

# Boeing Distinguished Professorship in Environmental Sociology



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Still in the early stages of his career, Dylan Bugden is fast becoming a thought leader in environmental sociology. An enthusiastic educator and researcher, he is especially interested in environmental conflict and the sociology of energy systems.

His examinations of environmental electoral politics, social movements, and land-use conflicts focus on energy infrastructure and resources and the unequal distribution of environmental risks and benefits.

Working with students and faculty in the new Environment and Society Laboratory at WSU, he seeks to identify the social roots of environmental and energy challenges and to inform equitable structural solutions. The lab was established with support from his Boeing professorship and provides opportunities for students to develop and apply critical knowledge and skills in research, education, and outreach.

Bugden's ongoing work addresses areas of burgeoning interest and consequence to his students: the relationship between climate protest and partisan polarization, rural energy transitions, smart meter deployment, and the community impacts of high-energy digital technologies, such as cryptocurrency. In previous work, he has dealt with smart energy infrastructure, hydraulic fracturing ("fracking"), and conflicts over sense of place.

He has authored or co-authored three book chapters and several refereed-journal articles, including *Energy Policy's* most-downloaded article of 2014. His work also has been cited in *Nature* and other major publications. He co-organized the Energy Impacts Research Summit at Cornell University in May 2018 and has served as a reviewer for a number of scholarly journals.



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