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APPOINTMENT

Fellow, Resources for the Future Aug 2021 –
Postdoctoral Fellow, Wharton Risk Center, University of Pennsylvania Aug 2019 – July 2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, San Diego June 2019
Advisors: Mark Jacobsen (Chair), Julie Cullen, Joshua Graff Zivin
B.A. in Economics, University of Hong Kong June 2013

RESEARCH AREAS

Climate adaptation, natural disaster policy, climate financial risk, energy and transportation

PUBLICATIONS

“Weather and the Decision to Go Solar: Evidence on Costly Cancellations” *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, no. 1 (January 2020): 1-33.

WORKING PAPERS

“Extreme Weather and the Politics of Climate Change: a Study of Campaign Contributions and Elections” (with Pablo Ruiz Junco) – conditionally accepted at *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*

“The Fiscal Impacts of Wildfires on California Municipalities” (with Carolyn Kousky) – conditionally accepted at *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*

“How Hurricanes Sweep Up Housing Markets: Evidence from Florida” (with Joshua Graff Zivin and Yann Panassié)

“What’s at Stake? Understanding the Role of Home Equity in Flood Insurance Demand” (with Philip Mulder)

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Benjamin C. Horne Memorial Prize, UC San Diego	2018
Walter P. Heller Memorial Prize for Best Third Year Paper, UC San Diego	2016
UCSD Department of Economics CPhil Fellowship	2016
UCSD Graduate Summer Research Fellowship	2014–2015
Hong Kong University Alumni Prizes	2012
C.V. Starr Scholarship, University of Hong Kong	2012

PRESENTATIONS

2021	Resources for the Future, EEA Annual Meeting, Federal Housing Finance Agency, 2021 PLACES Webinar, University of Alaska Anchorage*, UCLA Climate Adaptation Research Symposium*
2020	ASSA Annual Meeting (San Diego), Wharton Risk Center Research Seminar, UEA Virtual Meeting, First Street Foundation Flood Lab Workshop
2019	Duke Kunshan University, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, UC Davis ARE, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Wharton Risk Center, Camp Resources XXVI (Asheville), Wharton EEF seminar, SEA Annual Meeting (Fort Lauderdale)
2018	Occasional Workshop in Environmental & Resource Economics, 12th All-California Labor Economics Conference (poster)
2017	ASSA Annual Meeting (Chicago)

(*: scheduled)

REFEREEING

Climatic Change, Sustainability, Data for Policy 2021 (conference), Energy Journal, Environmental and Resource Economics, Natural Hazards Review, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Resources, Conservation & Recycling

TEACHING

Graduate	Economics of the Environment (Co-instructor, 2016-17, UCSD SIO), Environmental and Regulatory Economics (Co-instructor, 2017, UCSD GPS)
Undergraduate	Econometrics (I, II), Data Analytics for Social Sciences, Public Economics, Principles of Microeconomics (Teaching Assistant, 2013-2019, UCSD Economics)

OTHER POSITIONS HELD

Independent consultant	Civic Exchange, Hong Kong	2013
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