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Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard Center for the Environment 2025–2026

Assistant Professor, Yale School of the Environment (expected) 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)
Revise and resubmit, American Economic Review

Research in Progress

How, What, and When to Regulate: Designing Instruments to Restore a Renewable Resource (with Aaron Berman).

Fellowships and Awards

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

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 — 2025

UC Davis; 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*