

Jennifer S. Schiff

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Jennifer Schiff's research is in comparative water policy around the globe, with a concentration on policies targeting water scarcity.

Biography

Dr. Schiff came to Western in 2010 as a faculty member in the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs. She loves being exposed to new countries and cultures (and foods!), and that started when she had the opportunity to live in Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore many years ago. Dr. Schiff holds a Ph.D. in International Studies from Old Dominion University, and at Western, she teaches a number of classes in international politics, which focus primarily on matters of international development, environmental policy, and diplomacy. Additionally, her scholarship analyzes comparative water policy around the globe, with a specific concentration on policies targeting water scarcity and the human right to water. Dr. Schiff is also very interested and active in the scholarship of teaching and learning. Dr. Schiff's research is two-tiered. First, comparative water policy around the globe is the primary focus of her research, with a specific concentration on policies targeting water scarcity, decentralization, and the human right to water. Second, she studies the organizational culture of political science departments, both in terms of their partnerships with other university entities, and in terms of their relationship to international studies programs. While at Western, Dr. Schiff has taught Global Issues, International Political Economy, International Environmental Politics, Model United Nations, Politics of Asia, Politics of Ethnic Conflict, Simulations in Diplomacy, Introduction to International Studies, and International Studies Capstone.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

International Studies, Politics of Ethnic Conflict, Model United Nations, International Political Economy, Global Issues, International Environmental Politics, Politics of Asia, Simulations in Diplomacy

Affiliations

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association

Education

Old Dominion University

Ph.D. International Studies

Cleveland State University
M.A. History

University of Virginia
B.A. History

Accomplishments

UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching
2020 Western Carolina University

Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award
2017 Western Carolina University

College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Award
2013 Western Carolina University

Excellence in the Teaching of Liberal Studies Award
2012 Western Carolina University

Grand Prize Award ? Graduate Student Paper Competition
2009 International Studies Association/South

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