

Meg Hassey

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ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE | TEACHING & LEARNING | LEADERSHIP

Educator and interdisciplinary scholar of global environmental governance whose research examines how inequality, incentives, narrative power, and institutional design shape policy outcomes, with a focus on plastics governance, sustainable transitions, environmental justice, and multilateral negotiations. Experienced in policy-engaged, empirically grounded research and teaching across international relations and environmental politics, with strengths in mixed methods, data literacy, and quantitative analysis for policy contexts. Skilled in translating complex environmental challenges into practical policy and decision-making frameworks.

Education

2025	University of Massachusetts, Boston Ph.D. in Global Governance and Human Security Dissertation: Narratives and Negotiations: Insights from the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee Process for Plastic Using the Narrative Policy Framework
2020	M.A. in Global Governance and Human Security
2018	University of Massachusetts, Lowell M.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies
2005	University of New Hampshire M.Ed. in Elementary Education
2001	B.S. in Marine, Estuarine, and Freshwater Biology

Areas of Expertise

Substantive Areas: Environmental Governance; Environmental Human Security; Narrative Policy Framework; International Environmental Negotiations; Sustainable Transitions; Environmental Policy Analysis; Circular Economy; Environmental Justice

Methods and Analytical Skills: Mixed Methods Research; Data Analysis and Visualization (Excel, SQL, Tableau, Atlas.ti)

Teaching and Curriculum: Curriculum Development and Instructional Design; Learning Management Systems (Canvas, Sakai, Blackboard, Brightspace)

Professional Skills: Grant Writing and Budget Management; Relationship Management and External Engagement

Academic Appointments

Visiting Teaching Professor of Environmental Studies, Babson College | Wellesley, MA | 2025–Present

- Courses taught: Global Environmental Activism; Waste, Consumption, and Environmental Justice; Gender and the Environment; Self as Global Citizens.
- Designed interdisciplinary curricula linking local environmental challenges to global frameworks and governance structures.
- Integrated experiential learning and critical policy analysis into coursework through cross-divisional collaboration, enhancing interdisciplinary learning.

Adjunct Professor, MCI-Framingham, through The Babson Academy for Entrepreneurship Education | Framingham, MA | 2024 – Present

- Delivered entrepreneurship education to incarcerated women.
- Fostered skills in innovation, leadership, and critical thinking.

Adjunct Professor, Babson College | Wellesley, MA | 2022 – 2025

- Courses taught: Global Environmental Activism; Environmental Justice; Gender and the Environment; Self as Global Citizens; Art of Self

Adjunct Professor, Northeastern University | Boston, MA | 2024–Present

- Graduate-level Environmental Science & Public Policy Seminar.

Adjunct Professor, Bentley University | Waltham, MA | 2024–Present

- Course taught: Globalization.

Adjunct Lecturer, Wellesley College | Wellesley, MA | Spring 2023

- Course taught: Global Environmental Activism
- Guest speaker for the Emerging Voices in Environmental Justice Series.

Instructor, MIT MOSTEC Program | Cambridge, MA & Remote | Summers 2019–2021

- Science Writing and Communication for underrepresented high school students in STEM.

Professional Experience

Research Assistant, Center for Social Policy, UMass Boston | 2024

- Coordinated research for the Somerville Basic Income Project, examining economic security, social outcomes, and policy implementation through mixed-methods data collection and analysis.
- Conducted interviews, coordinated translators, secured incentive gift cards, collected and entered data, transcribed interviews and meetings, and secured IRB approval for each process step.

Center Manager and Coordinator, Center for Governance and Sustainability, UMass Boston | 2018–2023

- Managed operations, communications, and events for international environmental governance projects.
- Contributed to the proposal development and implementation of a \$500,000 Carnegie Corporation of New York grant.
- Supported research and stakeholder engagement related to global sustainability governance, resource management, and environmental policy implementation.

Curriculum Developer, Pearson Education | Remote | 2016–2018

- Created inclusive, standards-aligned curricula for elementary learners.

Director of Education and Career Coordinator, Just-A-Start YouthBuild | Cambridge, MA | 2014–2016

- Secured \$1.1M in funding and led workforce development, educational access, and community engagement initiatives.

Academic Support Specialist, Hawaii Pacific University | Honolulu, HI | 2012–2014

- Increased center usage by 15% in six months
- Vented and hired an international staff of student and professional tutors

Academic Coach, Success4School | Cary, NC | 2010 – present

- Focused on Executive Function coaching with young children to adults
- Provided educational sessions tailored to the needs and learning preferences of the learner.

Additional Teaching Roles in the Public, Justice System, and Nonprofit Sectors | 2004–2012

Invited Guest Lectures & Class-Based Engagements

- Invited Panelist. “Fashion for Impact,” Babson Sustainability & Energy Conference 2026, Babson College, 2026.
- Human Rights and the Environment, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 2023-2026
- Environmental Politics, Endicott College, 2025
- Global Environmental Activism, Babson College, 2022
- Gender and Global Governance, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 2023

Leadership and Consulting

- ACUNS Representative for UNEA-7 – Nairobi, Kenya, 2025
- Center for Governance and Sustainability Fellow, UMass Boston, 2025
- GUTA Association of Environmental Law Representative, INC-4, Ottawa, Canada, 2024
- Center for Governance and Sustainability Representative, UNEA - 6 – Nairobi, Kenya, 2024
- Center for Governance and Sustainability Representative, UNEA – 5.2 – Nairobi, Kenya, 2022
- McCormack Racial Equity Taskforce Member, UMass Boston, 2020–Present
- Women in Leadership in Global Governance, UMass Boston, 2020–2025
- Transdisciplinary Dissertation Proposal Development Fellow, UMass Boston, 2022
- Civil Action Project Fellow, 2021
- External Relations Coordinator, New England Aquarium, 2021
- Wilson Center Marine Plastic Policy Project, 2020
- Dean’s Office of Student Success Ambassador, UMass Boston, 2019–2020
- Ocean Conservation Educator, Blue Ocean Society, 2019
- SEA Change Assistant, AAAS, 2016–2018

Awards

- Career Champion by the Undergraduate Center for Career Development and the Class of 2025, Babson College

Presentations

- Security Paradoxes: Diplomacy, Decolonization, and Energy Sovereignty in a Polycentric World, Panel Discussant, ACUNS Annual Meeting (2026)
- Financing the Green Transition: Gender, Micro-Funding, and Institutional Pathways in Environmental Entrepreneurship, Presenter, ACUNS Annual Meeting (2026)

- Different timelines, same goal: Completing the PhD as a nontraditional student, Roundtable Chair, ISA (2026)
- Negotiations and Narratives: Unpacking the Global Plastic Crisis through the INC Process, ACUNS Annual Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya (2025)
- Plastic Treaty Dialogues: Narrative Policy Framework Forum (2024)
- Marine Plastic: A Global Governance Story, Emerging Voices in Environmental Justice Series, Wellesley College (2023)
- Gender and the Environment: An Ecofeminist Analysis, ISA Northeast (2021)
- Agenda Setting: Global Plastic Governance, ISA (2020)
- Fit Women in Unfit Spaces: Global Governance and Sports, ISA (2020)
- Title IX: A Narrative Policy Framework Analysis, MPSA (2018)

Publications

- Hassey, M., Lui, R., & Auld-Brokish, C. (2021). Who pays the bill for plastic waste? New Security Beat. <https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2021/01/pays-bill-plastic-waste/>
- Hassey, M. (2020). Seeking global action on plastic. New Security Beat. <https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2020/07/seeking-global-action-plastic-2/>

Accepted Manuscripts

- Hassey, M., Osaka, J., Obare, D., Gatonye, M. & Famiglietti, C., (Forthcoming 2027). *Gender and Resource Security: Insights for Future Policy and Research Directions in the Context of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Environmental Justice*. In *Routledge Handbook on Resource Security*. Routledge.
- Hassey, M. (Forthcoming 2027). *Destruction: Nuclear Weapons, Environmental Harm, and the Possibility of a Nonkilling World*. Center for Global Nonkilling.

Manuscripts Under Review

- Hassey, M. *Strategic Storytelling in Global Environmental Governance: Narrative Power and Legitimacy in the Global Plastics Treaty Negotiations*. Manuscript under review.

Current Research Agenda

- Green finance and environmental entrepreneurship
- Circular economy and sustainable consumption
- Environmental governance and policy implementation
- Narrative power in sustainability transitions

Service

Academic Engagement

- **Manuscript and Research Support**, *Global Governance, 4th Edition* (Margaret Karns et al., 2024)
Contributed research assistance and manuscript support for a leading textbook in global governance, including literature review, source verification, and substantive background research on international institutions and governance processes.
- **Editorial and Research Support**, *The Untold Story of the World's Leading Environmental Institution: UNEP at Fifty* (Maria Ivanova, 2021)
Provided research and editorial support for a monograph on the institutional history and global role of the United Nations Environment Programme, including document synthesis, background research, and analysis of global environmental governance processes.
- **Policy Engagement and Scholarly Participation**, Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on Plastic Pollution. Participated in multiple INC sessions as a scholar-observer, engaging with state and non-state actors and contributing to policy-relevant analysis of global environmental negotiations.
- **Conference Service**,
 - International Studies Association (ISA), 2020 – Present
Panel participant and organizer for panels on global environmental governance, narrative strategies, and multilateral institutions.
 - Academic Council on the UN System. 2023 – Present
Member; panel participant presenting on global environmental governance, narrative strategies, and multilateral negotiations.

Public and Policy Engagement

- **Policy Engagement and Stakeholder Participation**, United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)
Engaged with UN delegates, NGOs, and civil society representatives during UNEA sessions, translating negotiation dynamics into teaching and scholarly outputs.
- **Public Scholarship and Knowledge Translation**
Integrated real-time global policy processes into classrooms through simulations, practitioner engagement, and policy brief assignments.

Teaching-Related Service

- **Faculty Advisor and Program Designer**, Experiential and Project-Based Learning Initiatives
Designed and supervised student-led policy projects, NGO proposals, and environmental entrepreneurship challenges linking coursework to real-world governance problems.
- **Undergraduate and Graduate Mentorship**
Mentored students pursuing careers in environmental policy, international organizations, and nonprofit leadership, including guidance on research, fellowships, honors projects, and professional pathways.

- **Community-Engaged Teaching, Prison Education Programs**
Designed and taught interdisciplinary environmental courses within prison education initiatives, supporting access to higher education for incarcerated learners.

Institutional Service

- **Curriculum Development and Innovation, Environmental Studies and Global Studies Programs.** Contributed to course development, syllabus redesign, and interdisciplinary curriculum alignment across environmental policy and globalization courses.
- **Student Advising and Support, Visiting and Adjunct Faculty Roles.** Provided academic advising and individualized student support across multiple institutions.
- **Interdepartmental Collaboration**
Collaborated across divisions to develop interdisciplinary programming, course content, and learning initiatives connecting environmental studies, globalization, and business education.
- **Campus-Wide Engagement and Events**
Panelist and participant in campus-wide events on environmental justice, sustainability, and global environmental governance; contributed to campus community engagement through participation in student performances, athletic events, and institutional activities.