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ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2024-Present TVA Distinguished Professor of Energy and Environmental Policy
2023-Present Director of the Center for Energy, Transportation & Environmental Policy, Baker School of Public Policy and Public Affairs
2017-2023 Director of the Energy and Environment Program, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy
2013-2017 Faculty Fellow, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy
2017-2023 Associate Professor of Economics, University of Tennessee
2013-2017 Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Tennessee
2009-2013 Assistant Professor of Applied Economics, Utah State University

EDUCATION

PhD Economics University of Wyoming, 2009
M.S. Forestry (Environmental Policy minor) University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 2004
B.S. Forest Resource Management University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 2001

RESEARCH

* graduate student co-author, ** graduate student co-author for which I was a principal advisor, # post-doc co-author

Editorial Positions

Co-editor, *Resource and Energy Economics*, 2021-Present
Special Issue Guest Editor, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2016

Journal Articles

66. Swartzentruber, R.^{**} and Sims, C., 2026. Policy uncertainty and electric utility investments. *Energy Economics*, p.109274.
65. Sims, C.B., Mingie, J.C., Armsworth, P.R., Papeş, M., Giam, X., Zhu, G. and Cho, S.H., 2026. Does more uncertainty incentivize risk diversification in conservation?. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 108(1), pp.77-105.
64. Sims, C., Ali, G.G.^{*}, Holladay, J.S., Roberson, T.[#], Chen, C.F. and El-Adaway, I.H., 2025. The equity implications of pecuniary externalities on an electric grid. *PNAS nexus*, 4(12), p.pgaf356.
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60. Cho, S.H., J.C. Mingie, C. Sims. 2025. Social cost of carbon and the potential for forest carbon credits. *Applied Economics*, 1-17.
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57. Sims, C., J. Mingie, S. Cho, P. Armsworth, X. Giam, M. Papes. 2025. Does more uncertainty incentivize risk diversification in conservation? *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.
56. Yan, D. ** and Sims, C. 2025. Irreversible adaptation and Knightian climate uncertainty. *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 88: 681-707.
55. Kang, N. *, Sims, C., Armsworth, P. R., Mingle, J. C., Zhu, G., & Cho, S. H. 2024. Accounting for Upper Limits on Returns from Conservation Investments in Risk Diversification Strategies. *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 49(2): 332-349.
54. Xu, X. *, Sims, C., Chen, C. F., Holladay, J. S., Jones Jr, G., & Roberson, T. # 2024. Looking High and Low: Incentive Policies and Residential Solar Adoption in High- and Low-Income US Communities. *Energies*, 17(18): 4538.
53. Gregory, D. *, Kintziger, K., Crouter, S., Sims, C., Kellogg, M., & Fitzhugh, E. 2024. Weather effects on natural surface trail use in an urban wilderness multi-use trail system. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism*, 46: 100757.
52. Palikhi, H. **, G. Schaur, and C. Sims. 2024. Environmental policy uncertainty. *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, 11(5): 1135-1163.
51. C. Sims, Blachly, B. #, and T. Warziniack. 2024. Will ecosystem services attract investors? *Land Economics*, 100(2): 296-313.
50. Blachly, B. #, C. Sims, and T. Warziniack. 2024. Ecosystem complementarities: Evidence from over 700 U.S. watersheds. *Ecological Economics*, 219(May): 108147.
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41. Trevino-Martinez, S. *, R. Sawhney, C. Sims. 2022. Energy-carbon neutrality optimization in production scheduling via solar net metering. *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 380: 134627.
40. Thompson, B. K. *, C. Sims, T. Fisher, S. Brock *, Y. Dai *, S. Lenhart. 2022. A discrete-time bioeconomic model of free-roaming cat management: A case study of Knox County, Tennessee. *Ecological Economics*, 201, 107583.
39. Ali, G. G. *, I. H. El-adaway, C. Sims, J. S. Holladay, C. Chen. 2022. Studying Dynamic Pricing in Electrical Power Markets with Distributed Generation: Agent-based Modeling and Reinforcement Learning Approach. *Journal of Energy Engineering*, 148(5): 04022030.
38. Kang, N. *, C. Sims, and S. Cho. 2022. Spatial and taxonomic diversification for conservation investment under uncertainty. *Environmental Conservation*, 49(3): 172-179.
37. Welch, J. G., C. Sims, and M. L. McKinney 2022. Does an Urban Wilderness Promote Gentrification? A Case Study from Knoxville, Tennessee, USA. *Sustainability*, 14(2): 973.
36. Blackwood, J. C., J. Duan *, M. M. Malakhov *, J. J. Pellet *, I. Phadke *, S. Lenhart, C. Sims, and K. Shea. 2021. Governance structure affects transboundary disease management under alternative objectives. *BMC Public Health*, 21(1): 1-13.
35. Sims, C., S. Null, J. Medellin-Azuara, and A. Odame **. 2021. Hurry up or wait: Why private investments in climate change adaptation are delayed. *Climate Change Economics*, 12(4): 2150012.

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32. Maloney, M., J. Merkle, D. Aadland, D. Peck, R.D. Horan, K. Monteith, T. Winslow, J. Logan, D. Finnoff, C. Sims, and B. Schumaker. 2020. Chronic Wasting Disease Undermines Efforts to Control the Spread of Brucellosis in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. *Ecological Applications* 30(6): e02129.
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29. El-adaway, I., C. Sims, M. Eid*, Y. Liu**, G. Ali*. 2020. Preliminary attempt toward better understanding the impact of distributed energy generation: An agent-based computational economics approach. *Journal of Infrastructure Systems* 26(1): 04020002.
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27. Sims, C. and H. Palikhe**. 2019. Proposed changes would increase the cost and decrease the benefit of listing species as endangered. *Choices*. 34(2): 1-10.
26. Warziniack, T., C. Sims, and J. Haas. 2019. Fire and the joint production of ecosystem services: A spatial-dynamic optimization approach. *Forest Policy and Economics*. 107: 101926.
25. Sims, C. and S. Null. 2019. Climate forecasts and flood mitigation. *Southern Economic Journal*. 85(4): 1083-1107.
24. Markel, E.*, C. Sims, B. C. English. 2018. Policy uncertainty and the optimal investment decisions of second-generation biofuel producers. *Energy Economics* 76: 89-100.
23. Sims, C., R. Horan, B. Meadows**. 2018. Come on feel the noise: ecological foundations in stochastic bioeconomic models. *Natural Resource Modeling* 31(4): e12191.
22. Sims, C., D. Finnoff, J. Shogren. 2018. Taking One For the Team: Is collective action more responsive to ecological change? *Environmental and Resource Economics* 70(3): 589-615.
21. Heines, B.*, S. Lenhart, C. Sims. 2018. Assessing the economic tradeoffs between prevention and suppression of forest fires. *Natural Resource Modeling* 31(1): e12159.
20. LaRiviere, J., D. Kling, J. Sanchirico, C. Sims, M. Springborn. 2018. Characterizing Uncertainty and Learning in the Economics of Resource and Environmental Management. *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy* 12(1): 92-112.

19. Sims, C., D. Finnoff, A. Hastings, J. Hochard. 2017. Listing and delisting thresholds under the Endangered Species Act. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 99(3): 549-570.
18. Sims, C., D. Finnoff, C. F. Mason. 2016. Thresholds, tipping points, and random events in dynamic economic systems. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 132(B): 1-4.
17. Sims, C., D. Finnoff, S. O'Regan[#]. 2016. Public control of rational and unpredictable epidemics. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 132(B): 161-176.
16. Sims, C., D. Finnoff. 2016. Opposing irreversibilities and tipping point uncertainty. *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists* 3(4): 985-1022.
15. Burton, M., C. Sims. 2016 Understanding Railroad Investment Behaviors, Regulatory Processes, and Related Implications for Efficient Industry Oversight. *Review of Industrial Organization* 49(2): 263-288.
14. Liu, Y.^{**}, C. Sims. 2016. Spatial-dynamic externalities and coordination in invasive species control. *Resource and Energy Economics* 44: 23-38.
13. Sims, C., D. Finnoff, J. Shogren. 2016. Bioeconomics of Invasive Species: Using Real Options Theory to Integrate Ecology, Economics, and Risk Management. *Food Security* 8(1): 61-70.
12. Aadland, D., C. Sims, D. Finnoff. 2015. Spatial Dynamics of Optimal Management in Bioeconomic Systems. *Computational Economics* 45(4): 545-577.
11. Sims, C., D. Aadland, J. Powell, D. Finnoff, and B. Crabb^{*}. 2014. Complementarity in the provision of ecosystem services reduces the cost of mitigating amplified natural disturbance events. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 111(47): 16718-16723.
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9. Sims, C., D. Finnoff. 2013. When is a "wait and see" approach to invasive species justified? *Resource and Energy Economics* 35(3): 235-255.
8. Sims, C. 2013. Influencing natural forest disturbance through timber harvesting: Tradeoffs among disturbance processes, forest values, and timber condition. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 95(4): 992-1008.
7. Sims, C., D. Aadland, D. Finnoff, J. Powell. 2013. How Ecosystem Service Provision Can Increase Forest Mortality from Insect Outbreaks. *Land Economics*. 89(1): 154-176.
6. Sims, C. 2013. Hypothetical Market Familiarity and the Disconnect Between Stated and Observed Values for Green Energy. *International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy*. 3(1): 10-19.
5. Sims, C., D. Finnoff. 2012. The role of spatial scale in the timing of uncertain environmental policy. *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*. 36(3): 369-382.
4. Sims, C. 2011. Optimal timing of salvage harvest in response to a stochastic infestation. *Natural Resource Modeling* 24(3): 383-408.

3. Sims, C., D. Aadland, D. Finnoff. 2010. A Dynamic Bioeconomic Analysis of Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemics. *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control* 34(12): 2407-2419.
2. Finnoff, D., C. McIntosh, J. Shogren, C. Sims, T. Warziniack. 2010. Invasive Species and Endogenous Risk. *Annual Review of Resource Economics* 2: 77-100.
1. Sims C. B., D. G. Hodges, J. M. Fly, B. Stephens. 2005. Modeling acceptance of a shuttle system in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration* 23:25–44.

Book Chapters

6. Warziniack, T., K. Bagstad, M. Knowles, C. Mihai, A. Nehra, C. Rhodes, L. Sanchez, C. Sichko, C. Sims. “Natural Capital Accounting on Forested Lands”, in Bohman, M., Fenichel, E., Muller, N. (Eds.), Measuring and Accounting for Environmental Public Goods: A National Accounts Perspective, National Bureau of Economic Research, University of Chicago Press 2025.
5. Davis, R. **, J. S. Holladay, C. Sims. “Coal-Fired Power Plant Retirements in the U.S.”, in Kotchen, M., Deryugina, T., Stock, J. (Eds.), Environmental and Energy Policy and the Economy, volume 3, National Bureau of Economic Research, University of Chicago Press 2022.
4. Penchoff, D. A., C. Sims, T. L. Windus. “Rare Earth Elements and Critical Materials: Uses and Availability”, in Penchoff, D. A., Windus, T. L. , Peterson, C. C. (Eds.), Rare Earth Elements and Actinides: Progress in Computational Science Applications, ACS Publications 2021.
3. Heines, B. *, S. Lenhart, C. Sims. “Balancing Prevention and Suppression of Forest Fires with Fuel Management as a Stock”, in Yin G., Zhang Q. (Eds.), Modeling, Stochastic Control, Optimization, and Applications. The IMA Volumes in Mathematics and its Applications, vol. 164. Springer, Cham 2019.
2. Bossenbroek, J., A. Croskey, D. Finnoff, L. Iverson, S. McDermott, A. Prasad, C. Sims, D. Sydnor. “Evaluating the Economic Costs and Benefits of Slowing the Spread of Emerald Ash Borer in Ohio and Michigan”, in Keller, R., Cadotte, M., Sandiford, G. (Eds.), Invasive Species in a Globalized World. University of Chicago Press 2014.
1. Finnoff, D., R. Horan, S. McDermott, C. Sims, J. Shogren. Economic Control of Invasive Species, in Levin, S (Ed.), Encyclopedia of Biodiversity 2nd Ed. Elsevier/Academic Press 2013.

Manuscripts in the Review Process

- Bostick, O. **, C. Chen, I. H. El-adaway, J. S. Holladay, and C. Sims. Demand for Rooftop Solar Energy in a Region with Low Adoption
- Sims, C., Shing-I Yang, J. Welch. Climate change is lowering the opportunity cost of forest conservation in a biodiversity hotspot

Hochard, J, C. Sims, R. Etheridge, M. Gomez*, Y. Li, A. Peralta, and T. Vogel.
 Prioritizing public and conservation investments to support human health at the urban-rural fringe

Holladay, J. S., B. Meadows, T. Roberson, C. Sims. Substituting Storage for Transmission: Implications for Renewable Energy

Evans, A. #, J. Bayham, C. Sims, E. Fitzhugh, D. Gregory. The promise and peril of mobile device data for recreation demand

Sims, C., P Shah, A. Ando, A. Liebhold. Balancing risk diversification and option values in irreversible environmental investment decisions

Balgobin, P. ** and C. Sims. Business entry, exit and relocation in response to habitat protections

Roberson, T. # and C. Sims. Do Subsidies for Distributed Solar Crowd Out Investment in Utility-Scale Solar Farms?

Prakash, P. ** and C. Sims. Rare earth element security premiums

Working Papers

Evans, A. #, S. Holladay, C. Sims. “Response to market uncertainty: Market pros versus average Joes”

Davis, R. **, J. S. Holladay, and C. Sims. “Drivers of Coal Generator Retirements and their Impact on the Shifting Electricity Generation Portfolio in the U.S.”

Conte, M., M. Gordon*, and C. Sims. “Quarantine fatigue thins fat-tailed coronavirus impacts in U.S. cities by making epidemics inevitable”

Hochard, J., R. Etheridge, M. Gomez*, Y. Li, A. Peralta, C. Sims, and T. Vogel “Casing out contaminants: Avoidance behavior along the hydrologic gradient”

Bostick, O. ** and C. Sims. “Policy Inconsistency and the Rise of Stranded Assets in the Oil Industry”

Armsworth, P., B. Dilkina, R. Fovargue, X. Giam, C. Nolte, M. Papes. “Hierarchies in conservation”

Sims, C., R. Davis, J. S. Holladay. “The environmental benefits of policy threats and promises”

Balgobin, P. ** and C. Sims. “Voting with your feet to the fire”

Tian, Z., R. D. Horan, D. C. Finnoff, C. Sims. “Managing Chronic Wasting Disease with Direct and Environmental Transmission in Greater Yellowstone Area Elk: A Perturbation Approach to Dynamic Optimization with Multiple State Variables”

Beckage, B., L. J. Gross, A. Freedman, L. Herbert-Dufresne, S. Lenhart, C. Saad-Roy, C. Sims. “Centering human cognition in epidemiological models”

Beckage, B., L. J. Gross, A. Freedman, L. Herbert-Dufresne, S. Lenhart, C. Saad-Roy, C. Sims. “The impact of risk perception on policy effectiveness with a cognitive-epidemiological model”

Conference and Workshop Presentations

Critical minerals economics. INTERSECT Georgia Tech: Atlanta, GA, May 17-18, 2026.

The environmental benefits of policy threats and promises. Front Range Energy Economics Workshop: Golden & Boulder, CO, May 12-13, 2026.

The welfare gains from diversified environmental policies. BioEcon Conference: Cambridge, UK, September 1-2, 2025.

Policy uncertainty and electric utility investments, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference: Albuquerque, NM, May 28 - 30, 2025.

Resilient Energy Economies, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC, June 2024.

Pecuniary externalities on a transitioning electric grid, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference: Washington, DC, May 29 - 31, 2024.

A quasi-dynamic portfolio theory approach to multidimensional risk diversification, NWRC BioEcon, Laramie, WY, May 2024.

Energy storage as transmission. U.S. Association of Energy Economists Annual Conference: Chicago, IL, November 2023.

The welfare gains from diversified environmental policies. Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference: Portland, ME, May 31 - June 2, 2023.

Does an Urban Wilderness Promote Gentrification? A Case Study from Knoxville, Tennessee. Association for University Business and Economic Research Annual Conference: Boulder, Colorado, February 26-March 1, 2022.

Endogenous Risk and Habitat Loss: An Application to Seal Management After the November Rain. BIOECON Annual Conference: Jackson Hole, Wyoming, September 17-19, 2021

Drivers of Coal Generator Retirements and their Impact on the Shifting Electricity Generation Portfolio in the U.S. Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Virtual Summer Conference: June 23-25, 2020.

Drivers of Coal Generator Retirements and their Impact on the Shifting Electricity Generation Portfolio in the U.S. Southeastern Energy and Environmental Economics Workshop: Atlanta, GA, October 24-25, 2019.

Managing Harp Seals After the Cold November Rain: Accounting for Arctic Warming and Population Stochasticity Rooted in Ecological Foundations. Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting: Fort Lauderdale, FL, November 23-25, 2019.

Multidimensional risk diversification for invasive species management: A quasi-dynamic portfolio theory approach. Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference: Incline Village, NV, May 30-31, 2019.

Is risk diversification a justification for providing multiple ecosystem services. Applications and Potential of Ecosystem Services Valuation within USDA – Advancing the Science. Washington, D.C. April 23-24, 2019.

How downscaled climate dynamics influence investments in FEW infrastructure. 12th Annual US-China Eco-Environmental Symposium. Yixing, Jiangsu Province, China. October 2018

Hurry up or wait: The effect of climate change and variability on the timing of private adaptation. World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists: Gothenburg, Sweden, June 25-29, 2018.

Hurry up or wait: The effect of climate change and variability on the timing of private adaptation. Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting: Tampa, FL, November 17-19, 2017.

Rules of thumb for diversifying risk in invasive species control programs. International Union of Forest Research Organizations Congress: Freiburg, Germany, September 18-22, 2017.

Hurry up or wait: The effect of climate change and variability on the timing of private adaptation. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL, July 30-August 1, 2017.

Understanding the impact of distributed generation: An agent-based computational economics approach to investigating dynamic human behavior of electric utility customers. Agent-Based Modeling 17: San Diego, CA, April 20-22, 2017.

The burden of success: Who should manage species removed from the endangered species list? Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting: Washington, DC, November 19-21, 2016.

Public control of rational and unpredictable epidemics. Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference: Breckenridge, CO, June 9-11, 2016.

Motivations for energy efficiency programs. Energy Efficiency, Conservation & Low-Income Households Workshop: Knoxville, TN, March 31, 2016.

Assessing the economic tradeoffs between prevention and suppression of forest fires. Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting: New Orleans, LA, November 21-23, 2015.

Taking one for the team: Is collective action more responsive to ecological change? BIOECON Annual Conference: Cambridge, UK, September 13-15, 2015.

Rational and unpredictable epidemics. Thresholds and Tipping Points in Dynamic Economic Systems Workshop: Knoxville, TN, July 27-28, 2015.

Rational stochastic epidemics and the optimal timing of public health interventions. Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference: San Diego, CA, June 3-5, 2015.

Opposing irreversibilities in environmental policy: Avoiding the point of no return or delaying the inevitable. Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting: Atlanta, GA, November 22-24, 2014.

Taking one for the team: Is collective action more responsive to ecological change?. Fifth World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists, Istanbul, Turkey, June 28-July 2, 2014.

Linking listing and delisting decisions under the Endangered Species Act: A case study

of gray wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountains. Fifth World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists, Istanbul, Turkey, June 28-July 2, 2014.

Linking listing and delisting decisions for endangered species: A case study of gray wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountains. Western Agricultural Economics Association Conference: Colorado Springs, CO, June 22-24, 2014.

Water-saving infrastructure investment under hydrologic uncertainty. University of Tennessee Watershed Symposium: Knoxville, TN, February 18, 2014.

How Ecosystem Service Provision Can Increase Forest Mortality from Insect Outbreaks. China-US Joint Research Center for Ecosystem and Environmental Change: Gatlinburg, TN, Nov 18-19, 2013.

Opposing irreversibilities in environmental policy: Avoiding the point of no return or delaying the inevitable. Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference: Banff, Alberta, Canada, June 6-8, 2013.

Spatial dynamics of mountain pine beetle outbreaks with optimal forest management. BESTNet Workshop: Princeton, NJ, April 25-26, 2013.

How Ecosystem Service Provision Can Increase Forest Mortality from Insect Outbreaks. Ecosystem Services Partnership Conference: Portland, OR, July 31-August 4, 2012.

Spatial dynamics of optimal management in a predator-prey system: An application to mountain pine beetle epidemics. Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference: Asheville, NC, June 3-5, 2012.

Salvage harvesting following natural forest disturbance: The importance of disturbance characteristics in gauging management response. Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference: Asheville, NC, June 3-5, 2012.

Optimal Timing of Salvage Harvest in Response to Stochastic Infestation. 86th Annual Conference of the Western Economics Association: San Diego, CA, June 29-July 3, 2011.

The Role of Spatial Scale in the Timing of Uncertain Environmental Policy. American Economic Association Annual Meeting: Denver, CO, January 7-9, 2011.

The Role of Environmental and Economic Uncertainty in Invasive Species Control Decisions. Fourth World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists: Montreal, Canada, June 28-July 2, 2010.

Optimal Control of a Bounded Invasive Species Diffusion Process: An Application to the Emerald Ash Borer. Fourth World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists: Montreal, Canada, June 28-July 2, 2010.

Optimal Stochastic Environmental Policies: Implications for Invasive Species Management. 52nd Annual Conference on Great Lakes Research: Toledo, OH, May 18-22, 2009.

The Disconnect Between Hypothetical and Observed Values for green energy in Tennessee. Int. Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Park City, UT. June 17-21, 2007.

Assessing the Role of Outdoor Recreation in Rural Economic Development: A Case Study for the Obed Wild and Scenic River, TN. Int. Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Keystone, CO, June 2-6, 2004.

Linking outdoor recreation and economic development: A feasibility assessment of the Obed Wild and Scenic River, Tennessee. Social Aspects and Recreation Research Symposium: San Francisco, CA, Feb 4-6, 2004.

Travel cost modeling of the demand for rock climbing: An application to the Obed Wild and Scenic River. Annual Southern Forest Economics Workshop: St. Augustine. March 14-16, 2004.

Modeling the demand for and value of OHV recreation in Tennessee. Southern Forest Economics Workers Annual Meeting: New Orleans, LA, March 17-18, 2003

Demand and value of off-highway vehicle recreation in Tennessee. Annual Southern Forest Economics Workshop: New Orleans, LA, March 17-18, 2003.

Invited Academic Presentations and Seminars

Critical mineral security premiums. University of Wyoming: Laramie, WY, May 2026.

The environmental benefits of policy threats and promises. University of Wyoming: Laramie, WY, April 2026.

The environmental benefits of policy threats and promises. Colorado State University: Fort Collins, CO, April 2026.

Rare earth elements, national security, and regional supply chains, National Energy Technology Laboratory: Morgantown, WV, July 17, 2024.

The welfare gains from diversified environmental policies. Oregon State University: Corvallis, OR, November 2024.

Policy uncertainty and electric utility investments. Pennsylvania State University: State College, PA, September 2024.

The cost of U.S. rare earth element import dependence: An economic perspective. University of Alaska: Anchorage, AK, August 2024.

The welfare gains from diversified environmental policies. Michigan State University: East Lansing, MI, October 2023.

The cost of U.S. rare earth element import dependence: An economic perspective. University of Wyoming: Laramie, WY, September 2023.

The welfare gains from diversified environmental policies. UiT The Arctic University of Norway, September 2023.

The equity implications of pecuniary externalities on an electric grid. Colorado School of Mines, April 2023.

Valuing risk reductions: A choice experiment approach and portfolio theory application. University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, October 2021.

Combining mathematical epidemiological models with economic models to determine when and where to enact public social distancing mandates. University of California-Davis, Davis, CA, December 2020.

How climate forecasts influence infrastructure investments. University of California-

Davis, Davis, CA, July 2019.

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- Sims, C. 2015. The Second Coming of the U.S. as an Oil Powerhouse. *Oil and Gas Monitor*, November 15, 2015.
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Funded Grants and Contracts

- “Tennessee River Towns, A Strategy for Restorative Recreation” US- Appalachian Regional Commission: \$320,234, Duration: 1/1/2025 – 12/30/2025
- “Enhancing community fiscal resilience against coal-plant retirements” Bezos Earth Fund: \$99,998, Duration: 10/01/2024-4/21/2026
- “Economic valuation to support ecosystem service markets in Tennessee and North Carolina” USDA-Forest Service: \$200,000, Duration: 2/01/2025-6/30/2027
- “Economic viability of coal ash as a rare earth element feedstock” Department of Energy, National Energy Technology: \$92,490, Duration: 6/01/2025-5/31/2028

“SCC-PG: A Smart, Connected and Distributed Community Hydroponics System”
National Science Foundation: \$70,848, Duration: 10/01/2024 - 9/30/2025

“MPOPHC: Integrating human risk perception and social processes into policy responses in an epidemiological model” National Science Foundation: \$204,195, Duration: 10/1/2024-9/30/2027

“NSF Engines: Type-1: Greening the Southeast: Converting carbon neutral crops to sustainable consumer goods while building a diverse agriscience workforce and reviving rural economies” National Science Foundation: \$999,995, Duration: 6/01/2023 - 5/31/2027

“Dynamic Portfolios of Spatial and Temporal Forest-based Biodiversity Conservation”
USDA-AFRI: \$403,664, Duration: 3/1/2022-2/28/2025

“SRS RN: Connecting Rural and Urban Environments for Equitable Access to Transportation, Telecommunications and Energy (CREEATTE)” National Science Foundation: \$149,573, Duration: 11/2021-11/2022

“To Conduct an Examination of the Economic Impact of the Proposed Tennessee RiverLine, TN RiverLine” \$25,000, Duration: 10/2021-12/2021

“Manufacturing Valuable Coal-Derived Products in Southern Appalachia” Department of Energy: \$1,499,000, Duration: 7/2021-6/2023

“CNH2-S: Scrambled responsibilities - species conservation and collaborative governance in an era of global change” National Science Foundation: \$702,356, Duration: 4/2021-7/2024

“Alleviating Electric Grid Congestion: Infrastructure Investment Portfolio for Promoting Distributed Energy Technology Adoption” National Science Foundation: \$223,736, Duration: 1/2019-12/2021

“Planning Grant: Engineering Research Center for Protecting and Advancing Water-Energy-Environment and Sustainability (PAWES)” National Science Foundation: \$100,000, Duration: 9/2019-8/2020

“Efficient integration of distributed generation onto an electric grid” Tennessee Valley Authority: \$113,000, Duration: 10/2019-11/2022

“Using the transmission network, consumer behavior, and market structure to maximize the value of solar generation” Alfred P. Sloan Foundation: \$237,415, Duration: 2/2019-2/2021

“FEWESTERN: US-China Food-Energy-Water Systems Transdisciplinary Environmental Research Network” NSF EAGER: \$300,000, Duration: 5/15/2017-5/14/2019

“Urban resilience: Promoting environmental and social sustainability with urban wilderness” ORE Research Seed Program: \$15,000

“Optimal spatial targeting of payments for forest-based ecosystem services under climate and market risks” USDA-AFRI: \$336,474, Duration: 1/1/2018-12/31/2020

“Integrating Human Health and Well-Being with Ecosystem Services” EPA-STAR: \$399,226, Duration: 10/17-9/20

“To Quantify the Economic Value of Protected Open Space in the Cumberland Region” Cumberland Region Tomorrow: \$79,121, Duration: 4/1/17-12/31/17

“An Economic Analysis of Appalachian Coal Industry Ecosystems” Appalachian Regional Commission: \$349,999, Duration: 10/16-6/17

“Complementarities and tradeoffs between ecosystem service provision and wildfire in the Northern Rockies” USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station: \$209,408, Duration: 10/16-9/19

“Reconciling Methods for Measuring U.S. Oil Dependence” Oak Ridge National Laboratory: \$24,998, Duration: 6/16-12/16

“Toward a practical application of a real options approach in the regulated evaluation of railroad capital costs” The Association of American Railroads: \$60,000, Duration: 4/16-12/16

“A Hedonic Analysis of the Economic Value of Open Space in Tennessee” Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations: \$49,854, Duration: 3/15-8/16

“UCOR Economic Impact Study” URS | CH2M Oak Ridge: \$20,962, Duration: 4/15-8/15

“2015-2016 Energy and Environment Forum” Institute for Secure and Sustainable Environment: \$4,000, Duration: 8/15-5/16

“Understanding the impact of distributed generation on TVA” Tennessee Valley Authority: \$25,000, Duration: 9/15-11/16

“DOE Economic Impact Study” Department of Energy: \$15,000, Duration: 8/14-4/15

“TN State Energy Plan” TN State Budget: \$19,000, Duration: 5/14-11/14

“Coal versus Tourism as Engines of Growth for Tennessee Counties” TN Department of Environment and Conservation: \$60,000, Duration: 6/14-11/14

“Energy and Environment Indicator Series” Tennessee Valley Authority: \$10,000

“iUTAH – innovative Urban Transitions and Aridregion Hydro-sustainability” National Science Foundation: \$20,000,000, Duration: 8/1/12-8/1/17

“Managing Interacting Disturbances to Achieve Multiple Environmental Objectives” USDA Forest Service, Western Wildlands Environmental Threat Assessment Center: \$43,270, Duration: 9/1/12-8/30/14

“Measuring the Environmental Cost of Hypocrisy” Utah Agricultural Experiment Station Competitive Grants Program: \$19,761, Duration: 6/1/12-6/30/14

“Modeling the Coupled Nature of Forest Management and Forest Disturbance Regimes Impacted by Climate Change” Utah Agricultural Experiment Station Competitive Grants Program: \$19,040, Duration: 6/1/11-6/30/13

“Hydrologic and Ecological Impacts of Changes in Human Water Resource Management in Response to Climate Change and Urbanization” National Science Foundation Water Sustainability and Climate Program: \$149,943, Duration: 9/1/10 - 9/1/11

“Use, Demographics, and Economic Impacts of Rock Climbing in the Obed Wild and Scenic River Area” National Park Service: \$12,465, Duration: 9/01/02 – 8/31/04

Other Funded Research

“The Role of Forest Management Objectives in Mountain Pine Beetle Outbreaks” Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, Amount Awarded: \$14,000, Duration: 11/1/09-11/1/14

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Graduate Courses Taught

ECON 512 Microeconomic Theory II (Univ. of TN); ECON 677 Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (Univ. of TN); ECON 693 Interdisciplinary Environmental Economics (Univ. of TN); APEC 6500 Natural Resource Economics (Utah State); APEC

6510 Environmental Economics (Utah State); APEC 7500 Natural Resource Economics (Utah State); APEC 7360 Mathematical Economics II (Utah State)

Undergraduate Courses Taught

ECON 463 Environmental Economics (Univ. of TN); ECON 362 Environmental and Natural Resource Policy (Univ. of TN); APEC 5560 Natural Resource and Environmental Economics (Utah State); ECON 440 Environmental Economics (Univ. of Wyoming)

Graduate Students Supervised as Major Advisor and Current Employment

Prabuddha Prakash (PhD Economics – Tennessee), 2025, Rutgers University
Prubesh Balgobin (PhD Economics – Tennessee), 2025
Ryan Swartzentruber (PhD Economics – Tennessee), 2024, Pacific Lutheran University
Odysseus Bostick (PhD Economics – Tennessee), expected 2023, Deloitte
Ben Meadows (PhD Economics – Tennessee), 2019, Asst. Prof. – UA - Birmingham
Rebecca Davis (PhD Economics – Tennessee), 2018, Asst. Prof. – Stephen F. Austin U.
Augustina Odame (PhD Economics – Utah State), 2015, CEO – Ghana Chamber of Tech
Yanxu Liu (PhD Economics – Utah State), 2013, Assistant Professor – Bethel College
Abhinav Pathak (MS Applied Economics – Utah State), 2011, Chase Bank

Outside Member of Dissertation Committee

Seth Kannarr (PhD Geography – Tennessee), Alyssa Hayes (PhD Nuclear Engineering – Tennessee), Gasser G. Ali (PhD Engineering – Missouri University of Science and Technology), Hyun-Seok Yoon (PhD Ecology and Evolutionary Biology – Tennessee), Amanda Hyman (PhD Ecology and Evolutionary Biology - Tennessee), Samuel Martinez (PhD Industrial and Systems Engineering - Tennessee), Ibrahim Abotaleb (PhD Civil and Environmental Engineering – Tennessee), Binod Chapagain (PhD Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries – Tennessee), Mohamed Eid (PhD Civil and Environmental Engineering – Tennessee), Betsy Heines (PhD Mathematics – Tennessee), Evan Markel (PhD Agricultural and Resource Economics – Tennessee), Andrea Armstrong (PhD Sociology – Utah State), Lassina Coulibaly (PhD Economics – Utah State)

Thesis Committee Member

Katherine Barkley (MS Agricultural Economics – Mississippi State University); Anvar Suyundikov (MS Applied Economics – Utah State); Jarod Dunn (MS Applied Economics – Utah State); Elliot Anderson (MS Applied Economics – Utah State)

Undergraduate

Christina Gore (Economics), Cassidy Quistorff (Environmental and Soil Science), Hazen Page (Finance and Supply Chain Management), Matthew Eades (Geology), Simon Jolly (Economics), Alec Apostoaei (Economics), Brielle Kwarta (Mathematics), Katherine

Koonce (Economics), Ellen Oakes (Economics), Shiv Brahmhatt (Finance), George Mangialardi (Baker School)

Post-doctoral Researchers Supervised and Current Employment

Andrew Hutchens (PhD NCSU), 2024-2026, Department of Economics, Missouri S&T

Alecia Evans (PhD Purdue), 2022-2024, Dept of Economics, University of Wyoming

Ben Blachly (PhD Rhode Island), 2020-2021, Industrial Economics

Tim Roberson (PhD Arizona), 2020-2022, Tennessee Tech University

SERVICE

Professional Service

Journal Referee

Economics: Journal of Economic Theory, European Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Economic Inquiry, Land Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Ecological Economics, Resource and Energy Economics, Western Economics Forum, Environmental and Resource Economics, Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics, Forest Policy and Economics, Futures, Water Economics and Policy, Society and Natural Resources, Journal of Bioeconomics

Ecology and Forestry: Ecology Letters, Ecological Modelling, Forest Science

Mathematical Biology: Journal of Theoretical Biology, Natural Resource Modeling

General Interest Science: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Nature Sustainability

Other: European Journal of Operational Research

Reviewer: National Science Foundation (US), Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (UK), US Department of Agriculture, US Department of Energy

Departmental and College Service

Joint Baker-SCM search committee (Univ of TN); One Health Representative (Univ of TN); Macroeconomics search committee (Univ of TN); 2nd year paper committee (Univ of TN); Graduate policies committee (Univ. of TN); Microeconomics qualifier committee (Univ. of TN); Search committee (Univ. of TN); Graduate admissions committee (Utah State); ENR degree planning committee (Utah State); Search committee (Utah State)

University Service

Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Cluster Hiring Initiative, 2023

Future Mobility Cluster Hiring Initiative, 2023

Organizing Committee: Baker School Experts Program designed to communicate UTK's scientific findings on contemporary policy issues at the city, state, and federal level.

Organizing Committee: Energy and Environment Forum interdisciplinary seminar series which has attracted undergraduates, postgraduates, staff and faculty from all Colleges and over 80% of Departments on the campus.

Academic Program Reviewer: Program review committee member for School of Natural Resources, Univ of TN, 2024.

Mentor: As part of 2 REU proposals from the Tickle College of Engineering, Univ of TN, 2022-2023.

Hiring committee: Joint faculty position between Baker School and Department of Supply Chain Management, Univ of TN, 2023.

Hiring committee: Joint faculty position between Baker School and Department of AREC, Univ of TN, 2023.

Panelist: Sustainability Development Goals, One Health Initiative, Univ of TN, 2022

Hiring committee: Joint position between Baker Center and Department of AREC, Univ of TN, 2019-2020.

Academic Program Reviewer: Program review committee member for Bredesen Center, Univ of TN, 2019.

Co-organizer: NIMBioS Working group on ecosystem federalism, Univ of TN, 2017-2018.

Independent study course on learning in economic models for Bredesen Center students

Organizing committee: Energy Efficiency, Conservation & Low-Income Households Workshop, Univ. of TN, 2016

Organizing committee: Workshop on Threshold and Tipping Points, Univ. of TN, 2015

Judge: Baker Center Policy Challenge, Univ. of TN, 2015

Judge: Cynthia B. Peterson Poster Competition, Univ. of TN, 2015

Panelist: Journalist Workshop on Clear Air Policies, Univ. of TN, 2014

Organizing committee: Energy and Environment Forum, Univ. of TN, 2014-current

Assistant Professor Panelist: New Faculty Orientation, Univ. of TN, 2014

Panelist: 3rd Year Review Panel, Utah State, 2012

Graduate Student Poster Judge: Spring Runoff Conference, Utah State, 2012

Search committee: Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology, Utah State

Assistant Professor Panelist: New Faculty Teaching Academy, Utah State, 2011

Public Service

- Co-Director of the Valley Pathways Initiative - a first of its kind initiative, in partnership with TVA, on greenhouse gas emissions reduction pathways for the Tennessee Valley, 2023
- Presentation: TVA Board of Directors Meeting, 2023
- Briefing: White House Climate Policy Office on climate policy in the Tennessee Valley, 2023

- Briefing: U.S. Congressional staff on climate policy in the Tennessee Valley, 2023
- Presentation: TVA Federal Advisory Committee, 2023
- Member: TVA Information Exchange Working Group 2022-2023
- Presentation: Manufacturing Valuable Coal-Derived Products in Southern Appalachia. Southern States Energy Board, March 2022.
- Presentation: Agent-based Model of Distributed Solar Adoption. Tennessee Valley Authority Research and Innovation, February 2022.
- Briefing: U.S. House member on the economics of carbon taxes, 2021
- Member: Mayor's Climate Council, Energy/Building Technical Working Group, 2020
- Technical support: Tennessee State Energy Policy Council, 2018-Present
- Member: TVA Integrated Resource Planning Working Group 2019
- Technical Lead for the development of Tennessee's State Water Plan (TNH20), 2018-2019.
- Presentation: TN House Committee on the value of green open space in Tennessee, 2017.
- Presentation: Economic Potential of South Knoxville's Urban Wilderness. Great Smoky Mountains Regional Greenways Council: Knoxville, TN, January 2016.
- Presentation: A Transitioning Energy Landscape in Tennessee. Tennessee Gas Association Conference: Knoxville, TN, October 2014.

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Tennessee Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research Award, 2022
 U. of Tennessee Dept. of Economics John and Shirley Moore Scholar, 2021-2023
 Resource Modeling Association Rollie Lamberson Research Award Medal, 2019
 U. of Tennessee Dept. of Economics Robert Bohm Faculty Research Fellow, 2018-2020
 U. of Tennessee Dept. of Economics Summer Research Award, 2016
 U. of Tennessee Quest Scholar of the Week, October 9, 2105
 U. of Tennessee Center for Transportation Research Fellow, 2015
 Utah State University Ecology Center Fellow, 2011
 U. of Wyoming Best Economics PhD Graduate Student Award, 2009
 U. of Wyoming William E. Morgan Graduate Award, 2008
 U. of Wyoming Environment and Natural Resources Plummer Scholarship, 2005-2008

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association
 Association of Environmental and Resource Economists
 Southern Economics Association
 International Association for Energy Economics