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Profile—research and teaching on:

- Complex global (especially environmental) problems and governance systems
- Role of social innovation and social media in helping to overcome such problems
- Complexity and resilience theory as lenses for understanding social innovation and social change
- The role of power and agency in social innovation and social change.

Professional experience—research

- 2013—present Post-Doctoral Researcher with research projects on the history of innovation and on social media and social innovation, and developing a course on social media and social innovation, Waterloo Institute for Social Innovation and Resilience, University of Waterloo.
- 2013—present Senior Researcher, Social Innovation Design Lab, designing and leading a research project on Ontario food systems.
- 2008—2013 J.W. McConnell Research Fellow on Social Innovation.
- 2008—2013 PhD Candidate in Global Governance, member of Balsillie School Research Committee and research group on Open Architecture Democracy.
- 2008—2009 Researcher, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), with a focus on the Working Group on Environmental Governance.
- 2007—2008 Research Assistant, Social Innovation Generation, University of Waterloo/Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University.

Professional experience—teaching

- 2012—2014 University of Waterloo, WISIR, Social Innovation and Resilience
- Social Innovation and Institutional Change
 - Social Innovation and Social Media
 - Qualitative Methods
 - Social Innovation, Resilience, and System Entrepreneurship
- Fall 2012 Human Resources and Skills Development, Canada
- Qualitative Methods.

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Publications

"A Theory of Transformative Agency in Linked Social-Ecological Systems," in *Ecology and Society*, with F Westley, L Schultz, C Folke, B Crona, and Ö Bodin in *Ecology and Society* 18(3), 2013.

"Gamechangers: The big green challenge and the role of challenge grants in social innovation," in *Journal of Social Enterprise* 3(2) with F Westley, 2012.

"From Coastal Timber Supply Area to Great Bear Rainforest: Exploring power in a social-ecological governance innovation," in *Ecology and Society* 17(4) with ML Moore, 2012.

"Agency and Innovation in a Phase of Turbulent Change: Conservation in the Great Bear Rainforest," in *Using a Positive Lens to Explore Social Change and Organization* by Golden-Biddle and Dutton (eds), with D Riddell and F Westley, 2012.

"The Loop, the Lens, and the Lesson: Using resilience theory to examine public policy and social innovation," in *Social Innovation* by A Nicholis and A Murdock (eds), with ML Moore, F Westley and C Holroyd, 2011.

"Case Study: The Great Bear Rainforest," *Social Innovation Generation Case Study*, with F Westley and D Riddell, 2010.

"A Primer on SIG Case Writing," *Social Innovation Generation*, with F Westley, 2010

"Design Thinking and Ecology: Applying complexity theory to practice," book chapter in *Projective Ecologies*, Harvard University Press, co-authored with Frances Westley (forthcoming).

Qualifications

- 2013 Doctor of Philosophy in Global Governance, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Wilfrid Laurier University/University of Waterloo, Canada.
- 2007 Master of Science in Natural Resource Management, Governance, and Globalization, Stockholm University, Sweden.

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- 2007 Master of Arts in Anglo Saxon, Norse, and Celtic Studies, Peterhouse College, Cambridge University, UK
- 2003 Bachelor of Arts in Anglo Saxon, Norse, and Celtic Studies, Peterhouse College, Cambridge University, UK

Languages

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