



RFF Welcomes Three New Members of the Research Staff: Spencer Banzhaf, Majid Ezzati, and Michael Margolis

Spencer Banzhaf comes to RFF with a Ph.D. and master's in economics, both from Duke University. He's worked as a consultant-in-residence and an economist for Triangle Economic Research.



Spencer Banzhaf

Banzhaf's work focuses on the economic valuation of environmental quality and the potential for introducing such values into economic accounts, such as the Consumer Price Index. "Over the

next year I plan to continue this work," says Banzhaf, "while also studying how the benefits from environmental improvements are distributed across society."

Majid Ezzati holds Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in science, technology, and environmental policy from Princeton University and a master's degree in electrical engineering and a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering from McGill University.

Before joining RFF, he held a Global Health Leadership post-doctoral fellowship in the World Health Organization's Epidemiology and Burden of Disease Unit, where he conducted research on the contributions of socioeconomic, environmental, behavioral, and physiological risk factors to global and regional burden of disease.



Majid Ezzati

While at RFF, Ezzati will conduct research on the health effects of indoor air pollution from household energy use, the role of energy and other household level technologies in reducing disease burden, strategies for successful technology transfer, and quantifying the disease burden associated with different risk factors and the benefits of intervention programs.

Michael Margolis holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wyoming. He also served as a post-doctoral research associate at the university. Before beginning his post-graduate studies, Margolis worked as a reporter for the *Del Rio News Herald*.

Of his work at RFF, Margolis says, "I'll be looking at several reasons people worry about the economic integration of the planet—food safety, invasive pests, and poor control of pollution and natural resource use. These and other factors give rise to real costs of trade, and we have only a very sketchy idea of how those costs compare to the benefits of trade."



Michael Margolis

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Correction

In the Fall 2001 issue of *Resources*, the bio for RFF board member Lawrence H. Linden incorrectly stated certain facts. He has been a managing director at Goldman Sachs and Co. since 1996, where he is co-chairman and chief operating officer of the firm's Global Compliance and Control Committee. He was a general partner of Goldman Sachs from 1992 to 1999. Linden worked at McKinsey & Co. from 1983 to 1992, rising to the rank of partner in 1988.

Summer Internships

RFF is now accepting applications for its 2002 summer internships. Approximately a dozen students will be selected to work directly with RFF researchers on a variety of ongoing projects or assist in developing new areas of research and policy analysis. A modest stipend will be offered for an average 10-week assignment.

RFF seeks candidates in the social or natural sciences with policy analysis experience, excellent writing skills, and an interest in complex policy problems that lend themselves to interdisciplinary analysis. Two of RFF's research divisions, Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) and Quality of the Environment (QE), additionally require a strong background and an interest in economics and quantitative methods. The Risk, Resource, and Environmental Management (RREM) division, RFF's third research division, seeks students with a strong interest in public policy.

Applicants may apply to one or more RFF division by submitting the following



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materials: cover letter describing interests, resume, photocopy of a recent transcript, and letter of recommendation sent directly to RFF by a faculty member. Applicants should specify which division they are applying to in the cover letter. Students applying to RREM should also send a brief writing sample.

Internships begin in June and run through mid-August. All materials can be faxed to 202-939-3460 or mailed to:

Resources for the Future, Summer Internship Program, 1616 P Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Applications to the ENR and QE divisions should be sent to the attention of John Mankin; applications to the RREM division should be sent to the attention of Marilyn Alano. All materials must be postmarked or faxed by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2002.

For more information, see our website:
http://www.rff.org/about_rff/internships.htm.

Reaching Out

RFF's researchers continue to bring their work to the world at large. The following is just a sampling of RFF outreach efforts over the last few months.

Molly Macauley attended meetings of the NASA Administrator's Space Science Advisory Committee and led discussions on measuring performance, public and private sector roles in technology development, and the role of the government in basic research. She was recently inducted into the International Academy of Astronautics.

Howard Gruenspecht talked about why the United States is unlikely to reduce its dependence on Saudi oil in interviews with ABC's *Nightline* and the *Weekly Standard*. He also was quoted in "Driven Mad by SUVs" in *Reason*.

The Christian Science Monitor published an op-ed by **Thomas Beierle** and **Ruth Greenspan Bell** on how environmental "right to know" programs have become a casualty of the war on terrorism. Bell also gave an invited presentation to the Environment Division of the InterAmerican Development Bank.

Kenneth Frederick testified on national water supply issues at a hearing before the Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

James Sanchirico gave a lecture on fishery economics and policy at the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute.

Michael Taylor has written op-eds for *The Christian Science Monitor* and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* on the U.S. role in achieving global food security and the safety of our domestic food supply system, respectively.

Karen Palmer and **Dallas Burtraw** discussed their work on market solutions to climate change at a conference sponsored by Redefining Progress, a California think tank that focuses on environmental, social justice, and sustainability issues.

Margaret Walls attended an Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development conference in Paris and presented a paper on solid waste management.