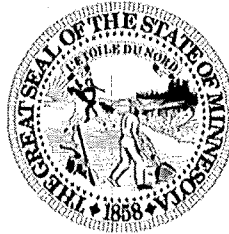


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**Governor Tim Walz** President of the Senate

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

**Kenneth Foster**  
Congressional District 7

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed you to the office of:

**Public Member**  
**Minnesota Environmental Quality Board**

Effective: November 28, 2022  
Expires: January 5, 2026

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed November 22, 2022.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

**Tim Walz**  
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

Replacing: Julie Goehring

Filed on November 22, 2022  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon

# Kenneth Foster

Professor/Director

Combines academic expertise with the ability to conceive and implement a variety of types of projects. Enjoys working collaboratively to promote organizational and social change. Driven by a desire to pursue strategic actions to address the challenges of ecological degradation and climate change.

## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

PH.D.

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Political Science (comparative politics; public policy and organization)

University of California, Berkeley

MASTER OF ARTS

East Asian Studies

Indiana University, Bloomington

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Natural Resources

Cornell University

## LANGUAGES

English (native)

Chinese (professional working proficiency)

## INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCY

7+ years in China and Taiwan

Implicit Bias Training

Intercultural Development Inventory

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

PROFESSOR

2007 – Present

Concordia College, MN

Teach courses, including: Environmental Politics, Climate Change, Social Activism, Sustainable Development

- Advise and mentor students on academic and career planning, research projects, and personal development
- Participate in faculty and college governance, including Faculty Senate and Strategic Planning Steering Committee

Chair the President's Sustainability Council (2010-present)

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2021 – Present

Concordia College, MN, part-time

- Work with administrators, faculty, and community partners to support and create off-campus learning experiences
- Collect and use data to inform programming
- Supervise the Sustainability Coordinator (staff position), a student intern position, and a MN GreenCorps member (21-22)

ACADEMIC CHAIR/DIRECTOR

2009 – Present

Concordia College, MN, part-time

- Global Studies Program, 2009-2021, and Political Science Department, 2021 - present
- Manage all aspects of the program, represent the program across the college, guide and assist faculty

## INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS

BUSH FOUNDATION COMMUNITY INNOVATION GRANT

Grant Writer and Director \$207,000 2019-2022

Responding to Climate Change by Increasing Community Collaboration and Resilience in Moorhead, Minnesota

MARGARET A. CARGILL FOUNDATION GRANT

Grant Writer and Director \$550,000 2014-2017

Preparing Concordia Students for Globally-Engaged, Justice-Driven, and Ecologically-Minded Citizenship and Leadership

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UISFL GRANT

Grant Co-Director \$170,000 2009-2011

Integrating Key Assets to Build a Comprehensive Asian Studies Program at Concordia College

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## SERVICE

United Way of Cass Clay  
Community Investment Review  
Panel member  
2018, 2019, 2022

City of Moorhead  
Study Review Committee  
member, as part of planning  
process for a new Moorhead  
Comprehensive Plan  
2021 – 2022

*Pacific Affairs* (journal)  
Associate Editor for China  
2018 – Present

Association for the  
Advancement of Sustainability  
in Higher Education  
Advisory Board member  
2019 – 2021

## MEMBERSHIPS

River Keepers (Fargo-  
Moorhead)

Wild Ones

Association for Environmental  
Studies and Sciences

North American Environmental  
Education Association

Braver Angels

## CLIFTON STRENGTHS

Strategic

Learner

Responsibility

Input

Intellection

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## RECENT PROJECT LEADERSHIP

### MOORHEAD COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

Co-founder and convener, 2019 – Present

- Fostered growth and reputation-building, such that now it consists of 21 organizational members, including the City of Moorhead, the public school district, educational institutions, and nonprofits
- Facilitated work to promote collaborative responses to community-wide challenges, through regular meetings, workshops, work groups, events, and projects

### CONCORDIA COLLEGE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Lead developer and writer, 2018 – 2022

- Coordinated the development of Concordia's first-ever plan, with sections on carbon reduction, resilience-building, and education; served as primary writer of large parts of the plan

### MOORHEAD SOCIAL EQUITY WORKING GROUP

Chair, 2020 – Present

- Led the design of a research project carried out by a local consultant and contracted with a facilitator to lead the group in a Results-Based Accountability process (using the research)

### MOORHEAD POLLINATOR GARDEN INITIATIVE

Facilitator, 2021 – Present

- Worked with the city and interested residents to increase the amount of public land devoted to pollinator plantings
- Collaborated with a MN GreenCorps member to develop and implement a project to plant three pollinator gardens in conjunction with a summer program for Native American kids

### ASSET MAPPING PROJECT

Project Director, Summer 2021

- With a grant from the Univ. of MN Extension, supervised a graduate student in mapping green space, youth programming, and organizational networks in the city of Moorhead

## PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

◦ Authored 14 scholarly articles and book chapters

◦ Numerous presentations, including at the conferences of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, The Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, The Community Development Society, The Forum on Education Abroad, and The Association for Asian Studies

401 Horn Ave  
Moorhead, MN 56560  
August 7, 2022

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board  
520 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, MN 55155

To Whom It May Concern:

I am interested in serving as the Congressional District 7 public board member on the MN EQB. As someone who teaches a course on environmental politics and who is deeply involved in environmental, climate, and community resilience issues at the local level, I have long appreciated the work of the EQB. My former colleague Gerry Van Amberg approached me some years ago about possible service, but circumstances at the time did not allow me to pursue this. A week ago, Moorhead Mayor Shelly Carlson contacted me to tell me about the vacancy and to say that she and District Judge Johnathan Judd hoped that I would apply. The timing is perfect, and I am eager to contribute to the important work of the EQB.

The Environmental Quality Board's mission aligns well with what has driven me in my recent work with students and in my community of Moorhead: a passion for bringing people together to appreciate the importance of working to preserve and foster healthy ecosystems and environmental health that supports human thriving. Overcoming political polarization around environmental through meaningful public engagement is a particular interest of mine and led me to organize events at Concordia that showcased conservatives who favor strong climate action and to become involved with the depolarization organization Braver Angels.

In my own community, I created (along with a colleagues) the Moorhead Community Resilience Task Force with the aim of taking action to make Moorhead better prepared to thrive amidst the impacts of climate change. Working with the 21 organizational stakeholders, including the City of Moorhead, has taught me much about the opportunities we have for positive action that can garner wide support. My work leading the task force is an extension of my role as a professor of political science who teaches courses on environmental politics, climate change, and sustainable development. Helping students to understand and appreciate the complexities of environmental policymaking and implementation – and to see how they can be involved – is particularly rewarding to me.

I possess the skills, temperament, and dedication needed to be a thoughtful and effective member of the Environmental Quality Board. As a board member, I would be a learner who promotes collaborative approaches and strategic thinking. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,



Kenneth W. Foster

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**Application for the position Public Member - 7th Congressional District Application Date:  
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**Part I: Position Sought**

**Agency Name:** MN Environmental Quality Board  
**Position:** Public Member - 7th Congressional District

**Part II: Applicant Information**

**Name:** Dr. Kenneth W. Foster  
**Phone:** (218) 443-4450  
**County:** Clay  
**Mn House District:** 04A  
**US House District:** 7  
**Recommended by the Appointing Authority:** False

**Part III: Appending Documentation**

**Cover Letter and Resume**

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

**Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)**

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