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Born 1987, in Montreal, Canada. Canadian citizen, U.S. permanent resident.

Education

Ph.D. 2014, University of Minnesota, Ecology, Evolution and Behavior
Advised by Dr. David Tilman and Dr. Stephen Polasky
Ph.D.-level coursework in economics including: Microeconomics (Consumer Choice, Production and Uncertainty, Social Choice and Welfare), Econometric Analysis, Dynamic Optimization, Game Theory
Honours B.Sc. 2009, University of Toronto, Ecology Specialist
Advised by Dr. Peter A. Abrams

Appointments

2026-present: Associate Professor, Department of Economics, College of Business,
University of Wyoming
2024-2026: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, College of Business,
University of Wyoming
2022-2024: Director, Center for Social and Environmental Futures, University of Colorado Boulder
2018-2024: Assistant Professor, Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences,
Department of Environmental Studies, Department of Economics (courtesy appointment),
University of Colorado Boulder (parental leave Fall 2019)
2014-2018: Postdoctoral Scholar, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management,
University of California, Santa Barbara
Advised by Dr. Steven D. Gaines and Dr. Christopher Costello

Publications ([†]denotes advisee)

Published and accepted papers (2,260 citations and h-index of 24, as of September 9, 2026)

44. **Burgess MG. (2026)** Toward institutional neutrality in climate change science. *Dialogues on Climate Change*. DOI: 10.1177/29768659261461787 (**Invited**)
43. Landgren E[†], Langendorf RE[†], **Burgess MG. (2026)** Optimal ambition in business, politics, and life. *Physical Review E* 113, 054317.
Editor's choice. Press coverage by The Guardian, New Scientist, TIME, and others.
42. Landgren E[†], Osborne-Gowey J, Garland J, Boykoff M, **Burgess MG. (2026)** U.S. television news coverage of climate change policy is aggregately balanced but polarized. *Environmental Research Communications* 8, 051016.
41. Brumberg HD, Dee LE, Murayama H, Alvarado Barrientos JJ, Bessesen B, Bouffard MG, **Burgess MG**, Núñez JC, Furey S, Hernández N, Luger A, Madden M, Pauline E, Schmitt RJP, Siegel KJ, Vargas-Araya L, Whitworth A, Newton P. **(2026)** Riparian vegetation reduces coastal turbidity. *Communications Sustainability* 1, 29.
40. **Burgess MG. (2025)** U.S. academics have freer speech than we think. *Journal of Controversial Ideas* 5(2), 10.
39. Flores A, **Burgess MG**, Caballero MD, Carrico AR, Miller JE, Suarez C[†], Vandenberg MP. **(2025)** Liberals are less willing to buy Teslas than other electric vehicles, moderated by perceptions of Elon Musk. *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications* 12, 1193.
Press coverage by The Guardian, CleanTechnica, Fortune, Fast Company, and others.
38. **Burgess MG**, Dancer A[†]. **(2025)** Keeping emissions scenarios current. *Nature Climate Change* 15, 131-132. (**Invited perspective**)

37. Feitosa LM, **Burgess MG**, Free CM, Gaines SD. (2024) Synergies between price and life history enhance extinction risk in open-access fisheries. *Fish and Fisheries* 25, 972-984.
36. Van Boven L, **Burgess MG**. (2024) Introduction to topical collection: Social science and sustainability technology. *Climatic Change* 177, 69. (Introduction to co-edited topical collection)
35. Marshall R[†], Anderson S, Van Boven L, Al-Shawaf L, **Burgess MG**. (2024) Neutral and negative effects of policy bundling on support for decarbonization. *Climatic Change* 177, 61.
Press coverage by Anthropocene, Sustain What, and others.
34. **Burgess MG**. (2024) Five considerations for twenty-first-century climate policy. *FIU Law Review* 18, 283-312.
33. **Burgess MG***, Van Boven L*, Wagner G*, Wong-Parodi G*, Baker K, Boykoff M, Converse BA, Dilling L, Gilligan J, Inbar Y, Markowitz E, Moyer JD, Newton P, Raimi KT, Shrum T, Vandenberg M. (2024) Supply, demand, and polarization challenges facing U.S. climate policies. *Nature Climate Change* 14, 134-142. *Equal contribution
Press coverage by Project Syndicate, Carbon Brief, and others.
32. Kroeger GD[†], **Burgess MG**. (2024) Electric utility plans are consistent with Renewable Portfolio Standards and Clean Energy Standards in most U.S. states. *Climatic Change* 177, 1.
Press coverage by the Washington Post, 9News, Newsweek, and dozens of local affiliates.
31. Hegwood M[†], **Burgess MG**, Costigliolo EM, Smith P, Bajželj B, Saunders H, Davis SJ. (2023) Rebound effects could offset more than half of avoided food waste and loss. *Nature Food* 4, 585-595.
Press coverage by Anthropocene, KOA Radio, The Daily Camera, and others.
30. **Burgess MG**, Langendorf RE[†], Moyer JD, Dancer A[†], Hughes BB, Tilman D. (2023) Multidecadal dynamics project slow 21st-century economic growth and income convergence. *Communications Earth & Environment* 4, 220.
Press coverage by The Economist and others.
29. **Burgess MG**, Becker SL[†], Langendorf RE[†], Fredston A, Brooks CM. (2023) Climate change scenarios in fisheries and aquatic conservation research. *ICES Journal of Marine Science* 80, 1163-1178.
28. **Burgess MG**, Becker SL[†]. (2022) Good and bad news for ocean predators. *Science* 378, 596-597 (Invited perspective).
Press coverage by Yahoo, UAE Times, and others.
27. Marshall R[†], **Burgess MG**. (2022) Advancing bipartisan decarbonization policies: Lessons from state-level successes and failures. *Climatic Change* 171, 17.
Press coverage by Forbes, Grist, Salon, Energy Wire, The Christian Science Monitor, and others.
26. Hegwood M[†], Langendorf RE[†], **Burgess MG**. (2022) Why win-wins are rare in complex environmental management. *Nature Sustainability* 5, 674-680.
Press coverage by Environmental News Network and others.
25. Pielke Jr R, **Burgess MG**, Ritchie J. (2022) Plausible 2005-2050 emissions scenarios project between 2°C and 3°C of warming by 2100. *Environmental Research Letters* 17, 024027.
Press coverage by New York Times, Daily Mail, Reason, Slow Boring, NPR, Yahoo News, and others.
24. **Burgess MG**, Carrico A, Gaines SD, Peri A, Vanderheiden S. (2021) Prepare developed democracies for long-run economic slowdowns. *Nature Human Behaviour* 5, 1608-1621.
Press coverage by Financial Times and others.
23. Millage KD, Villaseñor-Derbez JC, Bradley D, **Burgess MG**, Lenihan HS, Costello C. (2021) Self-financed marine protected areas. *Environmental Research Letters* 16, 125001.
Press coverage by Science.
22. Langendorf RE[†], **Burgess MG**. (2021) Empirically classifying network mechanisms. *Scientific Reports* 11, 20501.
21. **Burgess MG***, Ritchie J*, Shapland J[†], Pielke Jr. R. (2021) IPCC baseline scenarios have over-projected CO₂ emissions and economic growth. *Environmental Research Letters* 16, 014016. *Equal contribution
Press coverage by Wall Street Journal, Forbes, and others.
20. Rao A, **Burgess MG**, Kaffine D. (2020) Orbital-use fees could more than quadruple the value of the space industry. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 117, 12756-12762.
Press coverage by CBS, NBC, ABC, Daily Mail, Japan Today, and others.
19. **Burgess MG**, Carrella E, Drexler M, Axtell RL, Bailey RM, Watson JR, Cabral R, Clemence M, Costello C, Dorsett C, Gaines SD, Klein ES, Koralus P, Leonard G, Levin SA, Little LR, Lynham J,

- Madsen JK, Merkl A, Owashi B, Saul SE, van Putten IE, Wilcox S. (2020) Opportunities for agent-based modeling in human dimensions of fisheries. **Fish and Fisheries** 21, 570-587.
18. **Burgess MG**, Plank MJ. (2020) What unmanaged fishing patterns reveal about optimal management: applied to the balanced harvesting debate. **ICES Journal of Marine Science** 77, 901-910.
 17. Carrella E, Saul S, Marshall K, **Burgess MG**, Drexler M, Cabral RB, Bailey R, Madsen JK, Dorsett C. (2020) Simple adaptive rules describe fishing behaviour better than perfect rationality in the U.S. west coast groundfish fishery. **Ecological Economics** 169, 106449.
 16. **Burgess MG**, Fredston-Hermann A, Tilman D, Loreau M, Gaines SD. (2019) Broadly inflicted stressors can cause ecosystem thinning. **Theoretical Ecology** 12, 207-223.
 15. Bailey RM, Carrella E, Axtell R, **Burgess MG**, Cabral RB, Drexler M, Dorsett C, Madsen JK, Merkl A, Saul S. (2019) A computational approach to managing coupled human-environmental systems: The POSEIDON model of ocean fisheries. **Sustainability Science** 14, 259-275.
 14. Tallis HM, Hawthorne PL, Polasky S, Reid J, Beck MW, Brauman K, Bielicki JM, Binder S, **Burgess MG**, Cassidy E, Clark A, Fargione J, Game ET, Gerber J, Isbell F, Kiesecker J, McDonald R, Metian M, Molnar JL, Mueller ND, O'Connell CO, Ovando D, Troell M, Boucher T, McPeck B. (2018) An attainable global vision for conservation and human well-being. **Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment** 16, 563-570.
Press coverage by World Economic Forum, and others.
 13. **Burgess MG**, Gaines SD. (2018) The scale of life and its lessons for humanity. **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences** 115, 6328-6330 (Invited perspective).
 12. **Burgess MG***, McDermott GR*, Owashi B, Peavey Reeves LE, Clavelle T, Ovando D, Wallace BP, Lewison RL, Gaines SD, Costello C. (2018) Protecting marine mammals, turtles, and birds by rebuilding global fisheries. **Science** 359, 1255-1258. *Equal contribution
Faculty of 1000 recommended. Press coverage by Scientific American, Forbes, ScienceDaily, Greenwire, and others.
 11. **Burgess MG**, Clemence M, McDermott GR, Costello C, Gaines SD. (2018) Five rules for pragmatic blue growth. **Marine Policy** 87, 331-339.
 10. **Burgess MG**, Costello C, Fredston-Hermann A, Pinsky ML, Gaines SD, Tilman D, Polasky S. (2017) Range contraction enables harvesting to extinction. **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences** 114, 3945-3950.
Cover article for the issue. Press coverage by Forbes, The Atlantic, and others.
 9. **Burgess MG**, Giacomini HC, Szuwalski CS, Costello C, Gaines SD. (2017) Describing ecosystem contexts with single-species models: A theoretical synthesis for fisheries. **Fish and Fisheries** 18, 264-284.
 8. Jacobsen NS, **Burgess MG**, Andersen KH. (2017) Efficiency of fisheries is increasing at the ecosystem level. **Fish and Fisheries** 18, 199-211.
 7. Szuwalski CS, **Burgess MG**, Costello C, Gaines SD. (2017) High fishery catches through trophic cascades in China. **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences** 114, 717-721.
Highlighted on front cover and by commentary in the issue. Press coverage by Hakai Magazine, and others
 6. Williams R*, **Burgess MG***, Ashe E, Gaines SD, Reeves RR. (2016) U.S. seafood import restriction presents opportunity and risk. **Science** 354, 1372-1374. *Equal contribution
Press coverage by National Geographic, NPR, Huffington Post, Quartz, The Conversation, and others.
 5. **Burgess MG**, Diekert FK, Jacobsen NS, Andersen KH, Gaines SD. (2016) Remaining questions in the case for balanced harvesting. **Fish and Fisheries** 17, 1216-1226.
Press coverage by National Geographic, World Economic Forum, and others.
 4. **Burgess MG**, McDermott GR. (2015) Resolving disputes over ocean calamities. **BioScience** 65, 1115-1116.
 3. **Burgess MG**. (2015) Consequences of fleet diversification in managed and unmanaged fisheries. **Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences** 72, 54-70.
Press coverage by CBC and others.
 2. **Burgess MG**, Polasky S, Tilman D. (2013) Predicting overfishing and extinction threats in multispecies fisheries. **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences** 110, 15943-15948.
Highlighted on front cover and by commentary in the issue. Press coverage by CBC, Science for Environment Policy (European Commission), ClimateWire, and others.

1. **Burgess MG. (2009)** Sub-optimal pit construction in predatory ant lion larvae. *Journal of Theoretical Biology* 260, 379-385.

Technical reports (available on request)

6. **Burgess MG**, Suarez C[†], Dancer A[†], Watkins LJ, Marshall RE. (2024) Climate change opinion and recent presidential elections. *A Center for Social and Environmental Futures Report*, January 17, 2024. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.10494413](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10494413)
Press coverage by NBC, CBS, 9News, New York Times, The Atlantic, Bloomberg, Newsweek, Politico, and others.
5. Vitale KS, Hedges S, eds., Clark Artis R, **Burgess M**, Chisholm J, Benson Clayton T, Eddy RM, Floyd S, Garrison G, Singh Hayer K, Langley Q, Price J, Roth M, Urista M, Vitale KS. (2022). Reclaiming the culture of higher education: a best-practices guide for advancing open inquiry, viewpoint diversity, and constructive disagreement. *Heterodox Academy*. Available at: <https://heterodoxacademy.org/resources/reclaiming-the-culture-of-higher-education-guide/>
4. **Burgess MG**, Millage K[†], Ovando D, Thomas L, Rubino LL, Costello C. (2018) Transferable effort vs. transferable catch in age-structured fisheries. *Report to the Nature Conservancy*, September 12, 2018.
3. Millage K[†], **Burgess MG**, Strauss K, Lenihan HS, Costello C. (2017) Ocean Halos: A conceptual model of marine zoning in French Polynesia. *Report to The Nature Conservancy*, October 10, 2017.
2. Millage K[†], Tsukayama L[†], Owashi B, Clemence M, **Burgess MG**, Gaines SD. (2016) Transfer effects following decline in the United States pelagic longline fleet. *Report to the Environmental Defense Fund*, December 24, 2016.
1. **Burgess MG**, Gaines SD. (2016) Relative impacts of fishing on bycatch and target species drive long-term threats and tradeoffs. *Report to the Environmental Defense Fund*, October 7, 2016.

Published conference papers

2. Lifson M, Baset A, Brownhall I, **Burgess MG**, Cates G, Chen B, Connor A, Coursey C, Henning G, Holzinger M, Kaffine D, Miyamoto M, Moretto M, Rao A, Peterson GE, Weeden B, Williams G. 2024. Methods for generating publicly releasable modelling inputs to support development of reference space environment scenarios. 75th International Astronautical Congress (IAC).
1. Lifson M, Baset A, Cates G, Chen B, Connor A, Coursey C, Henning G, Miyamoto M, Peterson GE, Weeden B, Williams G, Brownhall I, **Burgess MG**, Holzinger M, Kaffine D, Moretto M, Rao A. 2024. Development of reference scenarios and supporting inputs for space environment modeling. 25th AMOS Conference Paper.

Letters

2. **Burgess MG**, Pielke Jr R, Ritchie J. (2022) Catastrophic climate risks should neither be understated nor overstated. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119, e2214347119.
Press coverage by Wall Street Journal, WCCO Radio Minnesota, and others.
1. **Burgess MG**, Fredston-Hermann A, Pinsky ML, Gaines SD, Tilman D. (2017) Reply to Le Pape et al.: Management is key to preventing marine extinctions. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 114, E6275-E6276.

Submitted/Working papers (drafts available on request)

10. **Burgess MG**, Elshayeb H, Patel S[†], Francis E, Curtin F[†], Burgess IB. Voluntary markets cannot scale carbon sequestration.
9. Wynes S, Chen Y, Prasad S, Hegwood M[†], Liang KE, **Burgess MG**. GLP-1 weight loss drugs could result in net GHG reductions.
8. Hegwood M[†], Richter S, Scherer L, Clark M, Hayek MN, **Burgess MG**, Lewis-Brown EJ, Martinić O, Newton P, Spajic L, Wood J, Verkuil C, Zanella AJ, Bartlett H. Assess farmed animal welfare at the food systems level.
7. Landgren E[†], Nagpal S, Acquah Y, Garland J, **Burgess MG**. Can homophily explain public underestimation of climate policy support?. Preprint available on arXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2606.15106>

6. Dancer A[†], Miller SJ, **Burgess MG**. Developed economies are growing while reducing many of their environmental impacts. Preprint available on Research Square: <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-9558878> (Revisions requested at *Communications Sustainability*)
Press coverage by *Financial Times*.
5. Curtin F[†], **Burgess MG**. The empirically inscrutable climate-economy relationship. Preprint available on SocArXiv: <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/g8khf>
Press coverage by *Wall Street Journal*, *Foreign Policy*, *Fox Business*, *Marginal Revolution*, and others.
4. **Burgess MG**, Brown PT, Kahn ME, Pielke Jr. R. The economics of climate adaptation optimism. Preprint available on SocArXiv: <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/m7tqu>
3. Hegwood M[†], Froehlich HE, Clark M, **Burgess MG**^{*}, Newton P^{*}. Aquaculture is more regulated than any other food sector in the United States. (Revisions requested at *Environmental Research Letters*) Preprint available on SocArXiv: <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/yx6ga> (*Equal contribution)
2. **Burgess MG**. Five simple mathematical insights about fairness.
1. **Burgess MG**, Langendorf RE[†], Ippolito T[†], Pielke Jr. R. Optimistically biased economic growth forecasts and negatively skewed annual variation.

Grants

External

- “Testing strategies for engaging the center-right in climate policy and pro-environmental behavior”, Carnegie Foundation, sub-award via Vanderbilt University (PI: M. Vandenberg) (2023-2024) (\$15,000) (PI)
- “Climate Change Science, Adaptation, and Communication Support for National Parks”, National Park Service (2022-2023) (\$200,000) (Co-PI)
- “Disruptive technologies and US food security: interdisciplinary training of graduate Fellows to be food system leaders”, United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants Program (2019-2024) (\$262,500) (Co-PI)
- “Transfer effects in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico pelagic longline fishery”, Environmental Defense Fund (2016) (\$66,000)*
- “Reimagining fisheries management”, Ocean Conservancy (2015-2016) (\$258,750)*

*I was too junior at the time of the award to be an official PI but led the development of the proposal and the supervision of the grant.

Internal

- “How does bundling climate policies with economic and social policies affect voter support?”, CIRES Innovative Research Program, University of Colorado Boulder (2021-2022) (\$24,500) (PI)

Awards

- Belt Buckle Research Award, University of Wyoming College of Business (2025)
- Presidential Fellowship, University of Wyoming (2024-2025)
- Research and Innovation Office Faculty Fellowship, University of Colorado Boulder (2023)
- Honorable Mention for the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Outstanding Mentor Award, University of Colorado Boulder (2022)
- Open Inquiry Award for Teaching, Heterodox Academy (2020)
- Honorable Mention for the University of Minnesota Best Dissertation Award (2015)
- University of Minnesota Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (2013-2014)
- University of Minnesota College of Biological Sciences Award for Outstanding Performance as a Teaching Assistant (2011)
- Best Student Presentation—World Conference on Natural Resource Modeling (2011)
- NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship (2010-2013)

Teaching (*denotes a course I designed, or substantially re-designed, and developed)

- *American Economic Success (ECON 1200, Fall 2026), University of Wyoming
- *Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis (ECON 5010, Fall 2025, 2026), University of Wyoming
- Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 1010, Spring 2025 (in-person and asynchronous), 2026), University of Wyoming
- *Sustainable Economies (ENVS 3555, Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024; ENVS 4100 in Spring 2019, 2020), University of Colorado Boulder
 - Mentioned in citation for Open Inquiry Award for Teaching, Heterodox Academy (2020)
- *Mathematics of Human-Environment Systems (ENVS 4100/5100, Fall 2020, 2022), University of Colorado Boulder
- Natural Resource Economics (ECON 3535, Fall 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023), University of Colorado Boulder
- *Economic Growth Futures, Climate Change, and Society (seminar, ENVS 4840, Spring 2021, Fall 2021), University of Colorado Boulder
- *Introduction to Human Dimensions of Environmental Studies (ENVS 1001, Fall 2021), University of Colorado Boulder
- Introduction to Developing Environmental Solutions (ENVS 1001, Spring 2020), University of Colorado Boulder

Advising

Postdoctoral scholars (primary advisor)

- Ekaterina (Kath) Landgren (2023-2024, primary advisor), University of Colorado Boulder
- Ryan Langendorf (2019-2021, primary advisor; 2021-2024, co-advisor), University of Colorado Boulder

Graduate students (primary advisor)

- Finbar Curtin (2024-present, Research Assistantship advisor, Economics Ph.D.), University of Wyoming
- Parsa Ghobadi (2025-present, Research Assistantship advisor, Economics Ph.D.), University of Wyoming
- Clarisse Guimaraes Zimmer (2024-2025, Research Assistantship advisor, Economics Ph.D.), University of Wyoming
- Christian Suarez (2023-2024, primary advisor; 2024-present, co-advisor, Environmental Studies Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Ashley Dancer (2021-2024, primary advisor; 2024-present, co-advisor, Environmental Studies Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Naya O'Reilly (2022-2024, primary advisor; 2024-2025, co-advisor, Environmental Studies Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Margaret Hegwood (2020-2025, co-advisor, Environmental Studies Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Sarah Becker (2021-2024, co-advisor, Environmental Studies Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder

Undergraduate students (primary advisor)

- Sanju Patel (2025, visiting summer researcher, Economics), University of Wyoming
- Mohamed Elbedawi (2021-2022, Environmental Studies Honors thesis), University of Colorado Boulder
- Peyton Korte (2021-2022, Environmental Studies Honors thesis and Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program), University of Colorado Boulder
- Grace Kroeger (2021-2022, Environmental Studies Honors thesis and Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program), University of Colorado Boulder
- Justin Lawson (2021-2022, Economics Honors thesis and Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program), University of Colorado Boulder

- Renae Marshall (2020-2021, Environmental Studies Honors thesis and Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program), University of Colorado Boulder
Ms. Marshall won the 2021 Arts & Sciences Outstanding Graduate award—the college's top award for Honors students.
- Naya O'Reilly (2019-2020, Environmental Studies Honors thesis and Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program), University of Colorado Boulder
- Joshua Hartmann (2019-2020, Environmental Studies Honors thesis), University of Colorado Boulder
- John Shapland (2019-2020, Environmental Studies Honors thesis), University of Colorado Boulder
- Vincent Wroble (2019, CIRES summer Research Assistant), University of Colorado Boulder

Other advising

- Dayana Jones (2026-present, committee member, Economics Ph.D.), University of Wyoming
- Elizabeth Francis (2024-present, committee member, Environmental Studies Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Alivia Cochran (2024-2026, committee member, Economics Ph.D.), University of Wyoming
- Sarah Becker (2024-2026, committee member, Environmental Studies Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Brian Flaxman (2024, committee member, Economics Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Hilary Brumberg (2021-2024, committee member, Environmental Studies M.S.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Naya O'Reilly (2021-2024, committee member, Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Sciences M.S.), University of Hawai'i Hilo
- Alexandra Flores (2022-2023, committee member, Psychology and Neuroscience Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Anthony Bugarin (2023, advisor, Research Experience for Community College Students), University of Colorado Boulder
- Jessica DeGroot (2022, advisor, Research Experience for Community College Students), University of Colorado Boulder
- Henry Westfall (2022, advisor, high school summer research), University of Colorado Boulder
- Waverly Eichhorst (2020-2022, committee member, Environmental Studies Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Tara Ippolito (2019-2021, committee member, Environmental Studies Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Luca Palasti (2021, committee member, Geography M.S.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Roy Rutherford (2021, committee member, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Honors thesis), University of Colorado Boulder
- Joanna Kristensen (2021, committee member, Economics Honors thesis), University of Colorado Boulder
- Cameron Duff (2020, committee member, Economics Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Matthew Butner (2019, committee member, Economics Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Akhil Rao (2018-2019, committee member, Economics Ph.D.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Zephyr Sylvester (2018, guidance committee member, Environmental Studies M.S.), University of Colorado Boulder
- Cale Wagner (2018-2019, committee member, Environmental Design Honors thesis), University of Colorado Boulder
- Jacob Schmidt (2018, committee member, Economics Honors thesis), University of Colorado Boulder
- Katherine Millage (2016-2018, advisor, as summer intern and Project Researcher), University of California, Santa Barbara
- Lily Tsukayama (2016, advisor, summer internship), University of California, Santa Barbara
- Jessica Braun (2013-2014, advisor, through HHMI Undergraduate Research Mentor Program and subsequent internship), University of Minnesota
- Aaron Cohen (2013, co-advisor with David Tilman, Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior Honors thesis), University of Minnesota

Invited Presentations

- Center for the Study of Government and the Individual, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO (2027, scheduled)
- Heterodox Conversations, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV (2026, scheduled)
- World Bank-International Monetary Fund (IMF) climate webinar, virtual (2026)
- Become Peacemakers documentary premiere panel, Casper and Cheyenne, WY (2026)
- Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO (2026)
- Climate Conversations 2026, University of Wyoming, virtual (2026)
- Lecture Series on Climate and Health, St. Luke's Hospital, Boise, ID (2026)
- Department of Geosciences, Boise State University, Boise, ID (2026)
- Heterodox Conversations, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (2025)
- Diploma in Climate Medicine, University of Colorado Anschutz, virtual (2025)
- Summer Institute for Climate Change Education, virtual (2025)
- Heterodox Conversations, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA (2025)
- Florida International University Environment Forum, Washington, DC (2025)
- Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Political Psychology course, Johns Hopkins University, virtual (2025)
- Intelligent Vehicle Briefs webinar, virtual (2025)
- Department of Atmospheric Science, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY (2025)
- Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network (CLEAN) keynote, virtual (2025)
- Censorship in the Sciences: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, Los Angeles, CA (2025)
- Vanderbilt University School of Law, Nashville, TN (2024)
- Ecosystem Science and Sustainability Seminar, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO (2024)
- Diploma in Climate Medicine, University of Colorado Anschutz, virtual (2024)
- Summer Institute for Climate Change Education, virtual (2024)
- Colorado Coalition for a Livable Climate, virtual (2024)
- Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver, CO (2024)
- Conference on World Affairs, Boulder, CO (2024)
- Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Political Psychology course, Johns Hopkins University, virtual (2024)
- Boulder Flatirons Rotary Club, Boulder, CO (2024)
- Center for Environmental Journalism, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (2024)
- Department of Economics, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY (2023)
- Club 20 and Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO (2023)
- Research & Innovation Week TED-Style Talks, Boulder, CO (2023)
- Boulder Rotary Club, Boulder, CO (2023)
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, OH (2023)
- University of Colorado Boulder Wellness Summit, Boulder, CO (2023)
- Summer Institute for Climate Change Education, virtual (2023)
- State Department Latin American Delegation to the University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (2023)
- Florida International University Environment Forum, Miami, FL (2023)
- Undergraduate Mathematics Research Colloquium, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO (2023)
- American Geophysical Union Annual General Meeting Press Briefing, virtual (2022)
- Colorado Technology Primer for Economists & Social Scientists, Golden, CO (2022)
- Summer Institute for Climate Change Education, virtual (2022)
- ForeverGold Alumni Summer Retreat, Vail, CO (2022)
- EU Delegation to the U.S., Colorado Local Science and Engagement Network, Boulder, CO (2022)
- Earth Day Assembly (Panel), Boulder Country Day School, Boulder, CO (2022)
- Bruce D. Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization, University of Colorado Boulder (2022)
- CU in DC, Washington, DC (2022)
- CU Boulder Chancellor's Annual Summit, Denver, CO (2022)
- Heterodox Academy Graduate Affiliate Conversation, virtual (December 2021)

- Climate change, democracy, and society workshop, University of Colorado Boulder (2021)
- 2021 Florida Climate Forecast Conference, Climate Adaptation Center & University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, Sarasota, FL (2021)
- Energy and Environment Forum, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy, University of Tennessee Knoxville (2021)
- Greer Seminar Series, Haslam College of Business, University of Tennessee Knoxville (2021)
- Bruce D. Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization, University of Colorado Boulder (2021)
- Heterodox Academy Graduate Affiliate Conversation, virtual (February 2021)
- Heterodox Academy Member Spotlight, virtual (2021)
- Science@Home, Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences Education and Outreach, virtual (2020)
- NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center, virtual (2020)
- Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Colorado Boulder (2019)
- Environmental Studies Program, University of Colorado Boulder (2019)
- Institute for Oceans and Fisheries, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (2018)
- Environmental Sustainability Research Centre, Brock University, St. Catharines, Canada (2018)
- Mathematical Biology group, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada (2018)
- Department of Biology, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada (2018)
- Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Marine Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA (2018)
- Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (2018)
- Department of Earth System Science, University of California, Irvine, CA (2018)
- Leibniz-Institute for Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, Berlin, Germany (2018)
- Departments of Ecology, Evolution and Natural Resources, and Marine and Coastal Sciences, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (2017)
- Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada (2016)
- School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle (2016)
- Department of Natural Resource Sciences, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (2016)
- National Institute of Aquatic Resources (DTU Aqua), Technical University of Denmark, Charlottenlund, Denmark (2015)
- Centre for Ecological and Evolutionary Synthesis (CEES), University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway (2015)
- School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK (2015)
- OneNOAA Science Seminar, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (2014)
- Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of California, Santa Barbara (2014)
- Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Princeton University (2013)
- Station d'Ecologie Expérimentale du CNRS à Moulis, Moulis, France (2013)
- Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota (2011)

Organized Symposia and Workshops

- Heterodox Academy Mountain West Regional Conference, (2026), Laramie, WY (co-organizer Martha McCaughey)
- "Social and Environmental Futures Workshop", 2023, Boulder, CO
- "Social Science of Sustainability Technology", 2022, Boulder, CO (co-organizer L. Van Boven)
- "Synergies between ecology and economics: Cross-pollination and gains from trade", 2015 Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Baltimore, Maryland, USA (co-organizer L.E. Dee)

Conference Presentations

- Teaching Progress Conference, Roots of Progress Institute, Washington, D.C. (2026)
- CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, Vail, CO (2025)
- Heterodox Academy Conference, New York, NY (2025)

- Heterodox Academy Conference, Chicago, IL (2024)
- Front Range Energy Economics Workshop, Boulder, CO (2024)
- World Fisheries Congress, Seattle, WA (2024)
- Social and Environmental Futures Workshop, Boulder, CO (2023)
- Front Range Energy Economics Workshop, Boulder, CO (2023)
- Social Science and Sustainability Technology Workshop, Boulder, CO (2022)
- CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, Vail, CO (2022)
- Heterodox Academy Conference, Denver CO (2022)
- Front Range Energy Economics Workshop, Boulder, CO (2022)
- American Geophysical Union Ocean Sciences Meeting, virtual (2022)
- American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA and virtual (2021)
- Front Range Energy Economics Workshop, Boulder, CO (2021)
- North American Congress for Conservation Biology, virtual (2020)
- United States Society for Ecological Economics 10th Biennial Conference, Louisville, KY (2019)
- University Climate Change Coalition Vancouver Summit (Panel), Vancouver, Canada (2019)
- CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, Vail, CO (2018)
- IMBeR IMBIZO V, Woods Hole, MA (2017)
- World Fisheries Congress, Busan, South Korea (2016)
- IMBeR IMBIZO IV, Trieste, Italy (2015)
- Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Baltimore, MD (2015)
- Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Quebec City, Canada (2014)
- Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Minneapolis, MN (2013)
- MABIES (Mathematics of Bio-economics Workshop), Paris France (2013)
- Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, St. Paul, MN (2012)
- ICES Annual Science Conference, Gdansk, Poland (2011)
- World Conference on Natural Resource Modeling, Ottawa, Canada (2011)

Service

- Member, University of Wyoming Free Expression Advisory Committee (2025-present)
- Faculty mentor to BridgeUWYO (local chapter of BridgeUSA), University of Wyoming (2024-present)
- Host of Grounded, Not Divided podcast, University of Wyoming (2024-present)
- Editorial board member, *Fish and Fisheries* (2023-present)
- Facilitator and organizer of multi-university Reducing Polarization Dialogues series (2020-present)
 - University of Colorado Boulder (2020-present)
 - University of Colorado Denver, University of Denver, Colorado State University, Colorado Mesa University (2023-present)
 - University of Wyoming, University of Utah, Utah Valley University, Boise State University (2024-present)
- Member of Heterodox Academy (2018-present) and HxEconomics (2021-present)
 - Mountain West HxA Community Co-Moderator (2025-present)
 - CU Boulder HxA Campus Community Co-Chair (2023-2024)
- Appeared in Become Peacemakers documentary (2026)
- Convener of University of Wyoming rapid-response dialogues, University of Wyoming (2024-2025)
- Expert participant in University of Pennsylvania ‘Superforecaster’ tournament on human welfare and societal change (2022-2024)
- Guest co-editor of a topical collection on social science and sustainability technology, *Climatic Change* (2023-2024)
- Director, Center for Social and Environmental Futures, University of Colorado Boulder (2022-2024)
- Faculty Fellow for Higher Education and Democracy, University of Colorado Boulder (2022-2024)
- University of Colorado Boulder representative to Climate and Democracy Initiative Education sector planning committee (2022-2024)
- Expert adviser on Forethought Foundation and Good Judgment Inc. ‘Superforecaster’ tournament on climate change (2022-2023)

- Organizer and moderator of bipartisan climate solutions panel, featuring members of the U.S. Congress (2022)
- Member of Steering Committee for UN Human Rights Right Here, Right Now Global Climate Summit, Boulder, CO (2021-2022)
 - Moderator of youth bipartisan advocacy panel
- Faculty Fellow, Bruce D. Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization, University of Colorado (2021-2024)
 - Host of the Free Mind podcast (2023-2024)
 - Member of the Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy Search Committee (2022-2024)
- Environmental Studies representative to Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate (2021-2024)
- Member of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate Grievance Committee (2021-2024)
- Chair, ENVIS Awards Committee (2021-2024)
- Member of CIRES Strategic Planning Group (2021)
- Member of CIRES Social Science Working Group (2021)
- Referee for Pew report on agent-based modeling (2020)
- Member of ENVIS 1001 redesign task force, Environmental Studies Program, University of Colorado Boulder (2020-2021)
- Member of Carbon Pricing Affinity Group, University Climate Change Coalition (UC3) (2019-2022)
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Environmental Studies, University of Colorado Boulder (2018-2024)
- Core Faculty, Center for Science and Technology Policy Research, University of Colorado Boulder (2018-2020)
- Volunteer consultant on the design of an aquarium exhibit on fishery bycatch, Aquarium of the Pacific and ArtCenter College of Design (2018)
- University College Alumni Career Mentorship Program, University of Toronto (2013-2014, 2022-2023)
- Referee for *Science*, *Science Advances*, *Nature Climate Change*, *Nature Communications*, *Nature Sustainability*, *Nature Food*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management (JEEM)*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (JAERE)*, *PLoS Climate*, *Climatic Change*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Environmental Politics*, *Climate Policy*, *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, *BioScience*, *Global Change Biology*, *Fish and Fisheries*, *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*, *Marine Policy*, *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, *ICES Journal of Marine Science*, *Ecology and Society*, *Ecological Economics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Environmental Modeling and Assessment*, *Marine Environmental Research*, *Ecological Complexity*, *PLoS One*, *Scientific Reports*, *Natural Resource Modeling*, *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, *Ecological Applications*, *Conservation Letters*, *Endangered Species Research*, *Regional Studies in Marine Science*

Selected Popular Articles

- “Protect shared governance by governing” (*Academic Leader*, September 8, 2026)
- “Putting excellence first is the path to equity in education” (*Deseret News*, with Scott Beaulier, January 28, 2026)
- “And that’s how I learned to speak up” (*Inquisitive*, December 15, 2025)
- “How the University of Wyoming is building trust” (*Cowboy State Daily*, with Scott Beaulier, January 9, 2025)
- “Teach nuance and pragmatism on climate change” (*Profectus*, November 27, 2024)
- “It’s time to stop the double talk around diversity hiring” (*The Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 5, 2024)
- “How an academic department replaced diversity statements with service statements” (Heterodox Academy blog, with Peter Newton, May 30, 2024)
- “Climate change matters to more and more people—and could be a deciding factor in the 2024 election” (*The Conversation*, March 12, 2024; reposted by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Salon*, and others)

- “Partisan science is bad for science and society” (Heterodox Academy blog, with Roger Pielke Jr., April 5, 2023)
- “A bipartisan climate playbook is emerging” (*Arc Digital*, with Renae Marshall, September 6, 2022)
- “Come together: De-polarize climate change, on and off campus” (*Liberal Education*, Fall 2022)
- “Want to Reduce Polarization? Pass These Climate Policies” (*Arc Digital*, with Renae Marshall, September 20, 2021)
- “Reducing polarization through campus dialogs” (Heterodox Academy blog, with Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, January 13, 2021)
- “What if a Presidential candidate ran on what most Americans actually wanted?” (*Arc Digital*, with Renae Marshall, July 25, 2020)