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EDUCATION

2014 **Ph.D., Geography**
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2008 **M.S., Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science**
Lund University, Sweden

2005 **B.S., Environmental Science**
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS & RANKS HELD

2022-present **Associate Professor**, Environmental Studies Program, School of Public Affairs & Civic Engagement, SFSU

2022-present **Program Coordinator**, Environmental Studies Program, School of Public Affairs & Civic Engagement, SFSU

2022-present **Co-Director**, Climate HQ, SFSU

2016-2022 **Assistant Professor**, Environmental Studies Program, School of Public Affairs & Civic Engagement, SFSU

2014-2016 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Geography, Colgate University

HONORS & AWARDS (selected)

2021 **HEERF Research Recovery Grant**, CHSS, SFSU

2020 **High Impact Quality Learning & Teaching Course Redesign Grant**, SFSU

2019 **Presidential Award** for Professional Development, SFSU

2018 **Call to Service Grant**, Institute for Civic and Community Engagement, SFSU

2008-2013 **Royster Fellowship**, UNC Graduate School, UNC-Chapel Hill

TEACHING

Courses Taught at SFSU (2016-present)

- ENVS 130: Environmental Studies
- ENVS 450GW: Environmental Law & Policy (GWAR)
- ENVS 460: Energy Justice & Sustainability
- ENVS 690: Senior Seminar in Environmental Studies

Courses Taught at Colgate University (2014-2016)

- GEOG 121: Earth, Society, & Sustainability
- GEOG/SOCI 251: Media Frame & Content Analysis
- GEOG/SOCI 253: Interviews

- GEOG 324: International Environmental Policy
- GEOG 325: Water & Society
- GEOG 328: Sustainability & Natural Resources

Courses Taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2010-2012)

- GEOG 112: Environmental Conservation
- IDST 076: Sex and Politics: Reproducing Humanity? (first-year seminar)
- GEOG 420: Global Geographies of Change (senior capstone)

Pedagogy Certificates/Badges Earned & Faculty Learning Community Participation (selected)

- Transformative Teaching through Transitions Certificate, CEETL, SFSU (2022)
- Quality Learning & Teaching Certificate, CEETL, SFSU (2021)
- Certificate in Effective Online College Instruction, ACUE (2021)
- Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Writing Pedagogies of Inclusive Excellence, SFSU (2021)
- Writing Pedagogies for Inclusive Excellence Faculty Learning Community, SFSU (2019)
- CHSS Metro-infused Faculty Learning Community for new faculty, SFSU (2016-18)
- Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) Mentoring Program, SFSU (2016)

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT & GROWTH

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Under review Francisco-Menchavez, V., Yoshino, A., Gallo, C., **Thoyre, A.**, and Viren, P. The practice of the commons and the ethics of sharing – Aspiring towards abolitionist pedagogy through faculty collaboration. *About Campus*.
- 2021 **Thoyre, A.** Neoliberalizing negawatts: Governance of energy efficiency as accumulation strategy. *Geoforum* 118: 140-149.
- 2021 **Thoyre, A.** Negawatt resource frontiers: Extracting energy efficiency from private spaces. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* 4(4): 1703-1723.
- 2020 **Thoyre, A.** Home climate change mitigation practices as gendered labor. *Women's Studies International Forum* 78: 1-11.
- 2015 **Thoyre, A.** Energy efficiency as a resource in state portfolio standards: Lessons for more expansive policies. *Energy Policy* 86: 625-634.
- 2015 **Thoyre, A.** Constructing environmentalist identities through green neoliberal identity work. *Journal of Political Ecology* 22: 146-163.
- 2011 **Thoyre, A.** Social capital as a facilitator of pro-environmental actions in the U.S.: A preliminary examination of mechanisms. *Local Environment* 16(1): 37-49.

Editor-Reviewed Publications

- 2016 **Thoyre, A.** and Harrison, C. Symposium introduction: Teaching energy geographies. *Journal of Geography in Higher Education* 40(1): 31-38.

Book Reviews (non-peer reviewed)

- 2010 Fox, K.S., Hennessy, E., Kirsch, S., Marshall, L., Safransky, S., **Thoyre, A.**, & Tiitsman, J. (all equal authorship) A catalog of things. Review of B. Latour & P. Weibel (eds). 2005 *Making Things Public*. *Social & Cultural Geography* 11(2): 191-199.

Conference Presentations (selected)

- 2020 **Thoyre, A.** Creating a negawatt monopoly: Electricity companies, profits, and the control of energy efficiency under a state portfolio standard. AESS Conference

- 2019 **Thoyre, A.** “Green obsolescence” as a business strategy that encourages consumption: The case of energy-efficient lighting. AESS Conference
- 2017 **Thoyre, A.** “Don't wait for your regular bulbs to burn out': Toward a theory of green obsolescence." AAG Conference
- 2016 **Thoyre, A.** “Neoliberalizing negawatts: Environmental governance of saved energy as an accumulation strategy." AAG Conference
- 2015 **Thoyre, A.** “Creating energy efficiency as a valuable resource: The case of NC’s Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard.” AAG Conference
- 2014 **Thoyre, A.** “Home climate change activism, gender, and climate justice.” AAG Conference
- 2013 **Thoyre, A.** “Who owns North Carolina’s negawatts? Climate change, free light bulbs, and green neoliberalism.” AAG Conference
- 2012 **Thoyre, A.** “Climate crisis as opportunity for profit: Duke Energy’s CFL giveaways and the nebulous North Carolina negawatt.” Conference on Critical Geography
- 2011 **Thoyre, A.** “Climate change & light bulbs: Examining the connections in the discourses of environmental groups in the U.S. & NC,” Towards a Transatlantic Dialogue on Energy Efficiency, Energy Poverty, & Fairness in Climate Policy Conference

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

University-wide Committees & Initiatives

- 2022 **Faculty Advisor**, ECO-Students, SFSU
- 2021-present **Committee Member**, Climate Change Certificate Steering Committee, SFSU
- 2021-2022 **Committee Member**, SF State Foundation Investment Policy Working Group, SFSU
- 2021-2022 **Committee Member**, Planning Committee for Proposed School of Environment, SFSU
- 2021-2022 **Founder & Lead Organizer**, Climate Leadership Incubator Committee (CLIC), with A. Samanta & L. Burrus, SFSU
- 2021 **Lead Coordinator**, Climate Change Certificate, with A. Samanta & L. Burrus, SFSU
- 2021-present **Lead Advisor**, Climate Change Certificate, with A. Samanta, SFSU
- 2020-2021 **Committee Member**, Committee on Written English Proficiency, SFSU
- 2019-2021 **Lead Author**, Curriculum & Proposal for new Certificate in Climate Change Causes, Impacts, and Solutions, with A. Samanta and L. Burrus. Approved in Spring 2021; SFSU
- 2019-2020 **Facilitator**, Social Justice Faculty Learning Community for new faculty in 4 colleges, with V. Francisco-Menchavez, SFSU
- 2018-2019 **Committee Member**, Student Sustainability Investment Fund Committee, SFSU

College Committees

- 2019-present **PACE Representative**, Student Success Council, CHSS, SFSU

Departmental Committees (selected)

- 2019-present **Committee Member**, Program Review Committee, ENVS Program, SFSU
- 2018-present **Committee Member**, Program Assessment Committee, ENVS Program, SFSU
- 2016-present **Committee Member**, Scholarship Committee, ENVS Program, SFSU

- 2019-2020 **Committee Member**, Hiring Committee, School of PACE, SFSU
- 2017-2018 **Committee Member**, Curriculum Committee, School of PACE, SFSU
- 2017 **Committee Member**, Hiring Committee for 3 searches, School of PACE, SFSU
- 2012-2014 **Co-chair, Founder, & Lead Organizer**, Teaching Committee, UNC Geography Dept.

Edited Volumes

- 2016 **Thoyre, A.** and Harrison, C. (editors). Teaching energy geographies: Symposium issue in the *Journal of Geography in Higher Education* 40(1).

Conference Panels Organized

- 2014 **Thoyre, A.**, Harrison, C., and Petrova, S. "Teaching energy geographies: Successful approaches." Association of American Geographers Conference, Apr. 8-12, Tampa, FL.
- 2014 **Thoyre, A.** and Vasudevan, P. "Strategies for teaching social justice in environmental classes." Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Feb. 27-Mar. 1, Lexington, KY.

Invited Campus Talks (selected)

- 2021 **Invited Talk**, "The social justice implications of energy efficiency: What do we know and what do we need to know?" Earth and Climate Sciences Department, Nov. 1, SFSU.
- 2019 **Invited Talk**, "'Green obsolescence' as an accumulation strategy in an era of climate change concern: The case of energy efficient lighting." Geography Dept. Oct 2, SFSU.
- 2018 **Panelist**, "Faculty across disciplines reflect on teaching writing," Writing Across the Curriculum/Writing in the Disciplines Program. Apr. 4, SFSU.
- 2016 **Invited Panelist**, "Presidential election panel: Key energy policy differences." Presidential Election Speaker Series Panel on the Environment. Sept. 20, SFSU.
- 2016 **Invited Talk**, "Negawatt geographies: Governance of saved energy in an era of climate change." Social Science Lecture Series. Apr. 7, Colgate University.

Campus Pedagogy Workshops Organized

- 2021 **Pedagogy Workshop Organizer**, "Connecting climate change & racial justice," with L. Burrus, A. Samanta, C. Gordon, & L. Quintanilla, SFSU.
- 2013 **Pedagogy Workshop Organizer**, "But that's just natural (right?)! Teaching critical geography to skeptical beginners," with P. Vasudevan & C. Courtheyn, UNC-CH
- 2010 **Pedagogy Workshop Organizer**, "Critical Pedagogy," with P. Vasudevan, UNC-CH

Media (selected)

- 2017-2021 **Creation of *People's Guide to Energy Project Website***: <https://pgeproject.netlify.com>
- 2018 **Media Appearance**: "Power surge: 'Solar suitcases' deliver hands-on experience to an environmental justice course": <https://chss.sfsu.edu/news-announce/power-surge>.

Work with Nonprofits & K-12 Schools

- 2020 **Invited panelist**, Student Internships Panel, NC Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2017 **Faculty partner** in Solar Suitcase Program, with We Share Solar (a nonprofit), Thomas R. Pollicita Middle School (Daly City), & Lincoln High School (SF).

Invited Peer Reviews

Energy Efficiency; Environment & Planning E; Environment & Planning C; Environment & Planning C; Society & Natural Resources; Current Opinion in Envir. Sustainability