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## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

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**School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

**Assistant Professor** (2020 – Present)

**Resources for the Future**, Washington, DC

**Fellow** (2011 – Present)

**Consortium for the Valuation of Applications Benefits Linked with Earth Science (VALUABLES)**

**Director** (2016 – Present)

## PRIOR APPOINTMENTS

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**Center for Reinventing Aging Infrastructure for Nutrient Management (RAINmgt)**

**Deputy Director** (2016 – 2017)

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Agricultural and Applied Economics**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2011)

**M.S., Economics**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2006)

**A.B., Economics**, Amherst College (2004)

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Environmental and natural resource economics; Water resources and ecosystems; Integrated socio-environmental systems; Science policy

## ARTICLES IN ECONOMICS AND POLICY JOURNALS

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Earnhart, D., S. Jacobson, **Y. Kuwayama**, and R. Woodward. 2022. Discretionary exemptions from environmental regulation: Flexibility for good or for ill. *Accepted, Land Economics*. Available as *RFF Working Paper* 19-20.

**Kuwayama, Y.**, S. Olmstead, and J. Zheng. 2022. A more comprehensive estimate of the value of water quality. *Journal of Public Economics*, 207, 104600.

Kroetz, K., **Y. Kuwayama**, and C. Vexler. 2020. The economics of the joint management of water resources and aquatic species in the United States. *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*, 14(2), 194–215.

Fitzgerald, T., **Y. Kuwayama**, S. Olmstead, and A. Thompson. 2020. Dynamic impacts of U.S. energy development on agricultural land use. *Energy Policy*, 137, 11163.

**Kuwayama, Y.**, A. Thompson, R. Bernknopf, B. Zaitchik, and P. Vail. 2019. Estimating the impact of drought on agriculture using the US Drought Monitor. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 101(1): 193-210.

Walls, M., and **Y. Kuwayama**. 2019. Evaluating payments for forest watershed services programs in the United States. *Water Economics and Policy*, 5(4), 1950003.

Epanchin-Niell, R., **Y. Kuwayama**, and M. Walls. 2017. Spatial-dynamic complexities of the climate challenge for rural areas: Integrating resource and regional economic insights. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 99(2): 447–463.

**Kuwayama, Y.**, S. Roeshot, A. Krupnick, N. Richardson, and J. Mares. 2017. Risks and mitigation options for on-site storage of wastewater from shale gas and tight oil development. *Energy Policy*, 101: 582–593.

**Kuwayama, Y.**, and N. Brozović. 2017. Optimal management of environmental externalities with time lags and uncertainty. *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 68(3): 473–499.

**Kuwayama, Y.**, and H. Kamen. 2016. What drives the reuse of municipal wastewater? A county-level analysis of Florida. *Land Economics*, 92(4): 679–702.

**Kuwayama, Y.**, and N. Brozović. 2013. The regulation of a spatially heterogeneous externality: Tradable groundwater permits to protect streams. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 66(2): 364–382.

## ARTICLES IN NATURAL SCIENCE JOURNALS

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Ordway, E. M., A. J. Elmore, S. Kolstoe, J. E. Quinn, R. Swanwick, M. Cattau, D. Taillie, S. M. Guinn, K. D. Chadwick, J. W. Atkins, R. E. Blake, M. Chapman, K. Cobourn, T. Goulden, M. R. Helmus, K. Hondula, C. Hritz, J. Jensen, J. P. Julian, **Y. Kuwayama**, V. Lulla, D. O’Leary, D. R. Nelson, J. P. Ocon, S. Pau, G. E. Ponce-Campos, C. Portillo-Quintero, N. G. Pricope, R. G. Rivero, L. Schneider, M. Steele, M. G. Tulbure, M. A. Williamson, and C. Wilson. 2021. Leveraging the NEON Airborne Observation Platform for socio-environmental systems research. *Ecosphere*, 12(6), e03640.

Stroming, S., M. Robertson, B. Mabee, **Y. Kuwayama**, and B. Schaeffer. 2020. Quantifying the human health benefits of using satellite information to detect cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms and manage recreational advisories in U.S. lakes. *GeoHealth*, 4(9), e2020GH000254.

**Kuwayama, Y.**, S. Olmstead, D. Wietelman, and J. Zheng. 2020. Trends in nutrient pollution as a source of potential water quality damages: A case study of Texas, USA. *Science of the Total Environment*, 724, 137962.

**Kuwayama, Y.**, and S. Olmstead. 2020. Hydroeconomic modeling of resource recovery from wastewater: Implications for water quality and quantity management. *Journal of Environmental Quality*, 49(3), 593–602.

Bernknopf, R., **Y. Kuwayama**, R. Gibson, J. Blakely, B. Mabee, T. J. Clifford, B. Quayle, J. Epting, T. Hardy, and D. Goodrich. 2020. Monetising the savings of remotely sensed data and information in Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER) wildfire assessment. *International Journal of Wildland Fire*, 30(1), 18–29.

Öberg, G., G. S. Metson, **Y. Kuwayama**, and S. A. Conrad. 2020. Conventional sewer systems are too time-consuming, costly and inflexible to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. *Sustainability*, 12(16), 6518.

Virapongse, A., F. Pearlman, J. Pearlman, M. Murambadoro, **Y. Kuwayama**, and M. Glasscoe. 2020. Ten rules to increase the societal value of Earth Observations. *Earth Science Informatics*, 13(2), 233–247.

Metson, G., S. M. Powers, R. L. Hale, J. Sayles, G. Öberg, G. K. MacDonald, **Y. Kuwayama**, N. Springer, A. Weatherley, K. L. Hondula, K. Jones, R. B. Chowdhury, A. H. W. Beusen, and A. F. Bouwman. 2018. Socio-environmental consideration of phosphorus flows in the urban sanitation chain of contrasting cities. *Regional Environmental Change*, 18(5): 1387–1401.

Bernknopf, R., D. Brookshire, **Y. Kuwayama**, M. Macauley, M. Rodell, A. Thompson, P. Vail, and B. Zaitchik. 2018. The value of remotely sensed information: The case of GRACE-enhanced drought severity index. *Weather, Climate, and Society*, 10(1): 187–203.

**Kuwayama, Y.,** S. Olmstead, and A. Krupnick. 2015. Water quality and quantity impacts of hydraulic fracturing. *Current Sustainable/Renewable Energy Reports*, 2(1): 17–24.

**Kuwayama, Y.,** and N. Brozović. 2012. Analytical hydrologic models and the design of policy instruments for groundwater-quality management. *Hydrogeology Journal*, 20(5): 957–972.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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Bernknopf, R., D. Brookshire, M. Macauley, G. Jakeman, **Y. Kuwayama,** H. Miller, L. Richardson, and A. Smart. 2019. Societal benefits: Methods and examples for estimating the value of remote sensing information. In S. Morain, M. Renslow, and A. Budge, editors, *Manual of Remote Sensing, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* (pp. 869-910). American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Bethesda.

**Kuwayama, Y.,** R. Young, and N. Brozović. 2016. Groundwater scarcity: Management approaches and recent innovations. In J. R. Ziolkowska and J. M. Peterson, editors, *Competition for Water Resources – Experiences and Management Approaches in the US and Europe* (pp. 332–350). Elsevier, Cambridge.

**Kuwayama, Y.,** and S. Olmstead. 2015. Water quality and economics: Willingness to pay, efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and new research frontiers. In D. Layton and R. Halvorsen, editors, *The Handbook of Natural Resource Economics* (pp. 474–501). Edward Elgar Publishing, Amsterdam.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Bernknopf, R., A. Steinkruger, and **Y. Kuwayama.** Earth observations can enable cost-effective conservation of Eastern North Pacific blue whales: A value of information analysis. Available as *RFF Working Paper* 21-09.

**Kuwayama, Y.,** J. Rayl, and T. Treacle. Transferable property rights in natural resource management and the value of reliability: Evidence from the Chilean water market.

**Kuwayama, Y.,** K. Kroetz, T. Treacle, J. Ashander, and C. Speir. Optimal management of natural resources generating multiple ecosystem services.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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**Kuwayama, Y.,** and S. Aldy. 2021. *The Value of Science Explainer Series*. Resources for the Future.

Mount, J., B. Gray, K. Bork, J. E. Cloern, F. W. Davis, T. Grantham, L. Grenier, J. Harder, **Y. Kuwayama,** P. Moyle, M. W. Schwartz, A. Whipple, and S. Yarnell. 2019. *A Path Forward for California's Freshwater Ecosystems*. San Francisco, CA: Public Policy Institute of California.

**Kuwayama, Y.** 2019. Policy nook – Opportunities and challenges of using satellite data to inform water policy. *Water Economics and Policy*, 5(3), 1971001.

**Kuwayama, Y.** 2019. The economic impacts of drought on US agriculture. *Resources*, 200.

**Kuwayama, Y.,** and B. Mabee. 2017. How do we measure the value of satellite data? *Resources*, 196.

**Kuwayama, Y.** 2017. Capturing the value of data from Earth observations. *Resources*, 194.

**Kuwayama, Y.,** and H. Kamen. 2015. Commentary: Getting past the “yuck” factor: Recycled water in Florida and other states. *Resources*, 189: 10–12.

**Kuwayama, Y.** 2014. Groundwater markets: Managing a critical, hidden resource. *Resources*, 186.

**Kuwayama, Y.,** S. Olmstead, and A. Krupnick. 2013. Water resources and unconventional fossil fuel development: Linking physical impacts to social costs. *RFF Discussion Paper* 13–34.

**Kuwayama, Y.** 2013. Book review – Water policy reform: Lessons in sustainability from the Murray-Darling Basin. *Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research*, 5 (4): 273–274.

## GRANTS

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**Y. Kuwayama** (PI). 2021. “Spatial Heterogeneity, Lags, and Uncertainty: Implications for Cost Effective Regulation of Water Pollution.” UMBC Summer Research Faculty Fellowship (SURFF), \$6,000.

A. Krupnick, **Y. Kuwayama**, and S. Olmstead (co-PIs). 2019. “To Understand the Key Surface Water Quality Problems in Texas.” *The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation*, \$49,999.

A. Bartuska, J. Boyd, B. Epanchin-Niell, K. Kroetz, **Y. Kuwayama**, and M. Walls (co-PIs). 2018. “Advanced Economics and Ecological Systems Models and Data: An Expanded Partnership with RFF.” *National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC)*, \$2,100,000.

**Y. Kuwayama** (PI) and R. Bernknopf (co-PI). 2016. “Quantitative Impact Assessment and Evaluation of Integrating GRACE and GRACE Follow On Data into Flood and Drought Forecasts.” *National Aeronautics and Space Administration*, \$158,988.

M. Macauley (PI), R. Bernknopf, J. Boyd, R. Cooke, J. Drapkin, C. Kousky, **Y. Kuwayama**, P. Nelson, J. Siikamäki, S. Wulf Tregar (co-Is). 2016. “Valuation of Applications Benefits Linked with Earth Science (VALUABLES) Consortium.” *National Aeronautics and Space Administration*, \$3,499,980.

R. Bernknopf, M. Macauley (co-PIs), D. Brookshire, **Y. Kuwayama**, M. Rodell, and B. Zaitchik (co-Is). 2013. “The Value of Information from a GRACE-Enhanced Drought Severity Index.” *National Aeronautics and Space Administration*, \$346,942.

**Y. Kuwayama** (PI) and J. Shih (co-PI). 2013. “Economic Modeling of Welfare Gains from Resource Recovery from Fecal Waste.” *The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*, \$56,887.

J. Mihelcic (PI), T. Boyer, E. Coney, J. Cunningham, A. Davis, S. Ergas, **Y. Kuwayama**, S. Olmstead, N. Richardson, J. Shih, M. Trotz, D. Yeh, Q. Zhang, and J. Zimmerman (co-PIs). 2013. “Center for Reinventing Aging Infrastructure for Nutrient Management (RAINmgt).” *Environmental Protection Agency*, \$2,499,235.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Maryland, Baltimore County

**Instructor:** Benefit-Cost Evaluation (Fall 2021); Applied Multivariate Regression (Spring 2022; Spring 2021); Statistical Analysis (Spring 2022; Fall 2021; Fall 2020)

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Head Teaching Assistant:** Principles of Macroeconomics (Fall 2006)

**Teaching Assistant:** Environmental Economics (Spring 2010); Agricultural, Consumer, and Resource Economics (Spring 2008); Principles of Macroeconomics (Spring 2005, Spring 2006); Principles of Microeconomics (Fall 2004)

### Amherst College

**Teaching Assistant:** Microeconomics (Spring 2003, Spring 2004)

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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**Outstanding American Journal of Agricultural Economics Reviewer**, The Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (Summer 2019)

**Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics Outstanding Dissertation Award**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Spring 2012)

**Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Spring 2011)

**Graduate Student Travel Grant**, The Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Foundation (Spring 2010)

**List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Spring 2010, Spring 2008, Fall 2006, Spring 2006, Spring 2005, Fall 2004)

**Graduate College Conference Travel Award**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Fall 2009, Fall 2010)

**Program in Environmental and Resource Economics Graduate Student Travel Grant**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Spring 2009)

**Program in Environmental and Resource Economics Fellowship**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Spring 2008)

**Graduate Teaching Certificate**, Center for Teaching Excellence (Spring 2005)

**Roswell Dwight Hitchcock Fellowship**, Amherst College (Spring 2004)

**John M. Vine Fellowship**, Amherst College (Spring 2003)

## INVITED TALKS

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**2022:** Cornell University; Georgetown University

**2021:** University of Rhode Island; GEO Week

**2020:** Planet Labs; National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC); University of Maryland, Baltimore County; World Bank Development Research Group

**2019:** EPA National Center for Environmental Economics; George Mason University; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) Socioeconomic Benefits Workshop

**2018:** IEEE International Symposium on Technology and Society; International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI); NASA Goddard Space Flight Center; Salisbury University

**2017:** Federation of Earth Science Information Partners (ESIP) Winter Meeting; Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Side Event Workshop; Property and Environment Research Center (PERC)

**2016:** Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference

**2015:** George Washington University; The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; University of Florida; University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**2014:** Stanford Climate Change and Water Governance Workshop

**2013:** Colby College; Peking University; UNC Water and Health Conference; U.S. Water Alliance

**2012:** Annual Washington Energy Policy Conference; The Nature Conservancy

**2011:** Economic Research Service, USDA; Resources for the Future; Saint Mary's College of Maryland; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; University of Wyoming

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

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**2022:** Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference

**2021:** American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting; Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Annual Meeting

**2020:** American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting; Society for Benefit Cost Analysis Annual Conference

**2019:** Pecora 21/ISRSE-38; Center for Natural Resource Economics and Policy (CNREP); Ecological Forecasting Initiative (EFI) Conference; American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting

**2018:** American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting; Federation of Earth Science Information Partners (ESIP) Winter Meeting; Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting

**2017:** American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting; Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference

**2016:** Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting; Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference; Data to Decisions Workshop (GEOValue); Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Annual Conference

**2015:** American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting; Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting; Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference; Environment for Development (EfD) Annual Meeting

**2014:** American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting

**2013:** American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting; Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference

**2012:** American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting; Resources for the Future

**2010:** Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Annual Meeting; Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting; CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop; NBER Summer Institute Environmental and Energy Economics (EEE) Workshop; World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (WCERE)

**2009:** Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting; Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop; Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Annual Conference; Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting; Universities Council on Water Resources and National Institutes for Water Resources (UCOWR/NIWR) Annual Conference

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## OTHER INFORMATION

**Affiliations:** Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), American Economic Association (AEA), American Geophysical Union (AGU), Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE), International Water Resource Economics Consortium (IWREC), Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA), Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) Water Policy Center Research Network

**Editorial activities:** Book Review Editor for *Water Economics and Policy* (2016 – 2017)

**Referee service:** *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*, *Agricultural Water Management*, *American Economic Journal – Economic Policy*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Ecological Economics*, *Economics Bulletin*, *Environmental and Resource Economics*, *Environmental Modelling and Software*, *Food Policy*, *Hydrogeology Journal*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, *Land Economics*, *Nature*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*, *Water Economics and Policy*, *Water Resources and Economics*, *Water Resources Research*

**Review panels:** International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Science Foundation, Ohio Sea Grant, US Department of Agriculture, US Geological Survey

**UMBC service:** Special Sessions Policy Committee (2021 – Present); M.A. in Economic Policy Analysis (ECPA) Admissions Committee (2020 – Present); Economics/Public Policy Seminar Series co-organizer (2020 – Present)

**Resources for the Future service:** Organizer, Academic Seminar Series (2015 – 2016)

**Other professional service:** NAREA Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2020 – Present); GEOAquaWatch Steering Committee (2020 – Present); Mammoth Water Advisory Board (2016 – Present); NAREA Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee (2017); AERE Summer Conference Program Committee (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018); IWREC Meeting Organizing Committee (2014, 2016)