.  
[DOI:10.1016/j.jclepro.2014.12.037](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2014.12.037)
- 2015 Sorenson, Amanda, Rachael Shwom, Rebecca Jordan, Diane Ebert-May, **Cindy Isenhour**, Aaron McCright, Jennifer Meta-Robinson. Model-based Reasoning to Foster Environmental and Socio-scientific Literacy in Higher Education. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 6(2):287-294.  
[DOI: 10.1007/s13412-015-0352-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-015-0352-7).
- 2015 Checker, Melissa, Gary McDonogh & **Cindy Isenhour**. Introduction: Sustainability as Myth and Practice in the Global City. In *Sustainability in the Global City: Myth and Practice*. Isenhour, Checker, McDonogh, eds. Cambridge University Press.  
[ISBN-13: 9781107076280](https://www.cambridge.org/9781107076280)
- 2015 **Isenhour, Cindy**. Green Capitals Reconsidered: The Carbon Emissions Associated with Urban Consumption. In *Sustainability in the Global City: Myth and Practice*. Isenhour, Checker & McDonogh, eds. Cambridge University Press.  
[ISBN-13: 9781107076280](https://www.cambridge.org/9781107076280)
- 2014 **Isenhour, Cindy**. Trading Fat for Forests: Palm Oil, Tropical Deforestation and Environmental Governance. *Conservation & Society* 12(3): 257-267.  
[DOI: 10.4103/0972-4923.145136](https://doi.org/10.4103/0972-4923.145136)
- 2014 Peterson, Nicole and **Cindy Isenhour**. Moving Beyond the Legacy of the Rational Actor in Environmental Governance: An Introduction. *Conservation & Society* 12(3): 229-232.  
[DOI: 10.4103/0972-4923.145128](https://doi.org/10.4103/0972-4923.145128)
- 2012 **Isenhour, Cindy**. The Devil in the Deal: Trade-Embedded Emissions and the Durban Platform. *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 15(3):303-308.  
[DOE: 10.1080/21550085.2012.730241](https://doi.org/10.1080/21550085.2012.730241)
- 2012 **Isenhour, Cindy**. On the Politics of Climate Knowledge: Sir Giddens, Sweden and the Paradox of Climate (In)Justice. *Local Environment* 17(9).  
[DOI: 10.1080/13549839.2012.729570](https://doi.org/10.1080/13549839.2012.729570)
- 2012 **Isenhour, Cindy**. Can Consumer Demand Deliver Sustainable Food?: Recent Research in Sustainable Consumption Policy & Practice. *Environment & Society* 2(1): 5-28.  
[DOI: 10.3167/ares.2011.020102](https://doi.org/10.3167/ares.2011.020102)
- 2011 McDonogh, Gary, **Cindy Isenhour** & Melissa Checker. Introduction: Sustainability in the City. *City & Society* 23(3)113-117.  
[DOI: 10.1111/j.1548-744X.2011.01057.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1548-744X.2011.01057.x)

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- 2011 **Isenhour, Cindy.** How the Grass Became Greener in the City: Urban Imaginings and Practices of Sustainability. *City & Society* 23(2):118-138.  
[DOI: 10.1111/j.1548-744X.2011.01058.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1548-744X.2011.01058.x)
- 2010 **Isenhour, Cindy.** On Conflicted Swedish Consumers, the Effort to “Stop Shopping” & Neoliberal Environmental Governance. *Journal of Consumer Behavior* 9(6): 454-469.  
[DOI: 10.1002/cb.336](https://doi.org/10.1002/cb.336)
- 2010 **Isenhour, Cindy.** Building Sustainable Societies: A Swedish Case Study on the Limits of Reflexive Modernization. *American Ethnologist* 37(3):511-525.  
[DOI: 10.1111/j.1548-1425.2010.01269.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1548-1425.2010.01269.x)
- 2009 **Isenhour, Cindy & Matilda Ardenfors.** Gender and Sustainable Consumption Policy. *International Journal of Innovation and Sustainable Development* 4(2/3):135-149.  
[DOI: 10.1504/IJISD.2009.028068](https://doi.org/10.1504/IJISD.2009.028068)
- 2008 **Isenhour, Cindy & Beth Goldstein.** The Welfare Contract and Critical Case Management. *Journal of Poverty* 12(1)2008.  
[DOI: 10.1080/10875540801967890](https://doi.org/10.1080/10875540801967890)

## Book Chapters, Reviews & Encyclopedic Entries

- 2018 **Isenhour, Cindy.** Book Review. Energy without Conscience: Oil, Climate Change and Complicity by David McDermott Hughes, Duke University Press. *American Anthropologist* 120(4):870-871.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.13120>
- 2017 **Isenhour, Cindy.** When ‘Gestures of Change’ Demand Policy Support: Social Change and the Structural Underpinnings of Consumer Culture. Social Change and the Coming of Post-Consumer Society. M. Cohen, H. Brown and P. Vergragt, eds. Routledge Press.  
[ISBN-13: 978-1138642058](https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.12747)
- 2016 **Isenhour, Cindy.** Book Review. Advertising Diversity: Ad Agencies and the Creation of Asian American Consumers by Shalini Shankar. *American Anthropologist* 118(4):961-962.  
[DOI: 10.1111/aman.12747](https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.12747)
- 2016 **Isenhour, Cindy.** Taking Responsibility for Climate Change: On Human Adaptation, Sustainable Consumption and Environmental Governance. In the *Handbook of Environmental Anthropology*. Helen Kopnina and Eleanor Shoreman-Ouimet, eds. Routledge International. Pp 230-241.  
[ISBN 978-1138782877](https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.12747)
- 2015 **Isenhour, Cindy.** Sustainable Consumption and its Discontents. In *Sustainability: Key Issues*. Helen Kopnina and Eleanor Shoreman-Ouimet, eds. Earthscan Publishers.  
[ISBN 978-0145529860](https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.12747)
- 2014 **Isenhour, Cindy.** Climate: An All-Consuming Problem. *Anthropology News* 55(8):1.  
[DOI: 10.1111/j.1556-3502.2014.55402.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1556-3502.2014.55402.x)
- 2013 **Isenhour, Cindy.** Political Economy. *Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology: An Encyclopedia*. Richard McGee & John Warms, eds.  
[ISBN-13: 978-1412999632](https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.12747)
- 2012 **Isenhour, Cindy.** Sacrificing Cultural Capital for Sustainability: Identity, Class, and the Swedish Staycation. In *Contested Economies: Global Tourism and Cultural Heritage*. Sarah Lyon & Christian Wells (eds). AltaMira Press. Pp 189-208.  
[ISBN-13: 978-0759120914](https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.12747)
- 2012 **Isenhour, Cindy.** On the Challenges of Signaling Ethics without All the Stuff: Tales of Conspicuous Green and Anti-Consumption. In *Ethical Consumption: Social Value and Economic Practice*. Carrier, James G. and Peter Luetchford (eds). New York: Berghahn.

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2011 **Isenhour, Cindy**. Belonging. In the *Encyclopedia of Consumer Culture*. Dale Southerton, editor. Oxford: CQ Press.

[ISBN: 9780872896017](#)

2010 Micheletti, Michele & **Cindy Isenhour**. Political Consumerism. In *Consumer Behavior in the Nordic Context*. Karin M. Ekström, editor. Stockholm: Studentlitteratur.

[ISBN:9789144055770](#)

## Policy Briefs, White Papers and Reports

2020 Joyce, Jessica, Bridie McGreavy and **Cindy Isenhour**. Healthy Intertidal Ecosystems Project. Technical report prepared for Acadia National Park.

2019 Eva Alfredsson, Magnus Bengtsson, Halina Szejnwald Brown, **Cindy Isenhour**, Sylvia Lorek, Dimitris Stevis & Philip Vergragt. Why Achieving the Paris Agreement Requires Reduced Overall Consumption and Production. *Sustainability: Science, Practice and Policy* 14(1):1-5.

[DOI: 10.1080/15487733.2018.1458815](#)

2019 Razzaque, Jona and Ingrid Visseren-Hamakers (Lead Authors). Contributing Author. Chapter Six: Opportunities and Challenges for Decision Makers. IPBES Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

[https://ipbes.net/sites/default/files/ipbes\\_global\\_assessment\\_chapter\\_6\\_unedited\\_31\\_may.pdf](https://ipbes.net/sites/default/files/ipbes_global_assessment_chapter_6_unedited_31_may.pdf)

2018 **Isenhour, Cindy** et al. "Waste is not the Maine Way" LD1534 Stakeholder Working Group Final Report. Submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, Maine State 128th Legislature <https://umaine.edu/mitchellcenter/road-to-solutions/materials-management/ld-1534-final-report/>

2017 **Isenhour, Cindy**, Jean McRae, Brienne Berry, Travis Blackmer, Karen Beulich, Travis Wagner, Linda Silka and Deborah Saber. LD1534 Stakeholder Working Group Synthesis Report. Submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, Maine State 128th Legislature. <https://umaine.edu/mitchellcenter/road-to-solutions/materials-management/ld-1534-synthesis-reports/>

2015 Urban Sustainability Directors Network & the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative. The Eugene Memo: The Role of Cities in Advancing Sustainable Consumption. USDN/SCORAI. Available online: <http://scorai.org/wp-content/uploads/wordpress/Eugene-Memo-Cities-Sust-Consumption-FINAL.pdf>

2015 **Isenhour, Cindy** and the Materials Management Research Group. 2015. Policy Review: State-Level Policies for Improved Waste Reduction and Recovery. Senator George J. Mitchell Center Working Paper presented to the Maine State Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee November 2015.

2015 **Isenhour, Cindy** and Travis Blackmer. [The Future of Materials Management in Maine: Stakeholder Engagement Outcomes Report](#). Senator George J. Mitchell Center Working Paper presented to the Maine State Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee August, 2015.

2015 Blackmer, Travis, **Cindy Isenhour**, Linda Silka, George Criner, David Hart, John Peckenham, Chet Rock. 2015. [Materials and Solid Waste Management in Maine: Past, Present and Future](#). Senator George J. Mitchell Center Working Paper.

## Editorial Experience

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- N.D. Paul Roscoe and **Cindy Isenhour**. Material Culture and Status Pursuits Across Human Systems. Cambridge University Press. Anticipated release Dec 2020.
- 2019 **Cindy Isenhour**, Lucie Middlemiss and Mari Martiskanen. Power and Politics in Sustainable Consumption Research. Routledge Press.
- 2016 **Cindy Isenhour** & Heather Yocum. Special Issue - Accounting for Climate Change: Management, Measurement and Mysticism. *Human Ecology* 44(6).
- 2016 Thomas Love & **Cindy Isenhour**. Energy and Economy. *Economic Anthropology* 3(1).
- 2015 **Cindy Isenhour**, Melissa Checker & Gary McDonough. *Sustainability in the Global City: Myth and Practice*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- 2014 Nicole Peterson and **Cindy Isenhour**. Special Section- Moving Beyond the Legacy of the Rational Actor and Individual Responsibility in Environmental Governance and Conservation. *Conservation & Society* 12(3).
- 2011 Gary McDonough, **Cindy Isenhour** & Melissa Checker. Special Issue - Urban Sustainability: Ethnographic Approaches. *City & Society* 23(2).

## Manuscripts in Preparation and Under Review

- N.D. Roscoe, Paul and **Cindy Isenhour**. Introduction - Standing Out, Fitting In, and the Consumption of the World: Sustainable Consumption in a Status-Conscious World. In *Consumption, Status and Sustainability: Ecological and Anthropological Perspectives*, Roscoe and Isenhour, eds. London: Cambridge University Press. Anticipated release Dec 2020.
- N.D. Blackmer, Travis and **Cindy Isenhour**. On Private Interests and Public Virtues: Factors Affecting Stakeholder Support for State Level Materials Management Policy. For submission to *Waste Management*, December 2020.
- N.D. **Isenhour, Cindy**. Making the Market Work: Socially Embedded Economies, the Climate, and Consumption. In *Consumption, Status and Sustainability: Ecological and Anthropological Perspectives*, Roscoe and Isenhour, eds. London: Cambridge University Press. Anticipated release Dec 2020.
- N.D. **Isenhour, Cindy** and Paul Roscoe. Conclusion: Bending the Curve Toward Sustainability. In *Consumption, Status and Sustainability: Ecological and Anthropological Perspectives*, Roscoe and Isenhour, eds. London: Cambridge University Press. Anticipated release Dec 2020.
- N.D. Mathai, Manu, Dimitris Stevis, **Cindy Isenhour**, Philip Vergragt, Ambreen Waleed, Magnus Bostrom, Sylvia Lorek. The Political Economy of (Un)Sustainable Production and Consumption: A Multi-Disciplinary Synthesis for Research and Action. Submitted to *Resources, Conservation and Recycling*, May 2020.
- N.D. McGinn, Anna and **Cindy Isenhour**. Saving the Adaptation Fund: On the Politics of Defining and Defending Justice in the Post-Paris Agreement Period. Submitted to *Climate Policy*, May 2020.
- N.D. **Isenhour, Cindy**, Brienne Berry, Jean MacRae, Travis Blackmer, Balu Nayak, Deborah Saber, and Linda Silka. Safety and Sustainability in Circular Food Systems: A Transdisciplinary Approach to Identify Emergent Risks in New England Food Waste Recycling Systems. For submission to the *Journal of Cleaner Production*, June 2020.
- N.D. McElwee, Pamela, **Cindy Isenhour**, Jennifer Clapp, Mireille Chiroleu-Assouline, Esther Turnhout, Daniel Miller, Anthony Waldron, Graciela Rusch, Eszter Kelemen, Joachim Spangenberg, Tim Jackson. Ensuring a Post-COVID Economic Agenda Tackles Global Biodiversity Loss. For submission to *Conservation Letters*, May 2020.

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- N.D. Haverkamp, Jamie, Darren Ranco, **Cindy Isenhour** and Aaron Strong. Climate Adaptation and Colonial Refrains. For submission to *World Development*, August 2020.
- N.D. **Isenhour, Cindy**, Brieanne Berry, Skylar Horton, Jean MacRae and Travis Blackmer. "Taking it all In": Toxicity & Testing in New England's Circular Food Systems. For submission to *Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment*, July 2020.
- N.D. Ford, Fernanda Cruz Rios, Melissa Bilec, Thomas Theist, **Cindy Isenhour**, Don Fullerton, Chris Wilmer, Callie Babbit, Eric Beckman, Vikas Khanna. The Current State of the Circular Economy. Under development, currently inquiring with *Science*.
- N.D. Fullerton, Donald, **Cindy Isenhour**, Tomas Theist, Shan He. Economic Analysis of Policy for Circular Economy. Under development for submission to *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*, August 2020.

## Select Conferences, Panels, Seminars & Series Chaired and Organized

- 2020 Organizer "Economies of Convenience". Roundtable at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. St. Louis, November 2020
- 2018 Co-Organizer of "Human Dimensions of Climate Change Film Series". University of Maine, March 2018
- 2017 Co-Organizer "Waste Materialities and Meaning: Anthropological Perspectives on Repair and Reuse". Panel at the American Anthropological Association. Washington DC., Nov 2017.
- 2017 Co-Organizer of "Human Dimensions of Climate Change Film Series". University of Maine, March 2017
- 2016 Conference Co-Chair and Local Organizer, "Transition Beyond Consumer Society" 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of the Sustainable Consumption Action and Research Initiative. Orono ME, June 15-17, 2016
- 2016 Co-Organizer of a Film Series entitled, "The Human Dimensions of Climate Change" University of Maine, March 2016
- 2015 Co-Organizer of a Film Series entitled, "The Human Dimensions of Climate Change" University of Maine, March 2015
- 2014 Conference Co-Chair, Society for Economic Anthropology 2014 Annual Meeting "Energy & Economy". Austin, Texas, April 24 - 26
- 2014 Panel Co-Organizer, Chair, "Accounting for Climate Change: Measurement, Management & Mysticism" American Anthropological Association, November 2014
- 2014 Co-Organizer of a Film Series entitled, "The Human Dimensions of Climate Change" University of Maine, March -April, 2014
- 2012 Organizer of a Film Series entitled "Wasted" featuring three documentaries screened at Centre College, October 2012.
- 2012 Co-Organizer of the "Kentucky Environmental Issues Forum" Centre College, Sept 2012.
- 2012 Organizer of a Film Series entitled "Climate and Energy" featuring three environmental documentaries screened at Centre College, April 2012.
- 2012 Organizer of a university convocation entitled "Industrial Food Production and Immigrant Labor" Centre College, April 2012

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- 2011 Organizer of a Film Series entitled “Environmental Film Series” featuring three environmental documentaries, Centre College, October 2011
- 2011 Co-Organizer of a double panel entitled, “Environmental Governance: Moving Beyond the Rational Actor”. American Anthropological Association, November 2011
- 2009 Co-Organizer of an invited session entitled, “Sustainability as Myth and Practice in the Global City”. American Anthropological Association, November 2009
- 2007 Organizer of the Sustainable Consumption Roundtable at Stockholm University’s Center for Organizational Research. Stockholm, Sweden, May 2007

## Select Presentations (\*keynote or invited)

- 2020\* Making Sense of the American Elections. Presidential Roundtable. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. November 2020 - St. Louis.
- 2020\* Future Earth Knowledge to Action Network on Sustainable Systems of Consumption and Production Forum on Circular Economy, May 13, 2020 - Virtual Open Forum.
- 2020\* A Front Row Seat to the Climate Negotiations: Debrief from COP25. Maine Climate Table Webinar Series, January 22 - Online Webinar.
- 2019 Toxic Trespass: Toxicity and Testing in New England's Circular Food Systems. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov 2019 -Vancouver.
- 2019 Still Good Life: On the Value of Redistribution in Maine's Second-Hand Markets. Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting, April 2019 - Orlando, FL.
- 2018\* Feeling the Pinch: On Commodification in Discards Markets. Invited speaker at Columbia University's Culture and Ecology Seminar, Feb 9 -New York, NY.
- 2017\* Policy for Food Waste Reduction and Hunger Alleviation. Invited Panelist at College of the Atlantic Farm Day, Sept 20 - Bar Harbor, ME.
- 2017\* ResourcefulME. Keynote lecture presented to the Maine Resource Recovery Association Annual Meeting, April 24 - 26 - Rockport, ME.
- 2017 "Feeling the Pinch:" On Growing Competition and Exclusion in Maine's Discards Markets. Paper for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Apr 2017 - Washington, D.C.
- 2017 ResourcefulME. Paper presented at the Maine Sustainability and Water Conference, Mar 2017 - Augusta, ME.
- 2016\* Climate Change and the Humanities: An Interdisciplinary Discussion. Invited panelist for the International Affairs Colloquium, Nov 2016 - University of Maine.
- 2016\* On Competing Definitions of Progress in the Anthropocene. Invited speaker for the Socialist & Marxist Studies Program, Nov 2016 - University of Maine.
- 2016 ReEmbedding Exchange in Maine’s Reuse Economy. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Nov 2016 – Minneapolis, MN.
- 2016 Reinserting Power and Politics in Sustainable Consumption Research. Paper presented at the SCORAI 2016 International Conference, June 2016 - Orono, ME.
- 2016\* The Future of Waste Prevention and the Sharing Economy. Invited panelist for the Be Waste Wise Global Dialog on Waste, Aug 2016 - [Online Webinar](#).
- 2016 Measuring and Modeling the Value of Reuse in Maine. Presented to the Maine Resource Recovery Association Annual Conference, May 2016 – Rockland, ME.
- 2016 Talking Trash: The Sustainability Problem Hiding in Plain Sight. Presented at the Maine Sustainability and Water Conference, Mar 2016 – Augusta, ME.

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- 2015 Power in Numbers: On Accounting for Climate Change and the Reproduction of International Advantage. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov 2015 - Denver, CO.
- 2015\* When Gestures of Change Demand Policy Support. Invited Presentation at the Consumption and Social Change Workshop, Tellus Institute, Oct 2015 - Boston, MA.
- 2015\* Examining Existing and Emergent Relationships between Energy Transitions & Sustainable Consumption. Invited Presentation at the SCORAI/Helmholtz Alliance Energy Transitions Workshop. CEFOS, Jun 2015 - Remich, Luxembourg.
- 2015\* "What is the Problem?": How Divergent Time Scales Shape the Definition of Problems in Maine's Materials Management Systems. Keynote Presentation to the Maine Resource Recovery Annual Meeting, Apr 2015 - Camden, ME.
- 2015 Climate Mitigation and the Hope of Technological Progress. Paper presented at the Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting, Apr 2015 - Lexington, KY.
- 2014 Isenhour, Cindy. When the Best Intentions Backfire: Wicked Rebound, Carbon Leakage and Climate Change. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Dec 2014 - Washington, DC.
- 2014\* Isenhour, Cindy. Sustainable Consumption in the City: On Socially Embedded Exchange. Paper presented at a joint workshop of the Urban Sustainability Director's Network and the Sustainable Consumption Research Initiative, Oct 2014 - Eugene, OR.
- 2014 Isenhour, Cindy. Decoupling, Displacement and Swedish Sustainable Consumption Policy. Paper presented at the Global Research Forum on Sustainable Consumption, Jun 2014 - Shanghai, China.
- 2013 Isenhour, Cindy. The Downstream Effects of Swedish Efficiency. Paper presented to the American Anthropological Association, Nov 2013 - Chicago, IL.
- 2013 Isenhour, Cindy. Beyond Eco-Efficiency: Stockholm, Climate & the Rising Sea. Paper presented at Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Mar 2013 - Lexington, KY.
- 2013 Isenhour, Cindy. Green Capitals Reconsidered: Urban Consumption and Displaced Carbon Emissions. Paper presented to the SFAA, Mar 2013- Denver, CO.
- 2013 Isenhour, Cindy. Accounting for Consumption: Exploring Proposals for More Equitable Emissions Accounting. Paper for presentation to the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative, Jun 2013 - Worcester, MA.
- 2012 Isenhour, Cindy. Accumulation by Displaced Emissions: Chinese Producers, Swedish Consumers, and Consumption-based Carbon Accounting. Paper presented at the 2012 American Anthropological Association, Nov 2012- San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 Anderson, Kyle & Cindy Isenhour. Hot Po土豆 (Potato)!: The Political Ecology of China's Potato Chip Boom. Paper presented at the 2012 American Anthropological Association meetings, Nov 2012 - San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 Isenhour, Cindy. Sir Giddens and the Paradox of Climate (In)Action. Paper presented to the Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Mar 2012 - Lexington, KY.
- 2011 Isenhour, Cindy. Sustainability Bound: On Rationality, Responsibility and the Restriction of Choice in Scandinavia. Paper presented to the American Anthropological Association, Nov 2011 - Montreal.
- 2011\* Isenhour, Cindy. Publishing Advice for Recent PhDs, Organized by the *Society for Political and Legal Anthropology*. Invited panelist, American Anthropological Association, Nov 2011 - Montreal.
- 2010 Isenhour, Cindy. Consuming Sustainability: On the Paradox of Climate Knowledge & (In)Action. Paper presented to the American Anthropological Association, Nov 2010 - New Orleans.

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- 2010 Isenhour, Cindy. Sacrificing Cultural Capital for Sustainability: Identity, Class, and the Swedish Staycation. Paper presented to the Society for Economic Anthropology (SEA), Apr 2010- Tampa, Florida.
- 2010 Isenhour, Cindy. Trading Fat for Forests. Paper presented to the Society for Applied Anthropology (SFAA), Mar 2010- Merida.

## Teaching Experience

### **Introduction to Anthropology: Diversity of Cultures**, UMaine - S18

Large general education introductory course that features key topics in anthropology including race and racism, gender, class, ethnicity and religion.

### **Anthropology of Food**, UMaine - F17, S19

Undergraduate course that explores multiple dimensions of human existence and diversity through the lens of food. Topic include biological evolution, taste and disgust, global trade, alternative food movements as well as hunger and food justice.

### **Anthropological Dimensions of Environmental Policy**, UMaine - S15, S17, S19

Graduate level seminar composed of students from Forestry, Marine Sciences, Anthropology and International Affairs. Content included policy formation, implementation and assessment.

### **Anthropological Theory**, UMaine - F14, F16

Seminar for anthropology majors. Topics range from evolutionary theory and historical particularism to political ecology and feminist anthropology.

### **Economic Anthropology**, UMaine - F14, F16, F18, F20

Split level seminar composed of students from several disciplines. Topics included political economy, international development, exchange theory and new economy movements.

### **Ecological Anthropology**, UMaine - F13, F15

A split level, undergraduate and graduate seminar in ecological anthropology. Topics included: cultural ecology, ethnoecology, historical ecology, conservation anthropology.

### **Natural Resource Management in Cross Cultural Perspective**, UMaine - S14, S16

Graduate seminar introduces students from the "Adaptation to Abrupt Climate Change" IGERT program to cultural and temporal diversity in natural resource management strategies.

### **Anthropology Senior Capstone**, UMaine - S14, S15, S16, S17

Capstone seminar for graduating anthropology majors. Topics ranged from human evolution to religion, common pool resource management and historical ecology.

### **Environmental Governance & Policy**, Centre College - F12

An upper division, cross-cultural examination of the means by which societies manage natural resources and the commons across both scale and sector. Topics ranged from kin-based water allocation to international climate treaties.

### **Introduction to Environmental Studies**, Centre College - S12

An interdisciplinary introduction to environmental studies. Topics included: evolution and biodiversity, nutrient cycles, energy, climate science, environmental politics and ethics.

### **Consumer Culture, Globalization & the Environment**, Centre College - W12, W13

First year seminar designed to introduce students to life cycle and commodity chain analyses. Topics included: ecological economics, the climate impact of consumption, waste.

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## **Environmental Justice & Rights**, Centre College - F11

An intermediate course designed to introduce students to a wide range of environmental justice issues, policy and rights-based frameworks. Topics included: distributive and procedural injustice, environmental justice policy, environmental racism, climate justice, and human rights.

## **International Studies Senior Seminar**, University of Kentucky - S11

An interdisciplinary senior seminar and research capstone for graduating majors. Student topics included: environmental governance, international relations, and market integration.

## **Introduction to International Studies**, University of Kentucky - F10

An interdisciplinary introduction to international studies. Topics include: disciplinary approaches to international studies, area studies, global governance, and international relations.

## **Research Methods for the Social Sciences**, Transylvania University - F10

An upper division practicum designed to give students experience designing original research. Topics included: problem definition, operationalization, sampling, analysis, and reporting.

## **Cultural Diversity in the Modern World**, University of Kentucky - F10, S10, F09

An introductory anthropological survey of human cultural forms. Topics included: human ecology; subsistence strategies, economic and political organization; colonialism and conquest; race and racism; magic, witchcraft and religion; gender, sex and sexuality; and human rights.

## **Introduction to Anthropology**, University of Kentucky - F08, W09

An introductory course designed to expose students to the holistic study of the human species. Topics included: humans in big history; human evolution; material culture; language; culture change; social and political organization; economics and exchange; religion.

## **Select Service**

### **Peer Review**

National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Senior Panel, National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant Review Panel, Environmental Policy, Environment and Planning A, Human Ecology, Anthropology Quarterly, American Ethnologist, American Anthropologist, Local Environment, Journal of Consumer Behavior, Journal of Applied Social Science, City & Society, Human Organization, Conservation and Society, Sustainability, Consumer Culture, Journal of Cleaner Production, International Journal of Consumer Research.

### **Professional Affiliations and Leadership**

Society for Economic Anthropology, Meeting Chair 2014, Board 2015-17, President 2019-2021  
Future Earth Network on Sustainable Production and Consumption 2016-, Co-Chair 2016-  
Anthropology and Environment Society (A&E), "Greening the AAA" Initiative 2008 - 2009  
Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative (SCORAI) Board Advisor 2015-2018  
Society for Applied Anthropology, *Human Organization* Editor Search Coordinator 2009

### **University of Maine**

Graduate School Board (F13 -S19); Graduate School Executive Committee (F16 -S19);  
Human Dimensions of Climate Change Film Series (S14, S15, S16, S17, S18, S19); Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Showcase, Judge (S16, S17, S18) Grad Expo, Judge (S15); Blue Sky Pathway III Assessment Team (2017-2018); Maine Heritage Lecture Committee (2020)

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## University of Maine, Climate Change Institute

Graduate committee (F18-), Co-Chair "Improved Decision Making" Working Group, Five Year Plan (S19), Delegation Leader at UNFCCC Climate Negotiations (2019, 2018, 2017), Coordinator of Application for Observer Status at UNFCCC (2019), Climate Negotiator Simulations (2018/2019)

## University of Maine, Department of Anthropology

Graduate Coordinator (F13 - S18); Graduate Admissions Committee Chair (F13 -S18); Curriculum Assessment Committee (F16 - S19)

## University of Maine, Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions

Research Grant Review and Selection Panel (S17)

## Community & State

Maine Climate Table, Organizing Committee (S20 - )  
Hampden Academy Climate Strike, Invited Speaker - September 2019  
John Bapst High School Climate Strike, Invited Speaker - September 2019  
Bangor Daily News and Brews, Climate Change Roundtable - September 2019  
Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator, LD 1543 "An Act to Reduce Hunger, Support Farmers and Reduce Food Waste" - Summer/Fall 2017  
Invited Testimony Maine Legislature Committee for Environment & Natural Resources (2016)  
Maine Science Festival – Public Engagement Participant (2016)  
Maine Science Festival – Programming Committee (2014 – 2015)

## Select Media, Community Outreach & Civic Engagement

March 2020 "[Zero Waste: Can Americans Alter our Behavior](#)" Maine Calling  
November 2019 "[Why is Maine's Secondhand Economy So Robust?](#)" The Maine Question  
October 2019 "[Secondhand Chic](#)" UMaine Today  
September 2019 "[Dr Isenhour Discusses Social Sciences and Climate](#)" Bangor Daily News  
September 2019 "[As Maine Summers Get Hotter, State Ready for Action](#)" Bangor Daily News  
May 2018 "[Anthropology: Why and How it Relates to Our Everyday Lives](#)" Maine Calling  
September 2017 "[Climate Refugees Could See Safety in Maine](#)" Portland Press Herald  
January 2017 "[Waste Not, Want Not](#)" University of Maine  
December 2016 "[Cultures of Energy](#)" Podcast Hosted by Dominic Boyer & Cymene Howe  
October 2016 "[Reuse it or Lose it](#)" University of Maine  
September 2016 "[Exhibit Explores how Thriftiness Conserves Resources](#)" University of Maine  
June 2016 "[Transitions Beyond a Consumer Society](#)" University of Maine  
March 2016 "[Film Series Seeks to Educate on the Topic of Climate Change](#)" The Maine Campus  
March 2016 "[Talking Trash](#)" University of Maine  
December 2015 "[Urban vs. Rural: Who Has a Smaller Footprint](#)" The Take Away, Public Radio  
September 2015 "[Climate Change Becomes a Matter of Mental Health](#)" Portland Press Herald  
July 2015 "[Researchers Explore the Problem of Materials Management](#)" University of Maine  
February 2015 "[If Consumption is a Problem, Maine May Have Answers](#)" University of Maine

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October 2014 "[Is Pittsburgh Really Green](#)", The Nation  
December 2013 "[From Sweden to China](#)", Anthropology News  
November 2012 "[Centre Receives EPA Grant](#)", Centre College  
September 2012 "[Environmental Issues Forum on Energy and the Climate](#)", Centre College  
March 2012 "[Centre Hosts Energy & Environment Film Festival](#)", Centre College  
December 2011 "[Civic Engagement Project Connects Students to Real-World](#)", Centre College  
April 2010 "[Graduate Student Spotlight](#)" University of Kentucky, Department of Anthropology  
September 2009 "[Success Stories](#)" University of Kentucky, College of Arts and Sciences  
September 2008 "[Hon Studerar God Konsumtion](#)" Miljömagasinet (Environmental Magazine)  
December 2007 "[Marsch för Klimatet i Stockholm](#)" Dagens Nyheter (The Daily News)