

## Nicole Detraz - Professional Development Assignment Report

I received a Professional Development Assignment in Fall 2016 to work on a book project titled “Agents, Victims, Saviors: Gender and Climate Change Debates.” I spent the bulk of the semester conducting interviews with female activists and scholars who work on climate change. I was able to conduct 54 interviews (26 in person, 14 Skype/Google hangouts, and 14 phone). I traveled to Seattle, London, and Edinburgh specifically to conduct interviews and gain access to networks of women who work on climate change. I presented some preliminary findings of the project at the annual International Studies Association Midwest section conference in St. Louis in November.

In addition, I worked on a co-authored article that successfully went through the revise and resubmit phase and is now forthcoming in *Human Rights Review*. This article, “In the Aftermath of Earth, Wind and Fire: Natural Disasters and Respect for Women’s Rights” (co-authored with Dursun Peksen), examines the relationship between a state’s experience of natural disasters and women’s political and economic rights.

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### Output:

- Article: Detraz, Nicole and Dursun Peksen. (forthcoming) “In the Aftermath of Earth, Wind and Fire: Natural Disasters and Respect for Women’s Rights.” *Human Rights Review*.
- Conference paper: “Vulnerable Victims or Stalwart Saviors: Debating Women and Climate Change” (2016) Paper presented at Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Midwest, St. Louis, MO, November 18.
- Data collection: 54 interviews for current book project