

# Day 1: Introductions

Daniel J. Mallinson

School of Public Affairs  
Penn State Harrisburg  
mallinson@psu.edu

PUBPL 481

# Road map

- Introductions
- Syllabus
- Why study the environment?

# Introductions — Me

# Introductions — Your Turn

HELLO  
my name is



# Purpose of the Course

To understand how institutions, behavior, and the policy process affect environmental policies. To develop writing and presentation skills.

# Basics

- TTh 3:05 pm – 4:20 pm
- Olmsted E-224
- Prerequisites: None
- Course Website
- #pubpl481 (@djmallinson)
- Canvas

# Contact Me

- [mallinson@psu.edu](mailto:mallinson@psu.edu)
- Office: W-160K
- Office Hours: Virtual by appointment
- By Appointment

# Learning Objectives

## Goal 1: Students will gain factual knowledge about the environmental movement

- Objective 1a: Students will learn the history of the environmental movement
- Objective 1b: Students will gain the vocabulary necessary to discuss complex environmental policies, including terminology drawn from the physical sciences



# Learning Objectives

## Goal 2: Students will critically examine how and why some policies emerge while others do not

- Objective 2a: Students will learn about theories of the policy process, with specific application to environmental policy
- Objective 2b: Students will learn to identify how political institutions, behavior, and policy processes affect the success or failure of environmental policy
- Objective 2c: Students will critically evaluate how institutions and policy process theory apply to specific case studies

# Learning Objectives

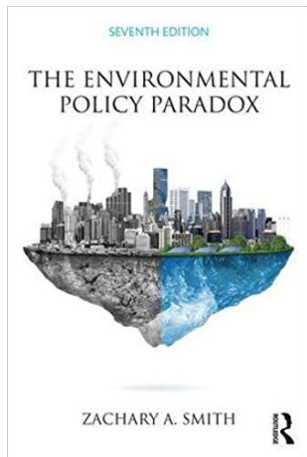
## Goal 3: Students will develop skills in writing, oral presentations, and teamwork

- Objective 3a: Students will work in teams to write environmental case studies for submission to *Case Studies in the Environment*
- Objective 3b: Students will present their cases to their peers in class

# Expectations

- Attend class
- Read and prepare
- Do not suffer in silence
- Be flexible
- E-mail policy

# Required Book



# Methods of Evaluation

- Short Essay Assignments
- Case Study - Team Work
- Participation
- Make-Up Grades

# Democratic Classroom



# Course Schedule

## Major Topics

- Policy and Science
- Environmental Movement
- Regulatory Environment
- Institutions and Politics
- Air, Water, and Energy Policy
- Toxic and Hazardous Waste
- Land Management
- International Issues
- Climate Change
- GND
- Choose Your Own Adventure!

# Why study environmental policy?

Why are you taking this class?