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Research Areas

Applied Microeconomics, Environmental Economics, Environmental Human Rights

Education

Ph.D., University of Connecticut, Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2012

M.S., University of Connecticut, Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2010

M.A., University at Albany (SUNY), Economics, 2006

Advanced Graduate Certificate, University at Albany (SUNY), Economic Forecasting, 2006

B.S., Hofstra University, Business Economics, 2004

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Economics, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2013-Present

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Eastern Connecticut State University, 2012-2013

Affiliations

Economic and Social Rights Group, Human Rights Institute at the University of Connecticut

Teaching

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Principles of Microeconomics/Macroeconomics, Microeconomic Analysis, Environmental Economics, Economic and Social Human Rights, Financial Wellness, and Sustainability Studies

Eastern Connecticut State University

Principles of Microeconomics and Environmental Economics

University of Connecticut

Principles of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Essentials of Economics, and Principles of Macroeconomics

Grants

Faculty Small Grant, University of Connecticut, (PI: Lanse Minkler), \$1500, 2012

William R. Waters Research Grant, Association for Social Economics, \$5000, 2010-2011

Refereed Journal Articles

“Virtual Water and an EKC for Water Pollution,” with Alexi Thompson, *Water Resources Management*, 2017.

“Constitutionalizing Environmental Rights: A Practical Guide,” with Josh Gellers, forthcoming in *Journal of Human Rights Practice*, 2016/2017.

“Do Constitutions Matter? The Effects of Constitutional Environmental Human Rights Provisions on Environmental Outcome,” with Lanse Minkler, *KYKLOS*, 69(2), 2016.

“An Empirical Analysis of Fatal Crimes against Environmental and Land Activists,” with Alexi Thompson, *Economics Bulletin*, published online April 29, 2016.

“On the Temporal Effects of Static Constitutional Environmental Rights Provisions on Access to Improved Sanitation Facilities and Water Sources,” *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, 7(1), 2016.

“Employment Booms and Busts Stemming from Nonrenewable Resource Extraction,” with Alexi Thompson and David Yerger, *International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy*, 5(3), 2015.

“Hydraulic Fracturing and the Constitutional Human Right to Water in Pennsylvania,” *Pennsylvania Economic Review*, 21(2), 2014.

“Preference-Directed Regulation When Ethical Environmental Policy Choices Are Formed With Limited Information,” *Empirical Economics*, 46(2), 2014.

“On the Natural and Economic Difficulties to Fulfilling the Human Right to Water Within a Neoclassical Economics Framework,” with Farhed Shah, *Review of Social Economy*, 71(1), 2013.

“Constitutional Environmental Human Rights in India: Negating a Negating Statement,” *Inclusive: A Journal of the Kolkata Centre for Contemporary Studies*, 1(2), 2012.

“Information, Choice and Political Consumption: Human Rights in the Checkout Lane,” with Lyle Scruggs, Shareen Hertel, and Samuel J. Best, *Human Rights Quarterly*, 33(4), 2011.

Refereed Book Chapters

“Implementing Substantive Constitutional Environmental Rights: A Quantitative Assessment of Current Practices Using Benchmark Rankings,” with Josh Gellers, in Erin Daly and James May, eds., *Implementing Environmental Constitutionalism*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (forthcoming 2016/2017).

“Economic and Social Rights Research: The Quantitative State of Affairs,” in Kenneth Reinert, ed., *Handbook of Globalization and Development*, Edward Elgar (forthcoming 2016/2017).

“Constitutional Environmental Human Rights: A Descriptive Analysis of 142 National Constitutions,” in Lanse Minkler, ed., *The State of Economic and Social Human Rights: A Global Overview*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

“Implementation of the Human Right to Social Security Around the World: A Preliminary Analysis of National Social Protection Laws,” with Lyle Scruggs and Christian Zimmermann, in Lanse Minkler, ed., *The State of Economic and Social Human Rights: A Global Overview*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Papers Under Review

“Procedural Environmental Rights and Environmental Justice: Assessing the Impact of Environmental Constitutionalism,” with Josh Gellers.

Working Papers and Work in Progress

“Constitutional Environmental Rights and Environmental Legislation: On the Effects of the Temporal Lag to Legislate on Environmental Outcomes.”

Nontechnical Publications and Reports

“Economic Growth and Fatal Crimes Committed against Environmental and Land Activists,” Department of Economics Alumni Newsletter, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2016.

“Why do countries adopt constitutional environmental rights provisions and what, if any, effects do said provisions have on environmental outcomes?,” with Josh Gellers; contribution to the United Nations report on implementing environmental rights (Professor John Knox, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment), 2015.

“An Economist’s Musing on Constitutions and the Environment,” Department of Economics Alumni Newsletter, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2013.

“Agriculture in Connecticut,” with Marilyn Altobello, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics Newsletter, University of Connecticut, Summer 2011.

“Should We Top Up the Winemaker’s Cup?” with Dennis Heffley and Jeremy Jelliffe, *The Connecticut Economy*, Summer 2010.

“Fast-Tracking the Due Diligence Process,” with Alex Sutton, *Asset Based Finance Journal*, May/June 2010, abfjournal.com.

“Connecticut Agriculture, 2007-2008,” with Rigoberto Lopez, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics Newsletter, University of Connecticut, April 2010.

“The People’s Budget Report: Preliminary Findings,” Human Rights Budget Group c/o National Economic and Social Rights Initiative (NESRI), December 2010.

Conference Presentations

“Procedural Environmental Rights and Environmental Justice: Assessing the Impact of Environmental Constitutionalism,” presented by co-author Josh Gellers at the 2016 International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 16-19, 2016.

“High Wires and Strong Safety Nets: Three Strategies,” with Brandon Vick (panel organizer) and Alexi Thompson at the *26th Annual Teaching Economics Conference* at Robert Morris University, February 13, 2015.

“Do Constitutions Matter? The Effects of Constitutional Environmental Rights Provisions on Environmental Outcomes,” at the Third Yale-UNITAR Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy (co-authored with Lanse Minkler), September 5-7, 2014.

“Employment Booms and Busts Stemming from Nonrenewable Resource Extraction,” (co-authored with Alexi Thompson and David Yerger), Pennsylvania Economic Association Annual Meeting, May 30, 2014.

“Does the Marshall-Lerner Condition Hold for Highly Touristed Countries?,” presented by main author Alexi Thompson (and co-authored with Jessica Black), Pennsylvania Economic Association Annual Meeting, May 30, 2014.

“Do Constitutions Matter? The Effects of Constitutional Environmental Rights Provisions on Environmental Outcomes,” presented by Lanse Minkler (co-author) at the University of Connecticut IO/Law/Environmental Workshop, January 31, 2014.

“Do Constitutions Matter? The Effects of Constitutional Environmental Human Rights Provisions on Environmental Outcomes,” ASE selected paper with Lanse Minkler (University of Connecticut) scheduled for January 5, 2014 at the *2014 ASSA Annual Meeting*.

“Hydraulic Fracturing and the Human Right to Water,” at the *2013 NAREA Annual Meeting*, June 24, 2013.

“Traditional vs. Real-Time Student Evaluations: An Exploration of Truth, Usefulness, and the Incentive Structure for Student Participation,” with James Boudreau at the *24th Annual Teaching Economics Conference* at Robert Morris University, February 16, 2013.

“Preference-Directed Regulation When Ethical Environmental Policy Choices Are Formed With Limited Information,” ASE Selected Paper at the *ASSA Annual Meeting*, January 6, 2012.

“On the Natural and Economic Difficulties to Fulfilling the Human Right to Water,” *ICAPE*, November 13, 2011.

“An Economic Model of the Human Right to Water,” University of Connecticut *CANR Graduate Student Research Forum*, March 26, 2011.

“Environmental Rights with Real Considerations for the Environment: The Case of Groundwater,” University of Connecticut *Third Annual Graduate Human Rights Conference*, April 16, 2010.

Invited Presentations

“Environmental Economics and Sustainability,” Undergraduate Guest Lecture at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Professor Susan Comfort’s *Introduction to Sustainability Studies* course, February 25, 2015.

“A Panel Data Analysis of the Effects of Constitutional Environmental Rights Provisions on Access to Improved Sanitation Facilities and Water Sources,” Scholar-in-Residence Program in Global Environmental Constitutionalism at Widener University School of Law, March 19-20, 2015.

“Constitutional Environmental Human Rights: A Descriptive Analysis of 142 National Constitutions,” Undergraduate Guest Lecture at the University of Connecticut, April 5, 2013.

“Preference-Directed Regulation When Ethical Environmental Policy Choices Are Formed With Limited Information,” Undergraduate Guest Lecture at Simmons College, February 9, 2012.

“Correlates of Constitutional Environmental Human Rights,” University of Connecticut Department of Economics *Brown Bag Series*, September 28, 2011.

“Constitutional Environmental Human Rights and Environmental Outcomes,” University of Connecticut Human Rights Institute *Graduate Seminar Series in Human Rights*, September 26, 2011.

“Constitutional Environmental Human Rights: A Descriptive Analysis of 142 National Constitutions,” University of Connecticut *Economics and Social Rights Research Group Workshop*, April 9, 2011.

“Consumer Preferences for Policies to Reduce Unethically Produced Products,” University of Connecticut Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics *Brownbag Seminar Series*, December 2, 2010.

“On the Right to Clean Water: On the Resolution Recently Passed by the UN General Assembly,” joint with Corinne Tagliarina at the University of Connecticut *Economics and Social Rights Research Group*, October 8, 2010.

“Micropolitical Foundations of the Size of Government: A Literature Review,” University of Connecticut Department of Economics *Macro Workshop*, April 8, 2009.

Referee/Reviewer for

Oxford University Press, Routledge, Review of Social Economy, Journal of Human Rights

Thesis Committee Participation

“Indicator Species and Forest Value,” Chris Garbark, M.S. in Biology, Indiana University of Pennsyl-

vania (expected graduation in 2017/2018)

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Connecticut, Graduate School

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Connecticut, Graduate School

Summer Fellowship, University of Connecticut, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Connecticut, Graduate School

Bishop-Carder Scholarship, University of Connecticut, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Stanley K. Seaver Scholarship, University of Connecticut, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Memberships

American Economic Association

Association for Social Economics

Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the Environment

Service

Member, Sustainability Studies Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2013-Present

Member, Departmental Math/Econ Concentration Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2013-Present

Member, Student Affairs Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2013-Present

Member, Middle States Reaccreditation Subcommittee 3, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2013-Present

Department Representative, College Recruitment Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2014-Present

Department Representative, College Technology Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2013-Present

Beta Tester, St. Louis FRED Excel Spreadsheet Add-in, 2011

Seminar Committee Chair, University of Connecticut Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2010-2012

Founder, Graduate Student Brownbag Seminar Series, University of Connecticut Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2010-2012

Elected Member, Economic Development Commission, Stafford Springs, CT, 2009-2012

Association of Graduate Economics Students, University of Connecticut Department of Economics, 2007-2009

Non-academic Experience

Technical Report Writer, AccuVal Associates, Inc., 2012-2013

Inventory Analyst, AccuVal Associates, Inc., 2006-2011 (full-time 2006-2007)

Stockbroker Intern, Scottrade Financial Services, 2003-2006