



School of Energy Resources
Center for Energy Regulation
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WELCOME TO THE **CENTER FOR ENERGY REGULATION & POLICY ANALYSIS**

The newly launched Center for Energy Regulation & Policy Analysis (CERPA) is one of the Centers of Excellence sponsored by the School of Energy Resources (SER) at the University of Wyoming. Drawing upon interdisciplinary expertise in energy law, policy, technology and economics from collaborators both on and off campus, CERPA conducts world-class analyses that help inform the development of effective and pragmatic energy policies to benefit the State of Wyoming, the intermountain west region, and the United States.

CERPA was founded in 2020 to respond to the energy challenges and opportunities facing the State of Wyoming. As a major producer and exporter of energy, Wyoming's economy is influenced by a multitude of international, national, regional, and state energy policies. CERPA assesses these policies with the goal of enhancing the economic, social, and cultural wellbeing of the State of Wyoming and its citizens.

CERPA's work is funded by federal grants, private foundation awards, and State of Wyoming appropriations.

Co-located with SER, CERPA resides in the Energy Innovation Center on the Laramie campus. For more information, please see CERPA's web site at UWYO.EDU/CERPA

PUBLICATIONS:

The following two working papers have been published on the CERPA web site:

Righetti, T. "The Carbon Storage Future of Federal Lands"

Righetti, T., Stoellinger, T., Godby, R., Coddington, K. "Adapting to Coal-Plant Closures: A Framework for Understanding State Resistance to the Energy Transition"

DOWNLOAD WORKING PAPERS HERE

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STAFFING

CERPA recently hired its first two employees: Jada Garofalo and Selena Gerace.

Jada Garofalo is originally from Fort Collins, CO. After attaining her BS in Nutrition and Food Science from Colorado State University in 2010 and her MS in Climate Science and Policy from Bard College in 2014, Ms. Garofalo worked as a Climate Policy Fellow for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Fort Collins, CO. She served as a co-author, steering committee member, and chapter coordinator for the Interagency National Climate and Health Assessment; coordinated responses to Center FOIA requests; co-authored a book chapter on climate change impacts to human health; and created policy communications materials. Ms. Garofalo received her JD from the University of Wyoming in 2019 and was sworn into the Wyoming State Bar in the same year. While attaining her law degree, Ms. Garofalo served as the student director of the Center for Law and Energy Resources in the Rockies; participated in the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Clinic; argued before the United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals; and published two peer-reviewed articles. Most recently, she completed a judicial clerkship for the Honorable Herman Walker, Jr. in the Superior Court of the Third Judicial District of Anchorage, AK.

Selena grew up in Mt. Shasta, California and got her undergraduate degree in Politics from Whitman College. She completed her MS at the University of Wyoming in 2016, where she double majored in Agricultural and Applied Economics and Environment and Natural Resources. After graduate school, Selena worked for UW Extension as the Outreach Coordinator on a National Science Foundation EPSCoR funded project which focused on evaluating the implications of adopting Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) as a strategy to reduce carbon emissions. She led the WAFERx team in producing outreach products to communicate research findings with regional stakeholders. In her new position at SER, Selena will be working as an assistant research scientist with a joint appointment in CEGR and CERPA. She will be researching energy economics, policy, and doing public outreach as part of the PCOR Partnership grant.



RESEARCH UNDERWAY:

CERPA has convened an international and interdisciplinary team of engineering, legal, and policy experts to examine issues that surround retrofitting CCS/CCUS technology on Wyoming's fleet of coal-fired power plants and related topics. Initial results are expected in the fall of 2021.

CERPA recently competed for funding from the United States Air Force's "Reimaging Energy" initiative. For part of the effort, CERPA created a virtual showcase that touts Wyoming's low-carbon efforts. The virtual showcase is available [HERE](#).

WEBINARS:

On February 2, 2021, CERPA sponsored a roundtable webinar that examined the impact of President Biden's recent orders related to new oil and gas leasing on federal lands. For more information about this webinar, or to watch a recording of the presentation, please see [HERE](#)