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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, 2002

J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 1992

M.A., University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, 1989

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, Political Science, 1987

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS and EXPERIENCE**

Northern Illinois University, Department of Political Science, Professor, 2019-present.

University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics, Visiting Professor, March 2023.

Queen Mary, University of London, School of Business and Management, Visiting Professor, Summer 2016.

Northern Illinois University, College of Law, Faculty Associate, 2013-present.

Northern Illinois University, Department of Political Science, Associate Professor, 2010-2019.

London School of Economics and Political Science, Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation, Research Associate, 2010-present.

Northern Illinois University, Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy, Founding Faculty Associate, 2009-present.

University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Governance, Fellow, 2002-2010.

Northern Illinois University, Department of Political Science, Assistant Professor, 2003-2010.

Duke University, Center for Environmental Solutions, Research Fellow, 2002-2003.

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2000.

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science, Graduate Student Instructor, 1998-1999.

Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C., Housing Branch Intern, Summer 1989.

U.S. Congress, House Budget Committee, Washington, D.C., Minority Staff Intern,

Summer 1988.

**PAPERS UNDER REVIEW or REVISION or IN PRODUCTION**

Branden Johnson and Brendon Swedlow, “Measuring Cultural Identity in Cultural Theory Survey Research,” *under review.*

Brendon Swedlow, Joe Ripberger, and Meng Yuan, “Political Culture, Right Wing Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation, and Trump Voters,” *under review.*

Branden Johnson, Mark Brandt, Felicity Turner-Zwinkels, and Brendon Swedlow, “How Alike Are Universal Values, Moral Foundations, Cultural Theory, and Cultural Cognition Theory? A Comparison of Theories, Concepts, and Measures,” *reject and resubmit at Political Psychology.*

Rob Robinson, Brendon Swedlow, Meng Yuan, and Cassandra Epping, “Ideology, Values, Cultural Theory, and the US Supreme Court,” *under revision.*

Metodi Sotirov and Brendon Swedlow, “Studying coalitional politics in environmental and natural resource policy using the Advocacy Coalition Framework and Cultural Theory,” *under revision.*

Meng Yuan and Brendon Swedlow, “Policy Feedback on Trust in Government,” *under revision.*

Brendon Swedlow, Joseph T. Ripberger, and Meng Yuan. “Culture Wars, Cultural Theory, Global Warming, and COVID-19,” *under revision.*

Rob Robinson, Brendon Swedlow, and Meng Yuan, “A Cultural Theory of Ideological, Political Value, and Group Influences on the U.S. Supreme Court,” *under revision.*

Brendon Swedlow and Branden Johnson, “What is the Value-Added by Cultural Theories of Political Values? Comparing Ideology, Partisanship, and Two Cultural Value Explanations,” *under revision.*

Brendon Swedlow, Rob Robinson, and Meng Yuan, “Bringing Courts into Policy Studies and Theory and Policy Theory into Public Law Scholarship on Judicial Policy Making: A Cultural Theory and US Supreme Court Example,” *under revision.*

Brendon Swedlow and Meng Yuan, “Political Culture and the U.S. Presidential Vote in 2016 and 2020,” *in production*.

Meng Yuan, [a bunch of her grad students], and Brendon Swedlow,“Varying Cultural Narratives on COVID-19 Changes Policy Support in China,” *in production.*

Branden Johnson and Brendon Swedlow, “Face Validity of Cultural Theory, Cultural Cognition Theory, and Grid Group Cultural Theory Survey Measures,” *in production.*

**EDITED BOOKS on CULTURAL THEORY**

**(POSTHUMOUSLY PUBLISHED PAPERS of AARON WILDAVSKY)**

*Cultural Analysis: Politics, Public Law, & Administration*, Brendon Swedlow, editor, Transaction Publishers, 2006.

*Budgeting and Governing*, Brendon Swedlow, editor, Transaction Publishers, 2001, 2006.

*Federalism and Political Culture*, David Schleicher and Brendon Swedlow, editors, Transaction Publishers, 1998.

*Culture and Social Theory*, Sun-Ki Chai and Brendon Swedlow, editors, Transaction Publishers, 1998.

**GUEST EDITOR, JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES and SYMPOSIA on CULTURAL THEORY**

Perri 6 and Brendon Swedlow, “An Institutional Theory of Cultural Bias, Public Administration and Public Policy,” *Public Administration*, 94(4), 2016.

Brendon Swedlow, “Advancing Policy Theory with Cultural Theory,” *The Policy Studies Journal*, 42(4), 2014.

Brendon Swedlow, “A Cultural Theory of Politics,” *PS: Political Science & Politics,* 44(4), 2011.

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

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Meng Yuan, Branden Johnson, Marcus Mayorga, and Brendon Swedlow, “Explaining Compliance with Regulation of COVID-19 in China and the United States: Cultural Biases, Political Trust, and Perceptions of Risk and Protective Actions,” *Journal of Public Policy,* <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-public-policy/article/abs/explaining-compliance-with-covid19-regulation-in-china-and-the-united-states-cultural-biases-political-trust-and-perceptions-of-risk-and-protective-actions/87BE2C0CD01F2AD8E74D5088388A00EC>

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Meng Yuan, Jingjing Zeng, Brendon Swedlow, and Rui Qi, “Environmental Concern among Chinese Youth: The Roles of Knowledge and Culture,” *Environmental Education Research,* 2022. DOI: [10.1080/13504622.2022.2033705](https://doi.org/10.1080/13504622.2022.2033705)

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Maroussia Favre, Brendon Swedlow, and Marco Verweij, “A Cultural Theory and Model of Power Relations.” *Journal of Political Power*, 2019: DOI: 10.1080/2158379X.2019.1624060

Rob Robinson and Brendon Swedlow, “Beyond Liberal and Conservative: Advancing the Study of Judicial Behavior with a Cultural Theory of Political Values,” *Journal of Law and Courts*, 6(2), 2018: 263-302.

Brendon Swedlow, “Three Cultural Boundaries of Science, Institutions, and Policy: A Cultural Theory of Coproduction, Boundary-work, and Change,” *Review of Policy Research*, 34(6), 2017: 827-853. Special Issue on Boundary Organizations.

Perri 6 and Brendon Swedlow, “Introduction to the Symposium: An Institutional Theory of Cultural Biases, Public Administration and Public Policy,” *Public Administration*, 94(4), 2016: 867-880.

Matt Grossmann and Brendon Swedlow, “Judicial Contributions to US National Policy Change Since 1945,” *Journal of Law and Courts*, 3(1), 2015: 1-35.

Brendon Swedlow, “Advancing Policy Theory with Cultural Theory: An Introduction to the Special Issue,” *The Policy Studies Journal*, 42(4), 2014: 465-483.

Hee-jin Han, Brendon Swedlow, and Danny Unger, “Policy Advocacy Coalitions as Causes of Policy Change in China? Assessing Evidence from Contemporary Environmental Politics,” *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, 16(4), 2013: 313-334.

Brendon Swedlow, “Cultural Co-production of Four States of Knowledge,” *Science, Technology, & Human Values*, 37 (3), 2012: 151-179.

Brendon Swedlow, “Editor’s Introduction: Cultural Theory’s Contributions to Political Science,” *PS: Political Science & Politics,* 44, 4, 2011: 703-710.

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Brendon Swedlow, “Beyond Liberal and Conservative: Two-Dimensional Conceptions of Ideology and the Structure of Political Attitudes and Values,” *Journal of Political Ideologies*, 13, 2 (June), 2008: 155-178.

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James K. Hammitt, Jonathan B. Wiener, Brendon Swedlow, Denise Kall, and Zheng Zhou, “Precautionary Regulation in Europe and the United States: A Quantitative Comparison,” *Risk Analysis*, 25, 5, 2005: 1215-1228.

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Brendon Swedlow, Denise Kall, Zheng Zhou, James K. Hammitt, and Jonathan B. Wiener, “A Quantitative Comparison of Relative Precaution in the United States and Europe, 1970-2004,” in *The Reality of Precaution: Comparing Risk Regulation in the United States and Europe*, Jonathan B. Wiener, Michael D. Rogers, James K. Hammitt, and Peter H. Sand, eds., Resources for the Future Press, 2011: 377-408.

Brendon Swedlow, “Editor’s Introduction” to Aaron Wildavsky, *Cultural Analysis: Politics, Public Law, & Administration*, Brendon Swedlow, ed., Transaction Publishers, 2006: xi-xli.

Brendon Swedlow, "Postscript: Aaron Wildavsky, Cultural Theory, and Budgeting," in Aaron Wildavsky, *Budgeting and Governing*, Brendon Swedlow, ed., Transaction Publishers, 2001, 2006: 335-357.

Brendon Swedlow and Aaron Wildavsky, "Dioxin, Agent Orange, and Times Beach," in Aaron Wildavsky, *But Is It True? A Citizen's Guide to Environmental Health and Safety Issues*, Harvard University Press, 1995: 81-125.

Brendon Swedlow and Aaron Wildavsky, "Reporting Environmental Science," in Aaron Wildavsky, *But Is It True? A Citizen's Guide to Environmental Health and Safety Issues*, Harvard University Press, 1995: 375-394.

Brendon Swedlow, "Cultural Influences on Policies Concerning Mental Illness," in *Politics, Policy & Culture*, Dennis J, Coyle and Richard J. Ellis, eds., Westview Press, 1994: 71-89.

Brendon Swedlow and Aaron Wildavsky, "Is Egalitarianism Really on the Rise?," in Aaron Wildavsky, *The Rise of Radical Egalitarianism*, American University Press, 1991: 63-98.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE PAPERS**

Meng Yuan and Brendon Swedlow, “COVID-19 Lock-Down Policy Experiences, Cultures, and Political Support in China,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 2024.

Rob Robinson, Brendon Swedlow, Meng Yuan, and Ernest Plange Kwofie, “Ideology, Values, Social Groups, Cultural Theory, and the Roberts Court,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 2024.

Brendon Swedlow, Martin Lodge, Stavros Zouridis, Serap Erdal, Ted Hogan, Branden Johnson, Michael Jones, Susan Kaplan, Ernest Plange Kwofie, Tom Skuzinski, Brent Steel, and Meng Yuan, “Constructing a Collaborative Research Platform to Test How Well Cultural and Other Theories Explain Regulation of Environmental, Health, and Safety Risks in the US, Europe, and China,” *European Consortium for Political Research* Annual Meeting, Dublin, August 2024.

Brendon Swedlow, Rob Robinson, and Meng Yuan, “Bringing Courts into Policy Studies and Policy Theory: Grid-Group Cultural Theory and the US Supreme Court,” *Conference on Policy Process Research*, Syracuse, NY, May 2024.

Danilo Kalezic and Brendon Swedlow, “Grid-Group Cultural Theory and Regime Outcomes in the Western Balkans,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2024.

Meng Yuan and Brendon Swedlow, “Does Varying Cultural Narratives on COVID-19 Change Policy Support in China?,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2024.

Meng Yuan and Brendon Swedlow, “Personal Experience, Cultural Worldviews and Political Support,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2024.

Brendon Swedlow and Meng Yuan, “Political Culture and the U.S. Presidential Vote in 2016 and 2020,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August/September 2023.

Meng Yuan, Brendon Swedlow, et al., “Varying Cultural Narratives on COVID-19 Changes Policy Support in China,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August/September 2023.

Rob Robinson, Brendon Swedlow, Meng Yuan, and Cassandra Epping, “A Cultural Theory of Ideological, Political Value, and Group Influences on the U.S. Supreme Court,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2023.

Brendon Swedlow and Meng Yuan, “Political Values, Partisanship, Cultural Theory, and the U.S. Presidential Vote in 2016 and 2020,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2023.

Brendon Swedlow, Rob Robinson, and Meng Yuan, “Bringing Courts into Policy Studies and Theory and Policy Theory into Public Law Scholarship on Judicial Policy Making: A Cultural Theory and US Supreme Court Example,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2023.

Metodi Sotirov and Brendon Swedlow, “Studying coalitional politics in environmental and natural resource policy using the Advocacy Coalition Framework and Cultural Theory,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2023.

Brendon Swedlow and Meng Yuan, “Ideology, Cultural Belief Systems, Global Warming, and COVID-19,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Montreal, September 2022.

Rob Robinson, Brendon Swedlow, Meng Yuan, and Cassandra Epping, “Ideological, Political Value, and Group Influences on the U.S. Supreme Court: A Cultural Theory,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Montreal, September 2022.

Brendon Swedlow, Joe Ripberger, and Meng Yuan, “Political Culture, Right Wing Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation, and Trump Voters,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

Rob Robinson, Brendon Swedlow, and Meng Yuan, “Ideology, Values, Cultural Theory, and the United States Supreme Court,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

Metodi Sotirov and Brendon Swedlow, “Sources and Dynamics of Core Beliefs, Advocacy Coalitions, Exploitive Coalitions, and Policy Learning: A Theoretical Synthesis of Cultural Theory and the Advocacy Coalition Framework,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

Branden Johnson, Mark Brandt, Felicity Turner-Zwinkels, and Brendon Swedlow, “How Alike Are Universal Values, Moral Foundations, Cultural Theory, and Cultural Cognition Theory? A Theoretical, Conceptual, and Item-Level Comparison,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

Meng Yuan, Branden Johnson, Marcus Mayorga, and Brendon Swedlow, “Explaining Public Reactions to COVID-19 Infection in China and the United States: Cultural Biases, Risk Perceptions, Political Trust, and Protective Actions,” *Society for Risk Analysis* Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 5-9, 2021, virtual panel.

Joe Ripberger and Brendon Swedlow, “Fatalists for Trump? A Cultural Theory of Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation, and Presidential Vote,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 29-October 3, 2021, Virtual Panel on Donald Trump and Voters.

Metodi Sotirov and Brendon Swedlow, “Using Cultural Theory to Specify Sources and Dynamics of Core Beliefs, Advocacy Coalitions, Exploitive Coalitions, and Policy Learning in the Advocacy Coalition Framework: A Theoretical Synthesis Focused in Environmental and Natural Resource Policy Making,” *International Public Policy Association* Annual Meeting, Barcelona, July 5-9, 2021, virtual panel.

Rob Robinson and Brendon Swedlow, “A Cultural Theory of Judicial Support for Political Values and Social Groups,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, scheduled to be held in San Francisco, but rescheduled to be a virtual meeting due to COVID-19, September, 2020.

Metodi Sotirov and Brendon Swedlow, “Using Cultural Theory to Specify Sources and Dynamics of Core Beliefs, Advocacy Coalitions, Exploitive Coalitions, and Policy Learning in the Advocacy Coalition Framework: A Theoretical Synthesis with Examples from European Regulation of the Global Timber Trade,” *International Conference on Public Policy*, Montreal, Canada, June 2019.

Rob Robinson and Brendon Swedlow, “Ideology, Political Culture, and Federal Courts in US National Policy Change,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2019.

Maroussia Favre, Brendon Swedlow, and Marco Verweij, “Using Cultural Theory and Political Network Concepts to Integrate Three Fables of Power into a Formal Model,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2018.

Maroussia Favre, Brendon Swedlow, and Marco Verweij, “Structures of Values and Beliefs in Political Networks: A Formal Model and Cultural Theory of Power,” *European Consortium for Political Research* Annual Meeting, Oslo, Norway, September 2017.

Maroussia Favre, Brendon Swedlow, and Marco Verweij, “Four Power Structures in Political Networks,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

Branden Johnson and Brendon Swedlow, “Taming the Zika Virus: Comparing Cultural Theory and Cultural Cognition Theory as Explanations for Health Risk Perceptions and Policy Preferences,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

Metodi Sotirov and Brendon Swedlow, “Using Cultural Theory to Specify the Core Values, Risk Perceptions, and Regulatory Preferences of European Policy Advocacy Coalitions Regarding Governance of the Trade in Illegal Timber,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

Li-Yin Liu and Brendon Swedlow. “What Explains Public Perception: A Study of Individuals’ Cultural Biases and Their Perception of Environmental Activism,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

Li-Yin Liu and Brendon Swedlow, “Cultural Influences on Taiwanese Environmentalists’ Strategies,” *American Association for Chinese Studies* Annual Meeting, Malibu, California, October 2016.

Li-Yin Liu and Brendon Swedlow, “Cultural Influences on Taiwanese Perceptions of Environmental Activism,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.

Brendon Swedlow, Joseph T. Ripberger, Li-Yin Liu, Carol L. Silva, and Hank Jenkins-Smith “Culture War? A Theory and Evidence of Cultural Conflict, Coalition, and Change in the US,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.

Brendon Swedlow, Martin Lodge, and Stavros Zouridis, “A New, Better Approach to Studying US and European Regulatory Regimes,” research roundtable panel at the *Regulatory Governance Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research*, Tilburg, The Netherlands, July 2016.

Brendon Swedlow, Joseph T. Ripberger, Li-Yin Liu, Carol L. Silva, and Hank Jenkins-Smith, "Assessing the Validity of Different Approaches to Operationalizing Cultural Theory in Survey Research,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

Rob Robinson and Brendon Swedlow, “Toward a Cultural Theory of Judicial Behavior: Identifying and Overcoming Limitations in the Attitudinal Model,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, September 2015.

Joseph T. Ripberger, Brendon Swedlow, Carol L. Silva, and Hank Jenkins-Smith, “Operationalizing Cultural Theory in Survey Research: Assessing the Validity of Different Approaches to Conceptualization and Measurement,” *European Consortium for Political Research* Annual Meeting, Montreal, August 2015.

Matt Grossmann and Brendon Swedlow, “When Federal Courts Make Policy: Issue Agendas and Cross-Branch Influence,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

Rob Robinson and Brendon Swedlow, “A Cultural Theory of Judicial Behavior,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

Rob Robinson and Brendon Swedlow, ‘Rethinking “Attitudes” in the Attitudinal Model: Using Cultural Theory to Explain Judicial Decisions,’ *Southern Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 2015.

Matt Grossmann and Brendon Swedlow, “The Issue Agenda, the Supreme Court, Congress, and Judicial Policymaking, 1945-2004,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 2014.

Brendon Swedlow, “Advancing Approaches to Policy Theory by Further Specifying Them with Cultural Theory,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2014.

Heejin Han, Brendon Swedlow, and Danny Unger, “Cultural Belief Systems in Chinese Environmental Policy Advocacy Coalitions and Cultural Surprises as Causes of Policy Change,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2014.

Brendon Swedlow, “Using Cultural Theory to Specify Underspecified Aspects of Policy Theory,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, August/September, 2013.

Brendon Swedlow, “Cultural Surprises as Sources of Punctuated Equilibria in Policy and Institutions,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2013.

Matt Grossmann and Brendon Swedlow, “Judicial Contributions to US National Policy Making and Political Regimes, 1945-2004,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2013.

Brendon Swedlow and Mark Zachary Taylor, “Three Cultural Boundaries of Science, Institutions, and Public Policy: A Theory of Coproduction,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, New Orleans, September 2012.

Brendon Swedlow, “Cultural Surprises as Sources of Punctuated Equilibria in Policy and Institutions,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, New Orleans, September 2012.

Brendon Swedlow, “Cultural Surprises as Sources of Punctuated Equilibria: Explaining Dramatic Change in Forest and Wildlife Science and Policy,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2012.

Brendon Swedlow, “Studying Transatlantic Risk Regulation Regimes: Progress Report on a New Approach,” *Law and Society Association* Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 2011.

Brendon Swedlow, “Courts as Causes of Punctuated Equilibria in Policy Change,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2011.

Brendon Swedlow, “Four States of Knowledge: A Cultural Theory of the Co-production of Science, Social Order, and Scientific, Cultural, and Policy Change,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2010.

Melissa Lenczewski, Mark Cordes, Carl N. von Ende, David Goldblum, Omar Ghrayeb, Jason Hanna, Richard King, Cliff Mirman, Eric Mogren, Reed Scherer, Brendon Swedlow, and Kendall Thu, “A new Environmental Studies Program that links together the natural sciences, humanities, social sciences, and technology,” *Association of Environmental Studies and Science* Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, June 2010.

Brendon Swedlow, “Studying Risk Regulation Regimes in Illinois and Creating a Template for US-European Comparisons,” *Law and Society Association* Annual Meeting, May 2010.

Brendon Swedlow, Denise Kall, Zheng Zhou, James K. Hammitt, and Jonathan B. Wiener, “Convergence, Divergence, or Flip-Flop? Nine Trends in US and European Precautionary Regulation (and Several Ways to Study Their Causes and Consequences),” *Law and Society Association* Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, July 2006.

Brendon Swedlow, Denise Kall, Zheng Zhou, James K. Hammitt, and Jonathan B. Wiener, “Convergence and Divergence in US and European Precautionary Regulation,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2006.

Brendon Swedlow, “Reason for Hope? The Spotted Owl Injunctions and Policy and Social Change,” *Law and Society Association* Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, June 2005.

Brendon Swedlow and Mikel Wyckoff, “The Libertarian and Communitarian Political Attitudes and Values of Independent Voters and Ideological Moderates,” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2005.

Brendon Swedlow, “Reason for Hope? The Spotted Owl Injunctions and Political and Social Change,” *Law and Society Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, May, 2004.

Brendon Swedlow and Mikel Wyckoff, “Political Values, Ideology, Attitudes, and Sophistication: Toward Convergence on Two Dimensions” *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Chicago, April, 2004.

Brendon Swedlow, “Reason for Hope? The Spotted Owl Injunctions and Political and Social Change,” *Western Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, March, 2004.

Brendon Swedlow, “Scientists, Judges, and Spotted Owls: Policymakers in the Pacific Northwest,” *Law and Society Association* Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June, 2003.

Brendon Swedlow, “Scientists, Judges, and Spotted Owls: Policymakers In The Pacific Northwest,” *Western Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, March, 2003.

Brendon Swedlow, “Scientists, Judges, and Spotted Owls: Policymakers in the Pacific Northwest,” *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, August, 2002.

**WORKSHOPS and INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Metodi Sotirov and Brendon Swedlow, “Using Cultural Theory to Specify Beliefs-Based Possibilities and Sources for Stability and Change of Coalitions and Policy in the Advocacy Coalition Framework: A Theoretical Synthesis and Evidence from Environmental Resource Policy Studies,” ACF Monthly Seminar, January 2024.

Brendon Swedlow, “Political Culture, Right Wing Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation, and Trump Voters,” University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics, March 2023.

Brendon Swedlow, “A Cultural Theory of the Culture Wars,” University of Massachusetts, Lowell, April 2018.

Metodi Sotirov and Brendon Swedlow, “Policy Advocacy Coalitions in European Regulation of the Global Timber Trade: Using Cultural Theory to Specify Sources and Dynamics of Core Beliefs, Advocacy Coalitions, Exploitive Coalitions, and Policy Learning,” ACF Workshop on Theoretical Cross-Fertilization, Ateliers des Fucam, Mons, Belgium, February 2018.

Brendon Swedlow, Martin Lodge, and Stavros Zouridis, “Constructing a Collaborative Research Platform and Operationalizing Cultural Theory to Create the Basis for Testing How Well It Explains Regulatory Governance of Risk in the US and Europe,” Workshop on the Cultural Theory of Risk and Regulatory Governance, Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands, July 2016.

Brendon Swedlow, “A Theory of Institutions, Cultural Biases, Public Administration and Public Policy,” Queen Mary University, London, May 2016.

Brendon Swedlow, invited Presentation & Discussion of Two Research Projects at “Reinvigorating Social Research – Approaches that Involve Undergraduates” Workshop Sponsored by the Consortium of Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs and Funded by the National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, July 2014.

Brendon Swedlow, “A New Approach to the Comparative Study of US and European Regulatory Regimes,” Catholic University Leuven, Belgium, June 2014.

Brendon Swedlow, “A New Approach to the Comparative Study of US and European Regulatory Regimes,” London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, June 2014.

Brendon Swedlow, “Three Cultural Boundaries of Science and Policy: A Cultural Theory of Coproduction and Change,” Mary Douglas Seminar, University College London, UK, June 2014.

Brendon Swedlow, “A New Approach to the Comparative Study of US and European Regulatory Regimes,” Oxford University, UK, June 2014.

Brendon Swedlow, “A New Approach to the Comparative Study of US and European Regulatory Regimes,” University of York, UK, June 2014.

Brendon Swedlow, “A New Approach for the Comparative Study of Regulatory Regimes,” Workshop on Comparative Regulation, University of California, Berkeley, December 2012.

Brendon Swedlow, “Risk Regulation Regimes in Illinois: Creating a Template for US – European Comparisons,” *Midwest Law and Society Retreat, University of Wisconsin,* Madison, September 2006.

Brendon Swedlow, “The Political Struggle for Scientific Authority: Boundary-Work and Pollution Claims among Owl and Forest Scientists and their Allies and Opponents,” *Michigan State University*, East Lansing, March 2005.

Brendon Swedlow, “Political Cultural Conditions for Society to Influence Science (and for Scientists to become Influential in Society), with examples from Spotted Owl Research and Management in the Pacific Northwest,” *Michigan State University*, East Lansing, March 2005.

James K. Hammitt, Jonathan B. Wiener, Brendon Swedlow, Denise Kall, and Zheng Zhou, “Precautionary Regulation in Europe and the United States: A Quantitative Comparison,” *Risk Management in a Complex World: The Fourth Transatlantic Dialogue on Precaution, Duke University*, Durham, North Carolina, September, 2004.

Brendon Swedlow, “Culture, Values, and Communication: Strategy and Research,” Value-Based Communications Workshop, *Competitive Enterprise Institute,* Washington, D.C., April, 2003.

Brendon Swedlow, “Scientists, Judges, and Spotted Owls: Policymakers in The Pacific Northwest,” *Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences, Duke University,* Durham, North Carolina, January, 2003.

Brendon Swedlow, “Scientists, Judges, and Spotted Owls: STS Lessons from the Pacific Northwest,” *Next Generation of Leaders in Science and Technology Policy Conference,* Washington, D.C., November, 2002.

Brendon Swedlow, “The Cultural Construction of Nature and the Natural Destruction of Culture,” *Workshop on The Skeptical Environmentalist: Measuring the Real State of the World, Center for Governance, University of California, Los Angeles,* October, 2001.

Brendon Swedlow, “The Political Struggle for Scientific Authority: What the Spotted Owl Can Teach Us About Paradigm Shifts,” *Conference on Biopolitics II, Center for Governance, University of California, Los Angeles,* March, 2001.

**ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, RESPONSES, REVIEWS, REPORTS, and NOTES**

Brendon Swedlow, “Safety Regulations,” in Brent S. Steel (ed.), *Science and Politics: An A to Z Guide to Issues and Controversies*, CQ Press/Sage Books, 2014: 467-472.

Brendon Swedlow, “Political Culture,” in Gregory Claeys (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought*, CQ Press, 2013: 624-626.

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Review of “Christine MacLeod’s Heroes of Invention: Technology, Liberalism and British Identity, 1750-1914.” In *Review of Policy Research*, 28, 4 (2011): 383-385.

Brendon Swedlow, “The Concept of Culture in STS: Problems Seen, Solutions Cited,” STEP AHEAD, 4, 1: 3-4, 2006.

Brendon Swedlow, “Science in the Regulatory Process: Studying a Representative Sample of U.S. and European Cases,” STEP AHEAD, 4, 1: 9-10, 2006.

Review of “Allan Mazur’s True Warnings and False Alarms: Evaluating Fears about the Health Risks of Technology, 1948-1971,” Washington, D.C.: Resources for the Future, 2004. In *Environmental Science and Policy*, 8, 4 (2005): 432-435.

Editorial Assistant, *Field Guide for Effective Communication*, Fred L. Smith, Jr. and Alex Castellanos, editors, A Publication of the Competitive Enterprise and National Media Institutes, Washington, D.C., 2004.

Designer and Analyst (with Paul Culhane) of Pre-and Post-Forum Surveys for the Fisheries for the Future Forum, Designed by the World Wildlife Fund & Hosted by Passionfish & the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, Fall 2003.

**RESEARCH AWARDS, GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS**

Northern Illinois University, Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy, Transdisciplinary Research Seed Grant, 2022-2023.

Northern Illinois University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sabbatical Research Leave Award, 2017.

Tilburg University, School of Public Governance, Funding to Support Travel, Lodging, and Meals for Participants in Workshop on the Cultural Theory of Risk and Regulatory Governance, 2016.

Queen Mary, University of London, School of Business and Management, Research Environment Fund Grant, 2015.

Northern Illinois University, Research and Artistry Grant, 2013.

Northern Illinois University, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship, 2013

Northern Illinois University, Great Journeys Graduate Assistantship, 2012-2013

Northern Illinois University, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship, Fall & Spr 2012

Northern Illinois University, Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy, Research Grant, 2011.

Northern Illinois University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sabbatical Research Leave Award, 2010.

Northern Illinois University, Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy, Research Grant, 2010.

Northern Illinois University, Research and Artistry Grant, 2006.

Earhart Foundation Research Grant, 2003.

Randolph Foundation and Competitive Enterprise Institute Grant, 2003.

Passionfish via Packard and Tides Foundations Grant, 2003.

University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Governance, Fellow, 2002-2010.

Duke University, Center for Environmental Solutions, Research Fellow, 2002-2003.

Randolph Foundation Presidential Grant, 1999-2001.

Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship, 1999.

Earhart Foundation Fellowship, 1995-1998.

Bradley Foundation Fellowship, 1989-1994.

**TEACHING and ADVISING AWARDS**

Northern Illinois University, Engaged Learning Exemplar, 2018 (one of 32 faculty honored).

Northern Illinois University, Campus-wide Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2011 (one of three recipients).

Northern Illinois University, Department of Political Science Student Advisory Committee (POLS-SAC) Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2010 (sole recipient).

Northern Illinois University, Outstanding Faculty Adviser, 2007 (sole recipient).

**COURSES TAUGHT**

**Graduate Seminars**

US Regulatory Politics in Comparative Perspective

Judicial Policymaking and US Legal Institutions in Comparative Perspective

Scope and History of Political Science

**Undergraduate Courses**

Introduction to Law and Courts

Politics of Environmental, Health, and Safety Regulation

Constitutional Law and Civil Liberties

Liberty, Privacy, and Equality in Constitutional Law

Administrative Law

Public Opinion and Voting Behavior

Internship in Political Science

**GRADUATE STUDENTS**

**Dissertation Director**

Meng Yuan, “Pursuing Procedural Justice in Climate Action Planning: Assessing the Linkage Between Political Culture and City Governments’ Efforts in Procedural Justice,” 2020.

Li-Yin Liu, “Cultural Influences on Taiwanese Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations’ Strategies and on Public Perceptions of Their Strategies,” 2017.

Maureen Lowry-Fritz, “Is Legal Action the Right ‘Idea’: An Examination of Client-Based Legal Action and Its Effects on Organizational Responses to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA),” 2016.

Antwan Hampton, “Rapid Regime Responses: An Urban Regimes Analysis of Chicago’s and Miami’s Policy Responses to an Emerging Housing Crisis,” 2013.

John Duerk, “A Cultural Analysis of the Animal Rights Movement,” 2012.

**Dissertation Committees**

LeAnn Beaty, James Bagaka, Shawn Drake (Carleton and Simon Fraser), Louis Villaire, Myong-Hwa Lee, Hee-jin Han, Peter Koelling, Fangxue Zheng

**PhD Advisory Committees**

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**SELECTED INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

**University**

Faculty Senate, Departmental Representative, 2023-2026

School of Public and Global Affairs Directorate, Member, 2014-

Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy, Founding Faculty Associate, 2010-

College of Law, Faculty Associate, 2013-

Pre-law Honors Society, Founding Faculty Advisor, 2006-

School of Public and Global Affairs, Committee to Develop an Interdisciplinary Degree in Public Affairs, Member, 2012-2021

Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy, Executive Committee, Member, 2013-2018

Dissertation Completion Fellowship Committee, Member, 2010

Search Committee Chair

Environmental Policy Search, 2012-2013

Search Committees, Member

Environmental Economics Search, 2010-2011

Director Search, ESE Institute, 2011

Environmental Policy Search, 2017

Environmental Law Clinic Planning Group, Member, 2007-2008

Institute for the Study of the Environment, Sustainability, and Energy Planning Group, Member, 2007-2009

NIU law school mock trials jury service, Facilitator, 2003-2020

Law School Professional Fair, Organizer, 2006-2016

NIU Writing Project, Participant, 2007-2021

**Department**

Committee to Evaluate Chair, Chair, 2015-2021

Executive Committee, Member, 2004-2005, 2011-2012

Promotion and Tenure Committee, Chair, 2014; Member, 2011-Present

Personnel Committee, Member, 2015, 2018, 2019-2022

Search Committees, Member

Bio-Politics Search, 2005

Public Law Search, 2010

Public Administration Search, 2011

Chair Search, 2019, 2020

Graduate Committee, Member, 2003-2004, 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2012, 2021-Present

Ad Hoc Committee to Improve the Graduate Program, 2023

Undergraduate Committee, Member, 2005, 2010-2011

Internship Coordinator, 2011-2013

Field Convener

American Government 2004-2005, 2011-2012

Bio-Politics 2006-2007, 2008-2009

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Conferences**

***Proposer and Organizer***

Cultural Theory Working Group, *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2010, 2012-2020, 2022, 2023, 2024

Workshop on the Cultural Theory of Risk and Regulatory Governance, Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands, July 2016.

***Discussant and Chair***

Panel on Cultural Theory and Risk, *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2010.

Panel on Taking a Closer Look at Regulatory Targets, *Law and Society Association* Annual Meeting, 2010.

Panel on Adversarial Legalism, Privatized Hearings, and Regulatory Law: Competing Claims to Justice, *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2011.

Panel on Regulation and Governance in Environmental/Ecological Contexts, *Law and Society Association* Annual Meeting, 2011.

Panel on Privacy, Identification, Globalization, and Technology, *Law and Society Association* Annual Meeting, 2011.

Panel on Law in Cross-National Perspective, *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2014.

***Discussant***

Panel on Environmental Regulation, *Law and Society Association* Annual Meeting, 2003

Panel on Environmental Policy, *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2004

Theme Panel: Courts and Hard Times, *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2010.

Panel on Decision-making in Trial Courts, *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2011.

Public Policy Poster Session: Public Sector Employees and NGOs, *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2013.

Panel on Comparative Supreme Courts, *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2014.

For Martin Lodge and Salvador Parado, “Researching cultural theory and regulatory policy,” *Mary Douglas Seminar*, University College London, 2014.

Panel on Welfare and Social Insurance Policy, *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2014.

For Maroussia Favre, “Four Power Structures,” *Mary Douglas Seminar*, University College London, 2016.

***Chair***

Panel on Political Culture and International Politics, *Western Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2003.

Panel on Opinion Formation, Elections, and Policy Change, *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2013.

Panel on Climate Change and Energy Policy, *Midwest Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, 2014.

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*National Science Foundation (7x), American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science (5), Journal of Politics (5), British Journal of Political Science (2), Political Research Quarterly (2), Law & Society Review (3), Law and Policy, American Politics Research (6), Scandinavian Political Studies, Political Behavior (3), Political Psychology (4), Journal of Political Power, Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology, Frontiers in Psychology (2), Party Politics (3), Science, Technology, and Human Values (2), Prometheus, The Policy Studies Journal (8), Journal of Public Policy (2), Policy & Politics, Review of Policy Research (7), Science and Public Policy, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis (2), Regulation & Governance, Risk Analysis (9), Journal of Risk Research (2), European Journal of Risk Regulation, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Public Administration (4), Public Management Review, Administration & Society (4), Public Administration Review, Australian Journal of Public Administration, Social Science Quarterly (3), Environmental Policy and Governance (2), Forest Policy and Economics, Global Environmental Change (2), Environmental Politics, Weather, Climate, and Society, Politics & The Life Sciences, Marine Policy, Energy Research and Social Science, Quality & Quantity (2), Journal of Agrarian Change, Journal of Health Policy, Politics, & Law, International Journal of Public & Private Health Care Management and Economics, Journal of Public Works, Management, and Policy, Innovation: The European Journal of Social Sciences, University of California International and Area Studies Digital Publishing Program, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Catholic University, Leuven, FWO – Belgium (2), Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, John Wiley & Sons, De Gruyter Press, Palgrave, Bloomsbury*