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EDUCATION

University of Gothenburg, Sweden: PhD researcher, Department of Political Science (2025-present)
Defended Prospectus Title: *The Political Feasibility of Compensation: On the Limits and Possibilities for Environmental Policy*

University of Gothenburg, Sweden: Master of Science in Political Science, specialization Environmental Governance and Behavior (2021-2023)
Master's Thesis: *Carry on with Carrion? A wildlife road infrastructure study regarding the effects of ethical justification on policy acceptance* (pass with distinction)

University of Denver, USA: Bachelor of Arts Major Political Science and minors History, Economics, and Spanish (2015-2019) Phi Beta Kappa Summa Cum Laude. Boettcher Scholar.
Honors Thesis: *Movement and Countermovement Dynamics Between the Religious Right and LGB Community Arising from Colorado's Amendment 2*

Stanford University, USA: Hoover Institute Summer Policy Program (2018)
Policy proposal awarded with distinction: *Retraining Programs: An Industry-College Partnership Approach*

Lund University, Sweden (2016-2017) International student

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Associate Researcher, University of Gothenburg Political Science Department, Sweden (07/2023-09/2023, 04/2024-09/2025) Projects under Professors Sverker C. Jagers and Aksel Sundström

Data Intern, Global and Local Development Institute at University of Gothenburg Political Science Department, Sweden (09/2023-01/2024) Projects under Head Statistician Erica Metheney PhD

Amanuenses, University of Gothenburg Handelshögskolan, Sweden (01/2022-08/2022) Project: Yu, Y., Scheidegger, S., Elliott, J. and Löfgren, Å., 2024. climateBUG: A data-driven framework for analyzing bank reporting through a climate lens. *Expert Systems with Applications*, *239*, p.122162.

Research Assistant, University of Denver Political Science Department, USA (08/2017-06/2019) Project: Hollis-Brusky, A. and Wilson, J.C., 2020. *Separate but faithful: the Christian Right's radical struggle to transform law & legal culture*. Oxford University Press.

Policy Research Fellow, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work, USA (06/2018-06/2019) Project: Bender, Kimberly. "Research, Education, and Advocacy Co-Lab for Youth Stability and Thriving (REALYST). Homeless youth risk and resilience survey."

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Peer reviewed publications

Yehle, Lauren, Aksel Sundström, Patrik Michaelsen, and Sverker C. Jagers. "Public Support for Military Conservation: Understanding Public Opinion to the 'War on Poachers' in Three Countries." *World Development* 205 (September 2026): 107440. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2026.107440.

Yehle, Lauren, Patrik Michaelsen, Niklas Harring, and Sverker C. Jagers. "Conservation for Nature and Wildlife's Sake: The Effects of (Non-)Anthropocentric Ethical Justifications on Policy Acceptability." *Journal of Public Policy*, December 23, 2024, 1–23. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0143814X24000266.

Yehle, Lauren L., Joshua C. Wilson, Nancy D. Wadsworth, and Susan Schulten. "Movement and Countermovement Dynamics Between the Religious Right and LGB Community Arising from Colorado's Amendment 2." *DU Undergraduate Research Journal Archive* 1, no. 1 (2020): 1.

Under review

Constantino, S., Cooperman, A., Geiger J., Munoz, M., Sundström, A., **Yehle, L**. "The Political Costs and Benefits of Natural Disasters" (review and resubmit at *American Political Science Review*)

Jagers, S., **Yehle, L**., Lindvall, D., Elwing, E. and Harring, N. 2024 "Exploring how specification of revenue use shifts attitudes towards climate motivated food taxes" (under review),
preprint available https://ssrn.com/abstract=5060270

Elwing, E., Jagers, S., Karlsson, M., Lindvall, D., Matti, S. **Yehle, L**. "Comparing Public Support for Climate and Biodiversity Policies in Sweden", (under review)

Working papers

Metheney, E. A., & **Yehle, L**. (2025). Generative AI as a Safety Net for Survey Question Refinement. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2509.08702.*

Metheney, E. A., & Yehle, L. (2024). Exploring the Potential Role of Generative AI in the TRAPD Procedure for Survey Translation. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2411.14472.*

Other publications, preregistrations, and datasets

Yehle, L., Michaelsen, P., Harring, N. and Jagers, S., 2024. "Replication data for: Conservation for Nature and Wildlife's Sake," https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/E7MZQB, Harvard Dataverse, V1

Metheney, E.A. and **Yehle, L**., 2024. "Replication Data for: Exploring Generative AI's Role in Preparing Surveys for Translation", https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/HFT8TD, Harvard Dataverse, V1

Yehle, L., Michaelsen, P. and Harring, N., 2024. Pre-Registration: Environmental Ethical Justification Effects on Policy Acceptance. https://osf.io/pf5dj

Metheney, E.A. and **Yehle, L.**, 2023. Pre-registration: Utilizing Generative AI as a Tool to Help Preserve Survey Question Intent and Facilitate Translation. https://osf.io/4q26k

Academic Conference Presentations

Swedish Political Science Association, Västerås, Sweden (10/2026) "Meta-analyses of natural disaster exposure and trust in authorities" in Environmental Politics Working Group

European Consortium for Political Research, Krakow, Poland (09/2026) "Environmental Trade-Offs in Public Opinion: Prioritization for Biodiversity Loss Vs. Climate Change Policy Instruments in "Acceptance, Trade-Offs, and Resistance: Energy Policy Beyond Consensus" workshop of the "Energy Policy in Times of Reconfiguration" section

Swedish Political Science Association, Växjö, Sweden (10/2025) "Biodiversity and/or Climate Policy Support: Investigating the public's attitudes towards 31 policy instruments" in Environmental Politics Working Group

Swedish Political Science Association, Umeå, Sweden (10/2024) "Revenue use of climate motivated food taxes: Taking account of perceived fairness and effectiveness in policy design" in Environmental Politics Working Group

Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference, Turku, Finland (6/2024) "Conservation for Wildlife's Sake: The Effects of Ethical Justifications on Policy Acceptance"

Annual Meeting of the Swedish Area Group in Environmental Psychology, Gothenburg, Sweden (11/2023) "Effects of Ethical Justification on Policy Acceptance"

Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, USA (04/2019) Undergraduate standing e-panel: "Movement and Countermovement Dynamics Arising from Colorado's Amendment 2"

Workshops and Other Academic Presentations

Workshop Organizer, Nordic Environmental Social Science (NESS) conference (06/2026), University of Uppsala, workshop titled "Closing the legitimacy gap: Advancing research on environmental policy attitudes"

Attendee, "On the political feasibility of reaching 30x30," (09/2025) organized by Copenhagen Business School (Kristian Nielsen) and University of Gothenburg (Aksel Sundström and Patrik Michaelsen)

Quality of Governance Internal Conference Lysekil, Sweden (08/2025) "Natural Disasters and Incumbent Politicians: A Systematic Review"

GLD annual conference, Nääs, Sweden (5/2024) Poster presentation: "Exploring Generative AI's Role in Preparing Surveys"

Swedish Political Science Association, Gothenburg, Sweden (10/2023) attendee in experimental working group

University of Denver Honors Banquet, *Presentation of research grant,* Denver, USA (06/2019) "Undergraduate Research in Social Science"

DU Graduate Research Symposium, Denver, USA (05/2019) "Needs and Experiences of Youth Facing Housing Insecurity across 7 US Cities: Key findings and Policy Recommendations"

DU Undergraduate Research Symposium, Denver, USA (05/2019) "Movement and Countermovement Dynamics Arising from Colorado's Amendment 2"

SERVICE

Peer Reviewer

Journal of Public Policy, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Society & Natural Resources

Commissions and committees

Phd Council Treasurer (Spring 2026-present)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Academic Awards

Law and Society Association: Honorable Mention for Undergraduate Student Paper Award in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies (2020)

> "The committee would also like to award an honorable mention to Lauren Yehle's (paper). Yehle, a University of Denver Political Science student, provides a novel, timely, and important investigation into the social movements active in Colorado's Amendment 2, which prevented the passage of anti-discrimination legislation that would protect sexuality as a class. This well-researched and sophisticated paper provides substantial insight into LGBTQ+ rights and social movements more generally."

University of Denver Outstanding Political Science Student (2019)
Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Association (2019)
Phi Beta Kappa Junior Inductee (2018)

Grants

Stiftelsen Karl Staaffs Fond (2026) 50,000SEK
Gålöstiftelsen Sixten Gemzéus stiftelse (2026), 50,000SEK
Stiftelsen Siamon (2026), 14,000SEK
Stiftelsen Wilhelm och Martina Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond (2026), 50,000SEK
University of Gothenburg Donationsnämndens stipendier (2026), 15,000SEK
Adlerbertska stipendium (2025), 20,000SEK
Kimmy Foundation Community Research Award (2019), 5,000USD
Special University of Denver Honors Funding (2019), appr. 1,000USD
Interterm Program Fee Scholarship (2018), 3,500USD
Boettcher International Enrichment Grant (2016-2017), 8,600USD
Cherrington Scholarship for International Studies (2016-2017), appr. 2,000USD
Boettcher Education Enrichment Grant (2016), 3,000USD
Boettcher Foundation Scholarship (2015-2019), appr. 280,000 USD

Academic Affiliations

ClimBEco cohort 2026, graduate research school focused on Climate, Biodiversity and Ecosystem services
Global and Local Development Institute (GLD) Associate (2024-present)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Course developer

Global challenges from a political perspective/ Globala utmaningar från ett politiskt perspektiv (15 h.p.), bachelors level, final course in the International Politics track for Bachelors Students in Political Science, University of Gothenburg

Lectures and Seminars

Lecture and seminar "Political Science perspectives on Sea and Society" (Fall 2026) Masters level course *The Sea and Society Relationship; Historical Perspectives, Present Status and Future Challenges* (MAR461 at University of Gothenburg)

Lecture and seminar "Political Theory and Environmental Ethics" (Fall 2026) Bachelors level course *Environmental Politics in Theory and Practice* (SK1138 at University of Gothenburg)

Lecture "Politics of Climate Change," (Spring 2026) Masters level course *Seascape Governance in Times of Global Change* (MAR464 at University of Gothenburg)

Supervision

Nils Turner, Master's thesis "Not Set in Concrete. An Experimental Vignette Study Testing if Conservation Policy Support is Robust to Trade-offs in Housing," Pass with Distinction (Spring 2026)

Other experience

Foreign English Teacher, Fushun Aimeirui American English School, China (09/2019-04/2021)
Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching Adults (CELTA) (08/2019)

RELEVANT SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Languages

English—native and first language
Swedish—advanced spoken, intermediate written: passed national exam for SFI, courses through SFI and Lund and Gothenburg University
Spanish—intermediate spoken, advanced written: six years public school education as a second language, 2 years university courses, lived in Spain total of six months nonconsecutively
Chinese—basic spoken, 1,000 character recognition: limited formal training, lived in China

Software Skills

R statistical software—advanced: data visualization, statistical analysis
STATA—proficient: statistical analysis
Python—basic
Quarto—proficient
LaTeX—proficient

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