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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard Center for the Environment 2025–2026

Assistant Professor, Yale School of the Environment 2026–

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) 2025

B.A., Environmental Science and Public Policy, Harvard University 2017
Magna cum laude with highest honors

WORKING PAPERS

Redistribution in Environmental Permit Markets: Transfers and Efficiency Costs with Trade Restrictions

Additionality and Asymmetric Information in Environmental Markets (with Anna Russo)
forthcoming, American Economic Review

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Repackaging Risk in a Changing Commons: Spatial Policy Design under Uncertainty (with Aaron Berman).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

CESifo Best Paper, Junior Workshop on Energy and Climate Economics 2026

MIT Graduate Conference Travel Grant 2023

NOAA-Sea Grant Fellowship 2022–2025

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship 2019–2024

George and Obie Shultz Fund (3x) 2020–2023

Graduate Fellow, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard 2020–2025

Enel Endowment Prize, Best Undergraduate Thesis in Environmental Economics 2017

Environmental Science & Public Policy Undergraduate Thesis Prize 2017

Phi Beta Kappa 2016

TALKS

Delhi School of Economics; Indian Statistical Institute Delhi; TERI School of Advanced Studies; UC San Diego; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; UMass Amherst; CESifo Junior Workshop on Climate and Energy Economics; Academic Workshop for Icelandic Economists Abroad (scheduled); TSE Energy and Climate Change Conference (scheduled); Toronto Meeting on the Economics of Climate Change (scheduled); World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economics (scheduled); International Institute of Fisheries Economics & Trade (scheduled) 2026

UIUC; Sciences Po; Toulouse School of Economics; Stockholm University IIES; LSE; UBC Sauder; Dartmouth Tuck; Yale School of the Environment; Yale Workshop on Energy Policy and Environmental Economics; NBER Summer Institute EEE; LSE Environment Week; University of Iceland 2025

UC Davis ARE; NMFS Social Science Symposium; NOAA-Sea Grant Fellows Research Symposium; Occasional Workshop in Environmental and Resource Economics 2024

NOAA-Sea Grant Fellows Research Symposium; North American Association of Fisheries Economists Forum; Academic Workshop for Icelandic Economists Abroad 2023

TEACHING

Microeconomic Theory and Public Policy (14.03), MIT 2023
Teaching assistant for Professor Tobias Salz

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee: *American Economic Review: Insights, Climate Change Economics, Environment and Development Economics, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics*

Grant reviewer: National Science Foundation