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Appointments:

Associate Professor, School of Economic Sciences, Washington State University Aug. 2026 - Present
Assistant Professor, School of Economic Sciences, Washington State University Aug. 2020 - Jul. 2026
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, California State University, East Bay Aug. 2017 - 2020

Education:

Ph.D., Economics May 2017
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
M.A., Economics May 2014
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
B.S., Mathematics and *B.A.*, Economics July 2012
Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

Published and Forthcoming Papers:

“Effects of Mergers and Acquisitions on US Agri-Food Trade” (with Stephen Devadoss & Jeff Luckstead), *Review of International Economics*, 33(3), August 2025
“Enforcing Regulation when Violations are Heterogeneous: Empirical Evidence from U.S. Stationary Emissions Policy” (with Almira Salimgariev), *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, 12(3), May 2025
“Effects of Mergers and Acquisitions on Food Quality”
(with Stephen Devadoss & Jeff Luckstead), *Economics Letters*, 244, November 2024
“Acquisitions, Product Variety, and Distribution in the U.S. Craft Beer Industry”
(with Kyle Wilson), *Economic Inquiry*, 61(4), October 2023
“Natural Gas Flaring, Respiratory Health, and Distributional Effects”
(with Anatolii Kokoza), *Journal of Public Economics*, 208, April 2022
“Regulating Hazardous Wastes under U.S. Environmental Federalism: The Role of State Resources”
(with Mary F. Evans & Sarah L. Stafford), *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 108, July 2021
“Escalation of Scrutiny: The Gains from Dynamic Enforcement of Environmental Regulations”
(with Gautam Gowrisankaran & Ashley Langer), *American Economic Review*, 110(8), August 2020
“When Threats Become Credible: A Natural Experiment of Environmental Enforcement from Florida”
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, 101, May 2020

Working Papers:

“Driving the Benefits of New Technologies: Product vs Household Characteristics for Electric Vehicles” (with Ashley Langer & Wendan Zhang)
“Firms, Energy Regulations and Barriers to Entry” (with Tanaya Shubhangi, Gregmar Galinato & Asif M. Islam)
“Impact of Mergers and Acquisitions on Foreign Direct Investment” (with Saroj Adhikari, Stephen Devadoss, & Jeff Luckstead), *Submitted*
“Midstream Infrastructure and Environmental Externalities in Oil and Gas: Permian Basin Flaring and Methane Emissions” (with Mark Agerton, Ben Gilbert & Gregory B. Upton Jr.), Revisions resubmitted at *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*

“Pricing the Social Cost of Gas Flaring: Composition, Efficiency and Policy Implications” (with Mark Agerton, Lauren Beatty, Ben Gilbert, & Sophia Salzer), *Submitted*

“The Effects of Mergers on MNE Parent Companies and Affiliate” (with Stephen Devadoss & Jeff Luckstead),
Revisions resubmitted at *Economic Inquiry*

Work in Progress:

“Carbon Tax Pass-Through: Incidence with Vertical Integration and Price Regulation” (with Juan Sebastian Velez-Velasquez)

“What Drives Acquisition in the U.S. Craft Beer Industry?” (with Kyle Wilson)

“Households Short-run Heterogeneous Use of Electric Vehicles: Implications for Public Policy” (with Wendan Zhang & Clifford Winston)

Fellowships, Grants, Honors, & Awards:

Department of Agriculture - NIFA Grant (Co-PI, \$652,998)	2023
CABEC Faculty Research Support Grant	2018
George W. Coleman Scholarship, University of Arizona	2017
Winner, Ed Zajac Prize for Best 3 rd Year Paper, University of Arizona	2015
Don Wells Teaching Fellowship, University of Arizona	2014, 2015

Teaching:

<i>Sole Instructor of Record - Washington State University</i>	Aug. 2020 - present
Introductory Econometrics (undergraduate level, onsite)	
Econometrics II (graduate level, onsite)	
Statistics for Economists (undergraduate level, onsite)	
<i>Sole Instructor of Record - California State University, East Bay</i>	Aug. 2017 - 2020
Industrial Organization and Public Policy (graduate level, onsite)	
Empirical Analysis (undergraduate level, onsite)	
Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate level, onsite and online)	
Empirical Research Methods (graduate level, onsite)	
Managerial Economics and Business Strategy (undergraduate level, onsite and online)	
<i>Sole Instructor of Record - The University of Arizona</i>	Summer 2014 - Summer 2016
Environmental Economics (undergraduate level, onsite)	
The Economics of Sports (undergraduate level, onsite)	
Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate level, online)	

Invited Seminars and Conferences:

2024: Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, Boise State University, Western Economic Association International Summer Conference, University of Arizona.

2023: Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference.

2022: Central Bank of Colombia, Colgate-Hamilton, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, Western Economic Association International Summer Conference, International Association for Energy Economics.

2021: ASSA Annual Meeting, USAEE/IAEE Annual North American Conference, Beijing Energy Conference.

2020: Washington State University, ASSA Annual Meeting, Annual Conference of the European Association Environmental and Resource Economists, Workshop on Economic and Environmental Effects of Oil and Gas at Rice University, California State University - Fullerton, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Texas at Dallas, University of Massachusetts Amherst, University of Tennessee - Knoxville.

2019: NBER Summer Institute (EEE), University of Rochester (Department of Public Health Sciences), International Industrial Organization Conference, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, Western Economic Association International Summer Conference.

2018: ASSA Annual Meeting, Columbia University (Sustainable Development), International Industrial Organization Conference, World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists, Environmental Defense Fund.

2017: California State University - East Bay, University of Alberta, University of Calgary, Xavier University, Wheaton College, Analysis Group (Los Angeles), California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo. Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, Western Economic Association International Summer Conference.

2016: University of Arizona, Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop (Poster), Colorado University Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, Western Economic Association Summer Conference.

Professional Service:

External grant review (3 calls)

Referee (61 manuscripts)

Abstract reviewer (5 conferences)

University Service:

Washington State University:

Graduate Student Placement (co-director) 2024 - 2027

Long Vision Undergraduate Enrollment Committee (member) 2024

Faculty Search Committee (member) 2020 - 2021

Seminar Committee (member) 2020 - 2024

Ph.D. Qualifying Examination Committee for Quantitative Methods (member) 2021 - 2027

Director's Advisory Committee (member) 2022 & 2024

California State University, East Bay:

Economics Student Awards Committee (member) 2017 - 2020

Economics Strategic Planning Committee (member) 2017 - 2019

Business Programs in Economics Committee (chair) 2019 - 2020

Deans Committee for CBE Mission and Values (member) 2019 - 2020

Advising:

PhD Committee Chair or Co-Chair: Bin Zhao (2025), Qingwei Qiao (2025), Almira Salimgariev (2024), Jiaying Wang (2024), Qi Zhang (2024), Jui Sen (2023), Apar G C (2021), Sahil Patil (2026), Birochan Acharya (in progress).

PhD Committee Member: Dipanwita Barai (2025), Yin Zhang (2024), Wisnu Sugiarto (2024), Namloc Nguyen (2024), Magdana Kondaridze (2024), Dindu Lama (2023), Ma Xueying (2023), Koroles Awad (2026), Jingjie Xu (2026), Jephthah Oppong-Atta (in progress), Saroj Adhikari (in progress).

Masters Thesis Chair or Co-Chair: Nicole Rouleau (2021), Vanessa De Oliveira (2020).

Masters Thesis Committee Member: Qingwei Qiao (2024), Dante Ludlow (2023).

Undergraduate Thesis Chair or Co-Chair: Del Aguila Cam Nieces (2025), Andrew Davila (2024), Pascal Kleyer (2023), Estela Navarro (2022).

Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member: Emma Taylor (2021).

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