My primary research focus is at the intersection of social movements, organizations and policymaking, especially related to the environmental movement. I am interested in the participatory dynamics that characterize shared governance within environmental policy organizations such as the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). I study the ways that structural elements of these organizations mediate the participation of non-state actors and the strategies used by non-state actors to effectively navigate policymaking organizations. Contrary to the characterization of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and other social movement actors as “outsiders” in international policymaking, I find that NGOs are important drivers of pro-environmental change, working both within and outside of formal policymaking institutions to achieve their aims.