

# Richard Elgar

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## summary of experience

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**Twenty years of management, communications and cultural exchange experience** including roles as an administrator, teacher, writer/journalist, program director and advocate within organizations on three different continents. Settings include a public policy institute, department of education, an international information and exploration organization, a newspaper and a community outreach educational program.

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## education

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**Ph.D.** Washington State University expected 2015, Political Science – Comparative Politics  
**MA** Washington State University, 2010, Political Science. Dissertation title: *How Democratic was it? Causes and consequences of South America's "Swing to the Left" 1998-2010.*

**Post Graduate Certificate in Education** University of Cambridge, 1998, English  
**BA (Hons)** University of Ulster, 1988, English

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## current position

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**The Foley Institute, Washington State University, WA**

**Assistant Director**

2006-present

- Initiate, plan, coordinate and promote Foley events, assist Director, manage internship program, co-ordinate international and national collaborators, supervise staff and students, budget management, grant-writing, produce Institute publications - including annual newsletter, web, and publicity materials.
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## publications

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**Clayton, Cornell, W and Richard Elgar (eds) (2012)**, *Civility and Democracy in America: A Reasonable Understanding*. WSU Press.

**Elgar, R. (2011)**, Women's rights in transition: the collision of feminist interest groups, religion and non-governmental organizations in three Latin American countries. *Journal of Public Affairs*. doi: 10.1002/pa.430

**Thomas, Clive S. and Richard Elgar (2011)**, *Interest Groups in Washington State: The Political Dynamics of Representation, Influence, and Regulation* in Clayton, Cornell W. and Lovrich, Nicholas P. (eds) (2011) *Governing Washington: Politics and Government in the Evergreen State*, WSU Press.

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## teaching

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| ▪ <b>Pol S 497</b> | <i>Political Science Internships</i>      | 2009-Present      |
| ▪ <b>Crj J 490</b> | <i>Criminal Justice Internships</i>       | 2009-2013         |
| ▪ <b>Pol S 435</b> | <i>The Politics of Developing Nations</i> | Summer 2012, 2013 |
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## employment history

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### **Dept. of Teaching & Learning, Washington State University, WA**

#### ***Principal Assistant***

2005-2006

- Supervise staff, manage office, create and maintain web pages, produce newsletter, assist Chair of Department, provide support to faculty in Department

### **Education Department, Camden Council, London, UK**

#### ***Policy Officer***

1996-2004

- Manage the design, content and production of newsletters, web and intranet. Conduct and analyze public consultations. Manage face to face, telephone and written conflict resolution processes. Create and maintain systems to monitor and evaluate performance of department against a wide range of indicators.

#### ***Senior Admissions Officer***

- Manage the admissions process for public schools in London Borough of Camden

#### ***Reimbursements Officer***

- Calculate complex reimbursements for support provided by schools

### **Community Education, The City Literary Institute, London, UK**

#### ***Tutor***

2001-2003

- Teach photography, writing and computer skills to diverse group of homeless clients

### **Camden New Journal, London, UK**

#### ***Writer/ Photographer***

1998-2000

- Focus on sports, news and theatre reviews for local newspaper (circulation c.50,000)

### **South American Explorers Club, Lima, Peru**

#### ***Manager***

1994-1996

- Research and expert advice and guidance to travelers, scientists, residents and professional organizations. Promote and sell memberships, goods and advertising. Manage all accounts and payroll functions. Supervise permanent and volunteer staff of six. Update the major guidebooks in South America including *Peru Insight Guide*, *Lonely Planet* and *South American Handbook*

**Previous experience** includes roles in teaching, market research, Special Educational Needs casework, bar management and office administrative posts in UK, Greece and Spain, as well extensive travel experience throughout South America and Europe.