

# Nancy Billica, PhD

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Political scientist with long record in university teaching as well as hands-on experience in political processes, policy research and consulting with nonprofit organizations. Expertise in U.S. environmental policy, political institutions and American politics. Driven by deep interest in issues of environmental protection and fostering resilient communities.

- In-depth knowledge of policymaking, both substance and process
  - Excellent organizational skills, including tracking, sorting through, analyzing and summarizing large quantities of information
  - Strong written communications, tailoring the writing for different audiences and purposes – technical, academic, business, conversational, creative
  - Well-practiced oral communications, with long history of presenting to both large and small groups
  - Effective relationship-builder and team player
  - Experience with on-line document management and communications, spreadsheets, PowerPoint
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## EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 1997

MA, Political Science, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 1989

BA, Social Welfare, University of California at Berkeley, 1982

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Lecturer in Political Science:** Have been teaching courses in American politics and public policy since 1998, with a particular interest in issues of environmental policy, food policy and interest group advocacy.

### **Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, Boulder**

(1998 to the present)

Teach regularly-scheduled undergraduate lecture courses on environmental policy and other issues in American politics. Other recent courses: political parties & interest groups; American political system; U.S. Congress; water policy. Mentor and supervise graduate student teaching assistants. Serve as senior honors thesis advisor guiding undergraduate student research in political science and environmental studies.

### **Lecturer, Adjunct Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Denver**

(Fall 2008 through Spring 2014)

Developed and taught numerous lecture and writing-intensive undergraduate seminars, including: environmental law; food politics & food security; civil rights & liberties; American legal system; law & social policy; state & local politics; public opinion & political behavior; comparative social movements; and U.S. counterterrorism policy.

**Researcher and Policy Advisor, Urgent Action Fund for Women’s Human Rights (UAF), Boulder, CO** (2004 through 2012)

Provided policy and organizational writing, research and advisory support. Chair of the organization’s U.S. Advisory Council (2006-2008). Principle researcher and writer of a series of “Philanthropy at Risk” reports focused on U.S. counterterrorism policies affecting nonprofit organizations and global civil society. Represented the organization and presented research findings at meetings in Washington, DC, Denver, New York, Bangkok, London, Maastricht, Madrid, and Mumbai. Served as managing partner coordinating the efforts of three partner organizations in the development of an international information-sharing and advocacy network (2007-2008). Principle writer of other organizational documents; prepared ongoing policy summary documents. UAF relocated from Boulder to San Francisco in 2012.

**Program Administrator, Health Care for All Colorado** (2005-2006)

Provided writing, policy research, administrative and communications support for this nonprofit and largely volunteer-led health advocacy organization.

**Research Consultant, Women’s Environment and Development Organization/WEDO, New York** (2000). Provided research support on representation of women in political decision-making.

**Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of Government, Harvard University** (1991-1993)

Taught courses in American politics and statistical methods; served as honors thesis research advisor.

**Research Assistant, Population, Resources and Environment Program, Center for Population Studies, Harvard University** (1990). Conducted interdisciplinary research with an international team using statistical methods to examine global environmental and population issues.

**Research Assistant, Department of Political Science and Udall Center for Public Policy, University of Arizona** (1988-1989). Participant in interdisciplinary research efforts focused on water policy institutions and on U.S.-Mexico trans-boundary natural resource concerns.

**Graduate Instructor and Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Arizona** (1987-1989). Multiple courses in American government & politics.

**Research Assistant, US Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Washington, DC**

(1984-1987). Conducted legislative and oversight activities related to veterans’ programs. Drafted reports, developed technical analyses, created budget charts, prepared detailed memoranda, participated in staff discussions to negotiate policy positions, and supported committee hearings and mark-up sessions.

**Congressional Intern, Office of U.S. Congressman Fortney H. (Pete) Stark, Oakland, CA** (1982). Conducted constituent casework and tracked legislation.

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## **HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- Provost’s commendation for meaningful positive impact on students, Univ. of Denver (2014)
- Certificate recognizing work with disabled students, Disability Services, Univ. of CO (2008)
- Who’s Who Among American Teachers & Educators (2006-2007)
- Mellon Foundation dissertation fellowship (1994)
- National Science Foundation doctoral dissertation research grant (1993-1995)
- Alice Paul dissertation award, Women’s Caucus for Political Science (1992)
- Schoen & Green Memorial Fellowship, Harvard University (1989-1990)