

Jon Rosales, Ph.D.

Jon was born in Ecuador to American parents imprinting an international perspective on him since infancy. He grew up in Latin America, moving to the U.S. in his teens.

He holds a B.A. in International Relations specializing in diplomacy from the University of Minnesota; a M.A. in Economics specializing in Ecological and International Economics from Mankato State University; a M.A. in Public Affairs specializing in Technology, Energy and Environment and Foreign Policy from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota; and a Ph.D. in Conservation Biology from the University of Minnesota. His dissertation was on the social values embedded in emissions trading, the most ambitious policy mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol.

Jon is currently an associate professor of Environmental Studies at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York where he teaches classes that apply the motto, "Think global; act local." He was formerly an adjunct Associate Professor at the College of St. Catherine in Minneapolis where he taught liberal arts courses in the nursing program. Jon has also taught courses varying from economics and business math to typing at Brown Institute, a technical college for broadcasters and graphic artists in Minneapolis. His collegiate teaching is preceded by being a ski instructor in Colorado and Minnesota for over ten years.

Jon's expertise and scholarly focus is on climate change. Threaded through his work is a call to align human institutions within natural limits. His current research focuses on the impacts of climate change on native subsistence villages in Alaska, making their concerns visible, advocating for their assistance, and calling on governments to act on climate change.

Jon has been invited to speak to the General Assembly of the United Nations, eight United Nations conferences on climate change, at conferences of the Society for Conservation Biology, the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, and the North American Benthological Society, is the Director of International Affairs for the Center for the Advancement of the Steady-State Economy, and is an Expert Reviewer for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Jon is fluent in English and competent in Spanish. He has held many interesting and varied positions including being a chauffeur, greenskeeper, tour bus greeter, fitness instructor, and "slimer" in a fish canning factory in Alaska. His current passions are climbing mountains, disassociating himself with the commercial economy, and playing with his sons.