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EMPLOYMENT

Resources for the Future, *Fellow* *2025-present*

U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Tax Analysis, *Financial Economist* *2023-2025*

Resources for the Future, *Research Assistant* *2015-2017*

EDUCATION

Harvard University
Ph.D., Public Policy (Economics Track) *2023*
Harvard Environmental Economics Pre-Doctoral Fellow
Dissertation Title: "Essays in Environmental Economics"
Committee Members: David Cutler, Joseph Aldy, Marcella Alsan, and Edward Glaeser

Pomona College
B.A., Economics, Minor in Environmental Analysis, *summa cum laude* *2015*

FIELDS

Environmental Economics, Public Economics, Labor Economics

WORKING PAPERS

Effects of the proposed new California SAF tax credit. (with Mengying Wu, William A. Scott, Aaron Smith, Jingran Zhang, and James H. Stock). UC Berkeley Energy Institute at Haas Working Paper 357. 2026.

Education under extremes: Temperature, student absenteeism, and disciplinary infractions. Working Paper. 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

Policy interactions and the cost of decarbonizing aviation. *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists.* (with Mengying Wu, William A. Scott, Aaron Smith, Jingran Zhang, and James H. Stock). (Previously circulated as "Policy options to achieve U.S. sustainable aviation fuel targets," NBER Working Paper No. 34326). Forthcoming.

The price of biodiesel RINs and economic fundamentals. (with Scott H. Irwin and James H. Stock). *American Journal of Agricultural Economics.* 2020. Recipient of the 2021 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Quality of Research Discovery Award.

The roles of energy markets and environmental regulation in reducing coal-fired plant profits and electricity sector emissions. (with Joshua Linn). *RAND Journal of Economics.* 2019.

Consignment auctions of free emissions allowances. (with Dallas Burtraw). *Energy Policy.* 2017.

The Supreme Court's stay of the Clean Power Plan: Economic assessment and implications for the future. (with Joshua Linn and Dallas Burtraw). *Environmental Law Reporter.* 2016.

Using weather forecasts to help manage meningitis in the West African Sahel. (with Rajul Pandya and others). *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society.* 2015.

REPORTS & SHORT WRITING

Losing the Endangerment Finding: The costs and benefits of repealing emissions standards for light-duty vehicles. (with Joshua Linn). 2026. Resources.

Losing the Endangerment Finding: Context, methods, and what's to come. (with Alan Krupnick, Joshua Linn, McKenna Peplinski, Bryan Hubbell, Daniel Mork, Neal Fann, and Scott Delaney). 2026. Resources.

Extreme heat in the United States. 2026. Resources for the Future Explainer.

Geothermal energy is heating up. (with Alan Krupnick and Jan Mares). 2026. Resources.

The future of biofuels: Policy lessons and research directions. (with Nafisa Lohawala and others). 2026. Resources for the Future Report.

High costs and few benefits from California's proposed sustainable aviation fuel tax credit. (with Aaron Smith, William Scott, James Stock, Mengying Wu, and Jingran Zhang). 2026. Resources and Berkeley Energy Institute.

If/Then: The uncertain future of coal and what it means for climate, air quality, and the energy economy. (with Bryan Hubbell, Alan Krupnick, Dallas Burtraw, Daniel Raimi, Aaron Bergman, and Karen Palmer). 2026. Resources.

In a sea of critical minerals supply, can U.S. policy create an island? (with Beia Spiller, Emma Deangeli, Ambarish Kota, Nafisa Lohawala, and Zach Whitlock). 2025. Resources.

Approaches to address potential CO_2 emissions leakage to new sources under the Clean Power Plan. (with Dallas Burtraw, Joshua Linn, Karen Palmer, Anthony Paul, and Hang Yin). Comments to the U.S. EPA on its proposed federal plan and model trading rules for the Clean Power Plan. 2016. RFF Report.

Is halting the Clean Power Plan economically justified? (with Dallas Burtraw and Joshua Linn). 2016. Resources.

Consignment: A (partial) solution to the Clean Power Plan's free allowance allocation problem. (with Dallas Burtraw). 2016. Resources.

Clearing the air: How market-based policies help meet the tighter U.S. ozone limit. (with Alan J. Krupnick and Joshua Linn). 2016. Resources.

Defining the unknown: A look at the cost of tighter ozone standards. (with Alan J. Krupnick and Joshua Linn). 2015. RFF Issue Brief.

Reversing the Medicaid fee bump: How much could Medicaid physician fees for primary care fall in 2015? (with Stephen Zuckerman and Laura Skopec). 2014. Urban Institute. Health Policy Center Brief.

Wind energy resource assessment: Information production, uses, and value. (with Katherine Dickinson, Luca Delle Monache, and Pierre Magontier). 2014. NCAR Technical Note.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Special Act Award, U.S. Department of the Treasury	*2024, 2025*
Harvard Kennedy School Taubman Center for State & Local Government, Research Fellow	*2023-present*
Ana Aguado Prize, Harvard Environmental Economics Program	*2023*
Christopher and Silvana Pascucci Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowship	*2023*
Harvard University, Doctoral Fellowship	*2022*
Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Quality of Research Discovery Award	*2021*
Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching	*2021*

Joseph Crump Fellowship *2020*
Morris B. Pendleton Prize in Economics, Pomona College *2015*
Distinction in the Senior Exercise, Pomona College *2015*
Leland M. Backstrand Memorial Award in Economics, Pomona College *2014*
Phi Beta Kappa, Pomona College *2014*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee Service:
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Urban Economics, Environment and Development Economics, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Climate Policy, American Educational Research Journal, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, PLOS ONE

Conference Presentations:
World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists *2026*
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference *2024*
Northeast Workshop on Energy Policy and Environmental Economics *2022*
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference *2020*

Other Service:
Graduate Women in Economics, Harvard Department of Economics, Core Team *2020-2023*
Non-Resident Tutor, Pre-Careers Team, Lowell House *2019-2023*
Harvard/MIT Application Assistance and Mentoring Program *2022-2023*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Economics of Climate Change and Environmental Policy *2020–2021*
Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard College
Head Teaching Fellow, Teaching Fellow for Robert Stavins

Markets and Market Failures *2020*
Harvard Kennedy School
Teaching Fellow for Pinar Dogan, Marcella Alsan, and Janina Matuszeski

American Economic Policy *2019*
Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard College
Teaching Fellow for Jeffrey Liebman and Lawrence Summers