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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of New Mexico, 2014

Dissertation: *How do the Public's Environmental Attitudes affect Recreation Demand for Forests and Grassland in the Southwest?*

Committee Chairs: Prof. Jennifer Thacher and Dr. Kristine Grimsrud

M.A., Economics, University of New Mexico, 2008.

B.S., Business Administration, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, 2000.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental and natural resources economics, international and development economics.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Environmental economics, natural resources economics, development economics, microeconomics, macroeconomics, econometrics.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Professor Robert P. Berrens, 2007-2010.

Responsibilities: Spanish/English translation of research documents, data entry for a general population household survey, generating survey weights for a general population household survey.

PUBLISHED PAPERS

Prera, A. (2012) "Effects of Economic Integration and Political Instability on Social Infrastructure in Central America." *Latin American Business Review*, Vol. 13, No. 2, 121-139. DOI: 10.1080/10978526.2012.700274

Prera, A., J. Thacher, K. Grimsrud, D. McCollum, R. P. Berrens (2014) "Using Canonical Correlation Analysis to Identify Environmental Attitudinal Groups: Impacts for National Forest Planning in the Southwestern U.S." *Environmental Management*, DOI: 10.1007/s00267-014-0349-0.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Prera, A., J. Thacher, K. Grimsrud, M. Hand, D. McCollum, R. P. Berrens “Reauthorizing the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act: Effects on Recreation Demand for National Forests in the Southwest.”

Prera, A., K. Grimsrud, R. P. Berrens, J. Thacher, D. McCollum “Accepting higher recreation fees at National Forests and Grasslands in the Southwest: The Role of Environmental Attitudes.” Target journal: *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*.

Felardo, J. and Prera, A. J. “How does distance from an environmental amenity affect people’s preferences? The different roles of Euclidian and Network distance measures.” Working paper.

Prera, A. “Validating the Two-Dimension assumption of *Public Land Values*.” Working paper.

Grimsrud, K. M., P. R. Wandschneider, and A. Prera “Empirical Relationships between Childhood Experiences, Demographics and Environmental Ethical Views.”

Prera, A. “Measuring the Effects of Exchange Rate Volatility on Exports: The Case of Guatemala.”

REPORTS

McCollum, Dan, Alejandro Prera, Jeff Bjarke, Michael Hand, Jennifer Thacher and Robert P. Berrens (2008) “Background Documentation Report: Attitudes, Beliefs, and Values towards National Forests and National Forest Management.” Available at: <http://quaero.unm.edu/surveyentry/FinalReport.pdf>.

PRESENTATIONS

“Reauthorizing the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act: Effects on Recreation Demand for National Forests in the Southwest.” Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL. April 17, 2014.

“Reauthorizing the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act: Effects on Recreation Demand for National Forests in the Southwest.” Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting. Evanston, IL. March 22, 2014.

“Flea Markets in Indianapolis, why do people go?” Earlham College Faculty Forum, December 6, 2013.

“Environmental Attitudes towards National Forests and Grasslands in the Southwest: A Canonical Correlation Analysis.” Southwestern Social Science Association, Annual Conference. Houston, TX. April 1, 2010.

“How Do the Public’s Environmental Attitudes Affect Recreation Demand for Forests and Grasslands in the Southwest?” Region 3 of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, and the Rocky Mountain Research Station. Albuquerque, NM. October 21, 2009.

“Measuring the Effects of Exchange Rate Volatility on Exports: The Case of Guatemala.” Southwestern Social Science Association, Annual Conference. Albuquerque, NM. March 16, 2007.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Principal Investigator for a Professional Development Fund research project: *Flea Markets in Indianapolis, why do people go?* Earlham College, Spring 2013. Amount: \$3,258.00.

Ford/Knight Collaborative Research Project: *Willingness to Pay for Water Service and Sanitation in Panajachel, Solola, Guatemala.* Earlham College, Spring 2013. Amount: \$8,012.01.

2011-2012 University of New Mexico Graduate & Professional Student Academy. October 17, 2011. Amount: \$500.

Graduate Research Project and Travel (RPT), University of New Mexico, Office of Graduate Studies. February 25, 2010. Amount: \$400.

Economic Graduate Student Organization, Department of Economics, University of New Mexico. May 3, 2010. Amount: \$250.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)

Western Economic Association International (WEAI)

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

American Economic Association (AEA)

Midwestern Economics Association (MEA)

SOFTWARE USED

Data management and econometric data analysis (STATA, SAS, and R software)

GIS Analysis (ArcGIS software)

REFERENCES

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