While the faculty from the Political Science Department that actively work with our students may be small in number, they play a significant role in our program. Their knowledge and expertise in the areas of environmental policy and human-environmental interactions are vital to the education of our students and ensure they are exposed to a variety of social science topics throughout their graduate studies.

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