

Dr. Curt Gervich
Toxic Release!
Wednesday Evening Game Session

In 2006, I began my doctorate in Environmental Design & Planning at Virginia Tech's School for Public and International Affairs. My dissertation research focused on decision making for sustainability in a large organic farming cooperative in Central Appalachia. I employed critical incident analysis to dissect the decision making processes, values and tensions within the cooperative's membership and leaders. My research contributed to theory about sustainability, environmental leadership and governance, and environmental decision making.

I currently serve as an Assistant Professor in the Center for Earth & Environmental Science at SUNY Plattsburgh. I began this post in 2010, immediately after completing my doctorate. I teach courses in environmental leadership, management, sustainability and policy. In addition, I design eco-educational games and simulations that teach conventional environmental disciplinary content as well as difficult-to-teach skills including conflict management, collaboration, data-driven decision making and interest-based negotiation. I incorporate new technologies such as online tools, current software applications, film-making and gaming into my courses. I reinvent my courses nearly every semester and frequently incorporate service and experiential learning into my curricula.

I have several ongoing research projects and almost all involve students. I am currently supported by a Northeastern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education grant to explore decision making and leadership among small-scale sustainable farmers in the Adirondacks. My students and I are interviewing regional farmers to develop a list of decision-making best practices and are developing a series of decision support workshops based on our learning. These workshops will be hosted in winter, 2014-2015.

I hold several service positions at SUNY Plattsburgh and in the Adirondack Community. I currently chair SUNY Plattsburgh's Campus Committee for Environmental Responsibility. I also serve on the Lake Champlain Basin Program's Technical Advisory Committee and was recently appointed to the City of Plattsburgh's Planning Board.

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