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# Welcome to Indiana University

Dear Conference Participants:

On behalf of Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), let me welcome you to the 2017 Environmental Politics and Governance Conference.

SPEA was founded in 1972 as the first school in the United States to combine public affairs, environmental science, and public policy. From the beginning, SPEA faculty and students have focused on applied problem solving and interdisciplinary research. Path-breaking scholars such as Nobel Laureate Elinor Ostrom and Lynton K. Caldwell called SPEA home, as do now more than 85 full-time faculty. Among its many accolades, SPEA currently has the top-ranked MPA program in the United States, and, among schools of public affairs, is ranked #1 in environmental policy, nonprofit management, and public finance and budgeting.

For more than four decades, SPEA faculty have sought to better understand an increasingly complex and interconnected global society, which makes it a fitting host for the 2017 Environmental Politics and Governance Conference. This annual meeting aims to showcase innovative scholarship on environmental politics and governance, provide a venue for scholars to present their research and strengthen their network, and shape future environmental politics and governance research across the social sciences.

The 2017 conference has been made possible by the generous financial support of SPEA's Dean's Office, the Institute for Advanced Study, the Ostrom Workshop's Program on Natural Resource Governance, the School of Global and International Studies, and the Integrated Program in the Environment. I would also like to thank the wonderfully dedicated staff at SPEA who have worked hard to make this conference a success.

Best wishes to everyone for an exciting and intellectually stimulating couple of days in Bloomington.

Sincerely,

David Konisky  
Associate Professor

Conference Co-sponsors, Indiana University



School of Public and Environmental Affairs  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Ostrom Workshop's Governance of Natural Resources Program  
School of Global and International Studies  
Integrated Program in the Environment

# Conference Schedule

## Day 1, Wednesday, June 21

6:00-9:00 pm	Nick's	Welcome reception and dinner
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## Day 2, Thursday, June 22

7:00-8:15 am	SPEA 3rd Floor Commons	Breakfast
8:15-8:30 am	SPEA A335	Welcome and introductory remarks
8:30-10:00 am	SPEA A335	Panel 1 <i>Perceptions toward Climate and the Environment</i>
10:00-10:30 am	SPEA 3rd Floor Commons	Coffee break
10:30 am-12:00 pm	SPEA A335	Panel 2 <i>Global Governance</i>
12:00-1:30 pm	SPEA 3rd Floor Commons	Lunch <i>Conversation with Bob Keohane on climate governance</i>
1:30-3:00 pm		Free time
3:00-4:30 pm	SPEA A335	Panel 3 <i>Institutions and the Environment</i>
4:30-4:45 pm	SPEA 3rd Floor Commons	Coffee and cookie break
4:45-6:15 pm	SPEA A335	Panel 4 <i>Environmental Governance in a Comparative Perspective</i>
6:15-7:00 pm		Free time
7:00-9:00 pm	Uptown Café	Dinner

## Day 3, Friday, June 23

7:00-8:30 am	SPEA 3rd Floor Commons	Breakfast
8:30-10:00 am	SPEA A335	Panel 5 <i>Voting, Lobbying and the Environment</i>
10:00-10:30 am	SPEA 3rd Floor Commons	Coffee break
10:30 am-12:00 pm	SPEA A335	Panel 6 <i>Energy Politics and Governance</i>
12:00-1:30 pm	SPEA 3rd Floor Commons	Lunch <i>Conversation with Janet McCabe on the future of U.S. environmental politics and policy</i>
1:30-3:00 pm		Free time
3:00-4:30 pm	SPEA A335	Panel 7 <i>Devolution and Local Governance</i>
4:30-4:45 pm	SPEA 3rd Floor Commons	Coffee and cookie break
4:45-6:15 pm	SPEA A335	Panel 8 <i>Voluntarism and Cooperation</i>
6:15-7:45 pm	SGIS Atrium	Dinner
7:45-9:00 pm	SGIS 1122	Post-dinner coffee <i>Panel discussion on next steps with Mark Buntaine, Andreas Duit, Jessica Green, and Vally Koubi</i>

## Day 4, Saturday June 24

6:30-9:00 am	IMU	Optional breakfast
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Thursday, June 22, 8:30-10:00 am, SPEA A335

## Panel 1

# Perceptions Toward Climate and the Environment

Chair/Discussant:

**Johannes Urpelainen**, Columbia University

*Will Climate Impacts Depress Support for Climate Reforms?: Testing the Conservatism-Under-Threat Hypothesis using a Natural Experiment in California*

**Matto Mildenerger**, UC Santa Barbara

co-author: Chad Hazlett, UCLA

*Depolarizing Climate Change: The Importance of Identity Salience in Increasing Support for Climate Change Policies among Conservatives*

**Emily Pechar**, Duke University

*Political Parties and State-Level Public Opinion about the Environment*

**Parrish Bergquist**, MIT

*Do "Fairness versus Effectiveness" Considerations Influence Public Acceptance of Costly Environmental Policies? Insights from Road Space Rationing in India*

**Thomas Bernauer**, ETH Zurich

**Aseem Prakash**, University of Washington

**Names of presenters are bolded.**

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Thursday, June 22, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, SPEA A335

## Panel 2

# Global Governance

Chair/Discussant:

**Xun Cao**, Penn State University

*The Ratification Conundrum: A Survival Analysis*

**Jon Hovi**, University of Oslo

**Tora Skodvin**, University of Oslo

*co-author: Øyvind Stiansen, University of Oslo*

*The Population Ecology of International NGOs:*

*Environmental Conservation in Comparative*

*Perspective*

**Jennifer Hadden**, University of Maryland

**Sarah Bush**, Temple University

*Governance Complexity: From Metaphor to Measurement*

**Jessica Green**, New York University

*Would U.S. Withdrawal Endanger the Bottom-up*

*Approach of the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate*

*Change?*

**Detlef Sprinz**, PIK–Potsdam Institute for Climate

Impact Research

**Jon Hovi**, University of Oslo

*co-authors:*

Hakon Saelen, University of Oslo

Arild Underdal, University of Oslo

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## Panel 3

# Institutions and the Environment

Chair/Discussant:

**Vally Koubi**, ETH Zurich

*When Do Environmental Policies Work? Identifying Institutional Determinants of Environmental Policy Effectiveness in 37 Countries, 1970-2010*

**Andreas Duit**, Stockholm University

*co-authors:*

Sijeong Lim, University of Amsterdam

Thomas Sommerer, Stockholm University

*The Politics of Environmental Monitoring: Evidence from Hong Kong*

**Kwan Nok Chan**, The University of Hong Kong

*co-authors:*

Wai Fung Lam, The University of Hong Kong

Winnie Law, The University of Hong Kong

*Government Transparency and the Effectiveness of Environmental Regulation: A National-Scale Field Experiment in China*

**Mark Buntaine**, UC Santa Barbara

*co-authors:*

Sarah Anderson, UC Santa Barbara

Mengdi Liu, UC Santa Barbara

Bing Zhang, UC Santa Barbara





Thursday, June 22, 4:45-6:15 pm, SPEA A335

## Panel 4

# Environmental Governance in a Comparative Perspective

Chair/Discussant:

**Andreas Duit**, Stockholm University

*A Crack of Authoritarian Environmentalism:*

*Prioritization and Bandwagoning Behavior of Local Implementers in China*

**Shaowei Chen**, Tsinghua University

*co-author: Ciqi Mei, Tsinghua University*

*Clean Competition: How Competitive Elections Clean-up the Air in Mexican Municipalities*

**Xun Cao**, Penn State University

*co-authors:*

Anthony Pezzola, Instituto de Ciencia Política

Amanda Fidalgo, Penn State University

*Environmental Change and Migration: Adaptation Possibilities versus Trapped Populations*

**Vally Koubi**, ETH Zurich

*co-authors:*

Gabriele Spilker, ETH Zurich

Lena Schaffer, ETH Zurich

Tobias Böhmelt, ETH Zurich

*The Role of Coalitions in the U.S. Environmental Rulemaking Process: Evidence from the Clean Power Plan*

**Ramiro Berardo**, The Ohio State University

**Frederico Holm**, The Ohio State University

*co-author: Hongtao Yi, The Ohio State University*

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## Panel 5

# Voting, Lobbying and the Environment

Chair/Discussant:

**Leah Stokes**, UC Santa Barbara

*Environmental Voting and Policy Responsiveness:*

*Evidence from the U.S. Congress*

**Johannes Ureplainen**, Columbia University

*co-author: Richard McAlexander, Columbia University*

*Do Natural Disasters Help the Environment? Evidence from Direct Democracy*

**Leonardo Baccini**, McGill University

*co-author: Lucas Leemann, University of Essex*

*Firms' Support for Climate Change Legislation:*

*Industry Competition and the Emergence of Green Lobbies*

**Amanda Kennard**, Princeton University

*Another Avenue of Action: An Examination of Climate*

*Change Counter Movement Industries Use of PAC*

*Donations and Their Relationship to Congressional Voting*

*Over Time*

**Kerry Ard**, The Ohio State University

**Paige Kelly**, The Ohio State University

*co-author: Nick Garcia, The Ohio State University*





Friday, June 23, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, SPEA A335

## Panel 6

# Energy Politics and Governance

Chair/Discussant:

**Sanya Carley**, Indiana University

*No Taxation, No Representation? Oil-to-cash Transfers and the Dynamics of Government Responsiveness*

**Paasha Mahdavi**, Georgetown University

*Why Some States Adopt Clean Energy Policies: Electricity Deregulation and the Changing Balance of (Interest-Group) Power*

**Nathan Lee**, Stanford University

*Do Nudgers Need Nudging? The Role of Implementing Agents in Environmental Policy*

**Sarah Giest**, Leiden University

*Understanding Pressures for Renewable Energy Policy Adoption and Evolution: Coercion, Emulation, Competition and Learning*

**Daniel Matisoff**, Georgia Tech University

co-author: Shan Zhou, Georgia Tech University

Gordon A. Kingsley, Georgia Tech University

Marilyn A. Brown, Georgia Tech University

Friday, June 23, 3:00-4:30 pm, SPEA A335

## Panel 7

# Devolution and Local Governance

Chair/Discussant:  
**Ramiro Berardo**, The Ohio State University

*Evaluating Water Conservation Policy in California* **Leah Stokes**, UC Santa Barbara

**Patrick Hunnicutt**, UC Santa Barbara

*Steering Cities: Understanding the Role of City Governments in Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions*

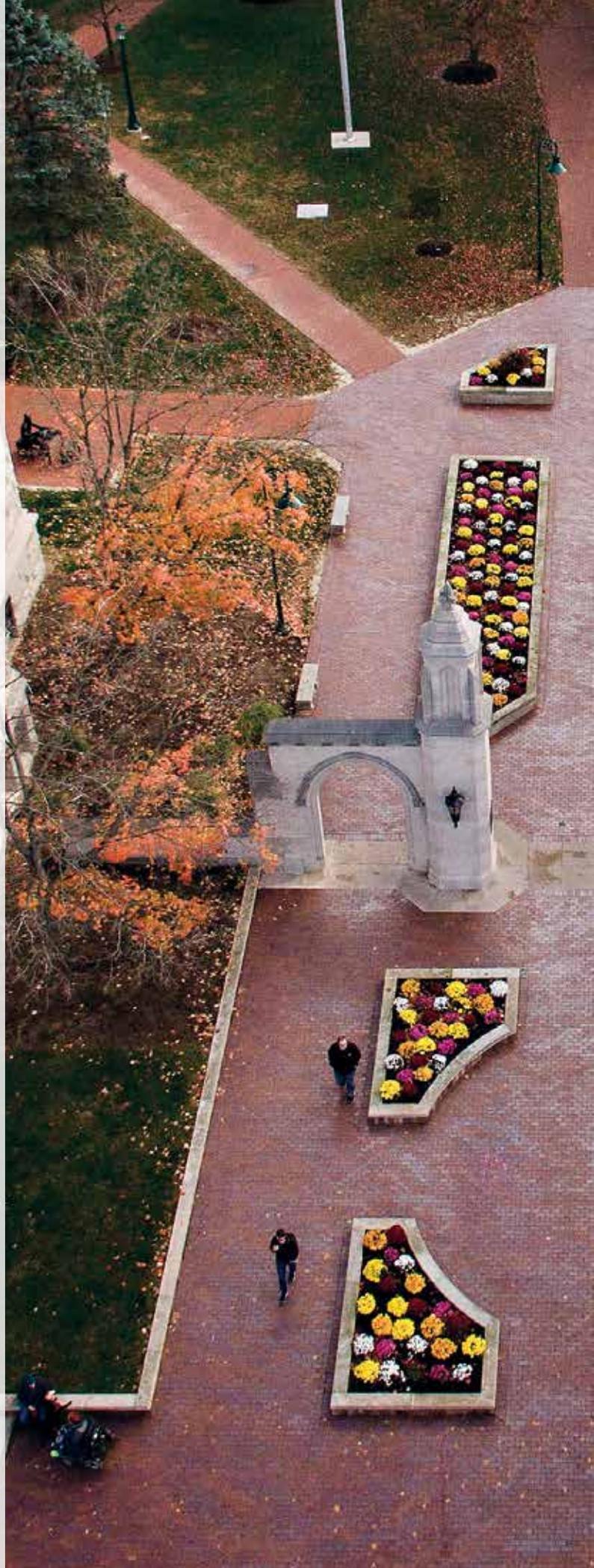
**Sara Hughes**, University of Toronto

*Assessing Participatory Spillovers in Local Natural Resource Governance: A Quasi-Experimental Evaluation with Evidence from Community Forestry in Nepal*

**Nathan Cook**, University of Colorado, Boulder

*The Inconvenient Truth of the Political Pollution Cycle: Theory and Evidence from Chinese Prefectures*

**Shiran Shen**, Stanford University





Friday, June 23, 4:45-6:15 pm, SPEA A335

## Panel 8

# Voluntarism and Cooperation

Chair/Discussant:

**Aseem Prakash**, University of Washington

*Collaboration, Influence, and Cross-level Linkages in an Ecology of Climate Change Adaptation Policy Games*

**Matthew Hamilton**, University of Michigan

*co-author: Mark Lubell, UC Davis*

*Investigating the Influence of Collaborative Partners on Environmental Policy Adoption*

**Cali Curley**, Indiana University Purdue University – Indianapolis

*co-author: Richard Feiock, Florida State University*

*Leniency as a Strategy for Governance*

**Sara Kerosky**, UC San Diego

*Voluntary Local Cooperation with Regional Land Use Planning to Reduce GHGs*

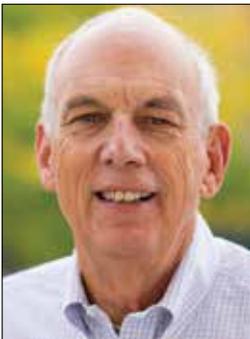
**Gian-Claudia Sciara**, University of Texas, Austin

*co-author: Sarah Strand, UC Davis*

## Featured Speakers

**Day 2, Thursday, June 22, 12:00-1:30 pm**

***Conversation with Bob Keohane on climate governance***



**Bob Keohane**, Princeton University

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My recent research has increasingly focused on the international and transnational politics of climate change. I will retire from Princeton on June 30, 2017, as professor of international affairs. I am the author of *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* and *Power and Governance in a Partially Globalized World* and have co-authored *Power and Interdependence* and *Designing Social Inquiry*. I have been the editor of the journal *International Organization*, president of the International Studies Association and the American Political Science Association, and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Philosophical Society, and the National Academy of Sciences. I spend my summers on an island in Maine near Acadia National Park, as much as possible with my grandchildren.

**Day 3, Friday, June 23, 12:00-1:30 pm**

***Conversation with Janet McCabe on the future of U.S. environmental politics and policy***



**Janet McCabe**, Environmental Law and Policy Center

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I recently joined the Environmental Law and Policy Center as a Senior Law Fellow working on clean air and energy policy issues. Previously, I was the Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation at the United States Environmental Protection Agency and was nominated by President Obama to be Assistant Administrator of that office. I joined EPA in 2009 as the Principal Deputy to the Assistant Administrator of OAR. Prior to that, I was Executive Director of Improving Kids' Environment, Inc., a children's environmental health advocacy organization based in Indianapolis, Indiana, and was an adjunct faculty member at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Department of Public Health, and School of Public and Environmental Affairs. I've held several leadership positions in the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Office of Air Quality and was formerly the office's Assistant Commissioner. I've also served as Assistant Attorney General for environmental protection for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Assistant Secretary for Environmental Impact Review.

## Conference Participants



**Kerry Ard**, The Ohio State University  
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Every day I make time to be outside in some way, whether it's running or biking or taking a walk with my family. I particularly love searching for dinosaur bones, fossils, and bugs with my seven-year-old son. The rest of my free time is spent working on our new house. We spend the summer in Italy with our family. While we are abroad my husband buys wine, cheese, and truffles, which we sell (and consume!) when we return home. I have been at my position at The Ohio State University as an assistant professor of environmental sociology since 2013. My position is housed in the School of Environment & Natural Resources, a fantastic interdisciplinary department that I'm happy to be a part of.

My research focuses on environmental inequality. I focus on the political and structural causes, as well as the social and health consequences, of exposures to environmental harms and benefits – as well as how and why these vary by race and class.



**Leonardo Baccini**, McGill University  
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I am an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at McGill University. My research interests are in the area of international political economy and comparative political economy with a focus on trade and development. I am the author of *Cutting the Gordian Knot of Economic Reform: How International Institutions Promote Liberalization* (Oxford University Press 2014) and of several articles published in leading journals.

I spend my free time traveling, reading crime novels, cooking Italian dishes, and watching soccer (I am fan of the team *Inter Milan*). Since I moved to Montreal, I have started cross-country skiing as a way to survive the long Canadian winter. I live with my wife Alexandra and with my cat Guelfo in a hipster neighborhood of Montreal, which we love.



**Ramiro Berardo**, The Ohio State University  
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I am a native of Argentina and thus a soccer and barbecue lover. I am a husband and father of two rather strong-willed little boys. In my free time, I brew beer (which I also drink) and try to learn how to play the electric bass. I am miserably failing at the latter, which I blame on the little free time I have to practice (I am, after all, an assistant professor) instead of the fact that my musical ear is nonexistent.



**Parrish Bergquist, MIT**

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I am a doctoral candidate at MIT's departments of Political Science and Urban Studies & Planning. I spend as much time outside as I can: climbing, running, cycling, or hiking. I'm also a graduate resident tutor at Simmons Hall at MIT, which means I spend a lot of time mentoring and helping build community (mostly through home-baked treats) among MIT undergrads. I'm a displaced southerner. After growing up in Birmingham, AL, I went to undergrad at the University of Virginia, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras, worked in Washington, DC, and earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan before starting at MIT. My research focuses on public opinion, political parties, and political representation in the United States, with a focus on state politics and the environment.



**Thomas Bernauer, ETH Zurich**

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I have been a professor of political science at ETH Zurich since the mid-1990s, working mostly on international and comparative environmental policy and trade issues. Since 2015, I have also been the director of ETH's Institute of Science, Technology and Policy (ISTP), a public policy institute including engineers, natural scientists, and social scientists.



**Mark Buntaine, University of California, Santa Barbara**

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I spend most of my free time hiking and rock climbing, though these days more of that time is spent hauling around my son Remy (1.5). I moved to Santa Barbara in 2013 and since that time have explored most of the canyons in Los Padres National Forest near our house. With the little guy around, I spend more time gardening, but I still struggle to grow a good vegetable despite favorable conditions. My current research focuses on information and environmental governance in low and middle-income countries.



**Xun Cao, Penn State University**

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I live in central Pennsylvania with my wife and my two daughters – Abby (5 years old) and Leah (2). My wife and I grew up in Beijing, China, where we actually attended the same primary, middle, and high schools. The two of us have also lived in Seattle, Princeton, and Colchester (UK), but our two girls are very local – born and being raised in State College. The farthest they have traveled is Chicago. In my limited free time, I enjoy cooking, hiking (as long as it is not me carrying the girls), and watching soccer (mainly EPL and Bundesliga).

I received my Ph.D. in political science from the University of Washington, Seattle, in 2007. My research interests include environmental and energy politics, network analysis, ethnic violence and conflict, and political geography.



**Sanya Carley**, Indiana University

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I am a big fan of a good weekend adventure. Homemade scones, long bike rides, visits to feed the neighbor's horse a carrot, hunting for treasures in the woods, and berry-picking are some of my favorites. My sidekicks include my daughter, Maya (5), my son, Solomon (3), and my husband, Joe. I am a Wisconsin native and forever a Cheesehead. I am currently on sabbatical and, among many lofty research goals, I also aim to run 1,000 miles before the year is over.

Research that I have worked on over sabbatical focuses on fuel economy regulations, U.S. solar policies, renewable energy policy design, energy transitions, and sustainable brewing.



**Kwan Nok "Norbert" Chan**, The University of Hong Kong

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I look forward to returning to SPEA, where I spent more than five years as a graduate student before moving to Hong Kong. If I am not working in the office, I am either on the country trail near my home or reading a book in the neighborhood coffee shop. Books about cognition and complexity are my favorite.

My research explores how individuals and organizations process information in different institutional and policy settings. A central goal of my current projects is to explore information processing mechanisms in the context of authoritarian politics.



**Shaowei Chen**, Tsinghua University

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I'm a Ph.D. candidate at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China. I am now visiting UC San Diego's 21<sup>st</sup> Century China Center as a Fulbright scholar. I spend most of my free time making music. I have been arranging and producing songs for Chinese pop stars for more than five years. The instrument I play most is guitar, both electric and acoustic. Jimi Hendrix, SRV, John Mayer, and Miyavi are my heroes.

My current research focuses on urban governance and planning, central-local government relationships in China, and environmental politics.



**Nathan Cook**, University of Colorado-Boulder

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I was raised in the high mountains of Colorado. I currently live in Boulder, and much of my free time is spent doing typical Colorado things: trail running, hiking, cycling, and other outdoor activities. I spent most of the spring and winter living in Nepal, where I researched community forestry, failed to learn proper Nepali, and navigated the busy and dusty streets of Kathmandu. I hate to say it, but the mountains of Nepal are superior to the mountains of Colorado. My current research focuses on local institutions for the governance of natural resources in the developing world, behavioral responses to public policy interventions, and impact evaluation methods.



**Cali Curley**, Indiana University Purdue University – Indianapolis

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My spare time is typically spent with loved ones, baking, gardening, puzzling, and watching shows about superheroes. I enjoy good beer and a quiet night in with my future husband, two cats, and two kids (Eva, 7 and Eli, 5). During the rare weekend free from work, home projects, or travel, you might find us hiking in the woods. Since moving from Florida to Indianapolis, I have learned that fall is a real season and winter coats are not the same as sweatshirts. I will admit to missing college football (Go Seminoles) and the beach, but I would say the same about snow.

My current research focuses on the different facets of coproduction in the environmental policy area. That means examining both local government policy choices and individual level participation decisions.



**Andreas Duit**, Stockholm University

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In my real life, I enjoy fly fishing, mountain hiking, and mushroom-picking. I am also trying to learn how to smoke fish (which is a lot more difficult than most people realize). As a scholar, I am interested in how states are responding to environmental problems and I explore this issue through comparative analysis. Other research interests include governance and complexity and the role of participation in natural resource management.



**Sarah Giest**, Leiden University

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I moved to The Netherlands from Vancouver, Canada, about two and a half years ago, and I am still getting used to the unwritten rules of cycling (running red lights seems to be one of them). After doing a lot of hiking in the mountains of British Columbia, I am now substituting this with running on the beach and playing and coaching an Ultimate Frisbee team here in The Hague. During time off, my husband and I spend time traveling to cities around the globe or visiting family in Germany. My German roots also get me into many lunch discussions on Dutch vs. German soccer teams.

My current research focuses on the intersection of government and technology in the environmental and innovation policy field.



**Michelle Graff**, Indiana University

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Most of my free time is spent with my partner, Brian, and our two-year-old rescue dog, Haddie. We moved from Washington, DC, to Bloomington, Indiana, in August 2016 when I began my Ph.D. program at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. We love to spend time outdoors running and hiking and look forward to exploring the Midwestern landscape.

My current research focuses on domestic energy policy and federal energy assistance programs.



**Jessica Green**, New York University

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Some people are confused about whether to call me Jess or Jessica; I answer to both. I consider myself a Harlemitte, although I was born and raised inside the Beltway. I spend most of my time running after my two kids Hannah (4) and Milo (2), discovering the sights and smells of New York City. My husband, John Harwood, does not write for the *Wall Street Journal*, but rather is a professor of architectural history at the University of Toronto. We have a chaotic and amazing life.

When working, I study non-state actors in environmental governance and in the climate regime especially, but have recently branched out into other issues like fisheries and the Antarctic.



**Jennifer Hadden**, University of Maryland

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I currently live in Washington, DC, where I spend a lot of my free time running, biking, going to concerts, and renovating our house. I have a large organic garden; I'm particularly focused on growing heirloom tomatoes. We recently adopted two kittens that we found in our backyard, and they've become my new obsession. I'm a native of the Pacific Northwest, and I love backpacking in the mountains.

My research concerns how non-state actors participate in international climate change negotiations. For this work I've spent a lot of time observing NGOs and how they organize around meetings of the United Nations. I also have a particular interest in using social network analysis to help understand how cooperation emerges among actors in environmental politics.



**Matt Hamilton**, University of Michigan

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I live in Ann Arbor, MI, with my wife, our four-month-old son, and our old cat. We recently moved here from Sacramento, CA, and we've had a great time exploring natural places in southeast Michigan on foot, bike, and boat. We're excited to spend some time on the Upper Peninsula this summer. When I'm not at work, I spend most of my time entertaining my son. This leaves a little time for getting together with friends from around Ann Arbor to play country music and struggling to learn Irish fiddle tunes at home. I do research on environmental policy networks and climate change adaptation governance in East Africa and the western U.S.



**Federico Holm**, The Ohio State University

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Having been born and raised in Argentina, I'm not only finishing my first year as a graduate student, but also my first year in the United States. I love exercising (I'm currently playing handball) and reading pretty much anything (which does not come handy when it's time to focus).

My previous academic background is in political science (international relations), so arriving at an interdisciplinary community like SENR – School of Environment and Natural Resources – has been an extremely enriching and wonderful experience. My research interests focus on social networks, particularly around U.S. environmental policy, and the effects of fracking developments in Argentina.



**Jon Hovi**, University of Oslo

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I spend my spare time trying to stay fit, although this is quickly getting harder at my age. I play soccer once or twice a week (Oslo actually has a soccer league for players above 55). In the winter time I also like to go cross-country skiing. In the summer time I do some very slow jogging once in a while. Other main interests include opera and harness racing.

My research largely circles around participation in, compliance with, and enforcement of international agreements.



**Sara Hughes**, University of Toronto

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Since moving to Canada in 2015, I have been learning the joys of maple syrup, loonies, and public health care. I have a two-and-a-half-year-old son and (relatedly) many lapsed hobbies, including the stand-up bass, quilting, mountain biking, and movie-going with my husband, Jean-Luc. I do still find time for running and reading. After living in California, Colorado, and North Carolina, I am happy to be back in the Great Lakes region, as I am originally from Michigan and like to spend time there with my family in the summer.

My current research focuses on the politics of urban climate change governance and urban water politics. This work is centered on the U.S. and Canada, but in the past I have also done research in Latin America, India, and Australia.



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As a graduate student, I am hard-pressed to think of “interests beyond research” to share. However, I spend most of my spare time deepening my yoga practice (I got my 200-hr certification in the fall of 2016), rock climbing, knitting, and making and sharing food with friends. In the summers, when I have more free time, I enjoy backpacking. Two years ago, I backpacked the John Muir Trail for 22 days, covering around 224 miles through the High Sierras. While I have lived in Ohio for only two years, I am a child of the Midwest, as I was born and raised in Minnesota before moving to Madison, WI, to complete my undergraduate degree.

My current research focuses on urban-rural political divides and environmental counter-movements. I am also working on a project studying the spatial correlates of hate-crime incidents across U.S. counties.



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I'm a graduate student living in Princeton, NJ. Fun for me is kayaking on the D&R Canal or heading to the Jersey shore once summer is here. My two other favorite things are cooking (I'm terrible, but learning) and reading (currently *Private Empire* by Steve Coll). My research interests include environmental politics and trade.



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Prior to graduate school, I spent a lot of time listening to and analyzing whale songs as part of my research position at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography; now I find myself listening to and analyzing congressional oversight hearings. When I'm not poring over testimonies or submitting FOIA requests to federal agencies, I enjoy spending as much time outside as possible. My favorite activities tend to be things I can do with my soon-to-be one-year-old dog, Hatchet. We enjoy hiking, camping, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, short runs, dog parks, fetch, and chase. I also try to carve out time for alpine skiing, yoga, beginner climbing, live music, and dinner parties.

My current research focuses on federalism, the bureaucracy, and environmental policy.



**David Konisky, Indiana University**

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Most of my free time is spent with my wife, Kristen, chasing around our two boys, Ben (8) and Will (5), and our four-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog, Winston. The kids love sports (especially soccer and tennis) and spending as much time outside as possible. I am an avid reader and runner, and I have recently started playing tennis again in an effort to relive my high school glory days. Although we are still new to the "Hoosier" state, having lived here only since 2016 when I began my position at Indiana University, we have deep family roots in the Midwest. During the summer, we spend as much time as we can at our family cottage in Northern Michigan.

My current research focuses on U.S. environmental politics and public opinion on energy and climate change.



**Vally Koubi, ETH Zurich and University of Bern**

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I enjoy reading, cooking, travelling, and hiking. During the summertime I love to spend time with relatives and friends at the beach in my hometown in Greece indulging in ouzo, cold beer and meze (i.e., grilled octopus, fried baby calamari, stuffed squid, and so on). My research focuses on environmental politics (NGOs and MEAs), conflict and IPE.



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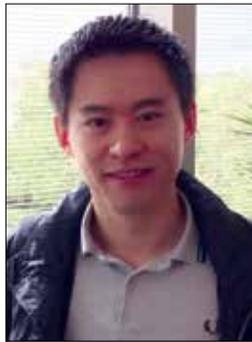
I have been in Bloomington since the summer of 2015 and had never been to the Midwest prior to coming to Indiana University. I am from the Washington, DC, metropolitan area and earned my bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Maryland, College Park. I love to read, especially nineteenth-century German philosophy, and spend most of my free time satiating my passion with the humanities. I am an ardent runner, which keeps me sane during the school year, and enjoy going on long walks with my English Springer Spaniel, Ginger. My favorite activities also include hiking, yoga, and inundating my apartment with plants.



**Nathan Lee**, Stanford University

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Although I have spent almost three years out in the Bay Area, I still feel more at home in the Midwest and East Coast. I grew up in Carbondale, IL, and spent several years in cities like Philadelphia, Boston, and Washington, DC. That said, I do make the most of the unbeatable weather out here: I spend much of my spare time playing basketball, running, and cycling in the hills behind Stanford. I also find meaning in getting to know my community: I live in a shared house in East Palo Alto, a diverse neighborhood 20 minutes from Stanford, vibrant and connected yet struggling to grapple with the changes that have followed the influx of programmers at Facebook, analysts at Amazon and, yes, political science graduate students at Stanford.



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As an academic tenderfoot, I spend most of my time trying to get a handle on research and keeping my head above water in my graduate program. In my free time, I like to get close to nature, spending time hiking and jogging. I also play badminton on weekends. Whenever I have a longer break, I usually visit family in China and spend time traveling and exploring different parts of the world.

I am interested in intergovernmental relationships and collaborative governance in environmental policy.



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I am new to Indiana University after 13 years at the University of Arizona. At IU I am based in the Economics Department and the Ostrom Workshop as Director of the Program on Natural Resource Governance. My kids are grown and my dog is old so I am quite free to pursue my indoor and outdoor interests, which include spending a lot of time in Montana. Before the academy I was a smokejumper in Idaho with the U.S. Forest Service, and before that I was raised on a wheat farm in the middle of North Dakota.

My current research focuses on state environmental agencies, wildfire management, land demarcation, and environmental politics.



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Though I was born in Minneapolis, my parents escaped from the cold and moved our family to San Diego before I turned one. So I consider myself a San Diegan (Diegoan? Diagan?) and a proud Iranian-American. My wife Megan and I are relative newcomers to DC – we moved here in 2015 from LA (she's also from California). And, despite the lack of any fresh avocados in the District, we love it here so far. In my spare time, I like to bike the trails around DC/ Maryland/Virginia, play squash, and read sci-fi novels and the occasional journalistic book on oil politics. In my research, I'm currently working on the politics of national oil companies, oil-to-cash transfers, and fossil fuel subsidies.



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I teach and conduct research in the areas of public policy, energy policy, and corporate sustainability. My research focuses on the effectiveness and efficiency of comparative approaches to addressing environmental problems and the adoption and diffusion of energy technologies and policies. Currently, I am a fellow with the Brook Byers Institute for Sustainability and am affiliated with the Strategic Energy Institute and Center for Urban Innovation. I have participated in over \$4 million of sponsored research through the National Science Foundation, the European Union Center for Excellence, the German Academic Exchange Service, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the National Electric Energy Testing Research and Applications Center.

My current research interests include: evaluating the effectiveness of voluntary eco-labeling programs, the effectiveness of incentives for solar electricity, the adoption of smart grid technologies and policies, and the impact of large scale solar adoption on consumer rates and bills.



**Matt Mildenberger**, UC Santa Barbara

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Living on the West Coast in a winterless world has been the adventure of the past couple years. I grew up in a small fishing village in the Canadian Maritimes and then, via a lengthy stay in Toronto, moved to the U.S. Northeast for graduate school. California has sated my desire to spend as much time outside as possible, and we can now grow fruits I never expected that my climate might allow – if only the water keeps up with the heat. In my free time, I write fiction, have taken up tennis enthusiastically and dote over our adorably feral cat.

My current research focuses on the comparative politics of carbon pricing and on the dynamics of climate-related political behavior.



**Doug Noonan**, Indiana University Purdue University – Indianapolis

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I enjoy spending time with my family, enjoying the peace and productivity of my home office, and occasionally peering outside of my suburban bubble. Most of my free time is spent trying to raise my young children (ages 4 and 6) and recovering from my youth and its bad habits. (Fortunately, the kids take after their mother.) In 2013, I brought my family back to my own Midwestern roots, but count years of upbringing in the Rockies, the Pacific Northwest, and Hawaii as coloring my appreciation for diverse environments. Nowadays, I enjoy avoiding politics and social media, getting outside to feed feral mosquitoes, and keeping my DVR from exploding.

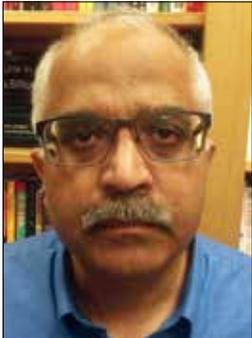
My current research focuses on the economics of green buildings, climate change adaptation, and urban infrastructure policy. My interest in urban amenities and environmental justice remains.



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I am a Ph.D. candidate at Duke University studying environmental policy. When I'm not researching climate change politics and public opinion, I can usually be found hiking, biking, or otherwise exploring North Carolina's varied landscapes with my black Lab mix, Sadie. I am also an avid traveler – I've set a life goal of always having visited more countries than I am old (currently on track!). Recently, I have rekindled a high school passion for music and have begun playing my cello that has been hibernating for the better part of ten years. I play in a local Durham orchestra and relish the chance to use a different part of my brain in doing so each week!

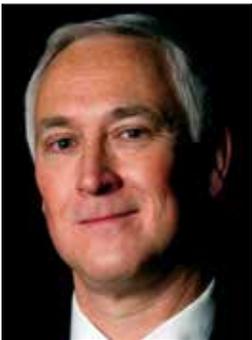


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My passions are hiking, traveling, and cross-country skiing. We try to get out of Seattle every weekend to enjoy the beautiful (and often wet) outdoors. I love hearing books on MP3; wars, biographies, and U.S. history are my favorites. Thanks to our son, we have become very interested in following oral arguments presented in the U.S. Supreme Court.

My research focuses on environmental governance, private regulation ("clubs"), and NGOs (= firms). I have also started writing on blogs and promoting public scholarship.



**Ken Richards**, Indiana University

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While I have been at Indiana University for over 20 years now, I am also a bit of a newcomer. I recently returned from four years of leave with visiting positions in England and Singapore. For fun, my wife and I spend time hiking, sailing, and diving, though those pleasures have been disrupted recently so we could design and build a passive solar house just outside Bloomington. In a fit of optimism, we planted a hundred trees this spring, as we anticipate turning an acre and a half of lawn into garden.

My research focuses on environmental policy design and implementation, particularly the area of instrument choice. This is vastly more interesting than my early work on forest carbon sequestration economics.



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My husband Kevin, daughters Violet (10) and Rosalind (7), and I moved to Austin, TX, last summer, when I joined UT as an assistant professor in community and regional planning. I have been passionate about cities and transportation since I was a kid growing up in Queens, NY. My research focuses on how decisions by and among different levels of government shape metropolitan transportation systems and land development patterns. When I am not on campus, you can find me with my family, watching the girls swim or play basketball and soccer, exploring Austin together on our bikes, or making waffles on the weekend.



**Shiran Shen, Stanford University**

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My childhood experience with urban air pollution in Beijing sparked my early interest in environmental issues. As a teenager, I decided for myself to move to the United States, eager to receive a well-rounded liberal arts education. Though I originally set my heart on majoring in biology, I became fascinated by the way social sciences and humanities are taught at Swarthmore and eventually graduated with a major in political science. After a stint in Washington, DC, I moved to Stanford for graduate studies in political science (Ph.D.) and environmental engineering (M.S.). I enjoy hiking in, touring around, and taking pictures of places in the great American West, both iconic and banal. In my spare time, I like making frozen treats (they're edible) and watching TV shows.

Substantively, my research seeks to understand the political determinants of environmental policy implementation, especially with respect to air pollution control; public policy analysis related to climate change; and environmental justice pertaining to race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status. Methodologically, I seek to introduce relevant techniques from environmental engineering, earth systems, computer science, and statistics to advance political science and policy research on energy and the environment.



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I live with my husband, Torgrim, in Oslo. We have two grown-up daughters: Agnes (20) and Sofie (25). I like good stories told through various media, so I spend quite a lot of my free time watching movies and TV series, reading books, and listening to podcasts. I'm also interested in music and go to concerts whenever interesting bands and artists visit Oslo or nearby places. I do handicraft such as needlepoint and knitting. I'm not much of a sports person, but I cycle to work summer and winter and do the odd run now and then.

My current research focuses on U.S. ratification of international treaties with a particular focus on why some treaties quickly acquire the Senate's advice and consent while others take much longer to pass through the Senate or remain pending.



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Together with my two daughters Alina (6) and Lara (14) and my wife Galina, we pursue outings in the countryside, biking, and traveling across central Europe by train. Baking for festive occasions is a pastime with many helpers and attracts even more connoisseurs. Following grand political decisions and transitions is a natural pastime for political scientists – and we have plenty of those these days. And planning our one-year move to Yale effective this summer absorbs much of our free time.

My current research concentrates on credible commitment to long-term policy, bottom-up modeling of greenhouse gas mitigation clubs, loss and damage/compensation for environmental impacts, evaluating the effectiveness of the EU, and determinants of river water quality.



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I study the political economy of development, with a focus on conflict, natural resources, and regions of limited state presence. When not teaching or finishing up my book, I am rock climbing, trail running, or walking with Toby, a Husky-Heeler pup who's been with me since grad school in Ann Arbor. During the summers, I am either in west or central Africa, visiting family in the Pacific Northwest, or spending time in high, mountainous places.

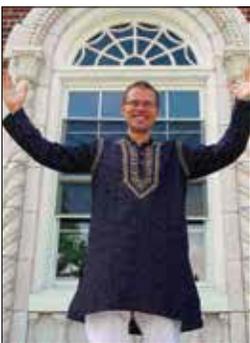


**Leah Stokes**, UC Santa Barbara

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Although I am originally from the typically frozen Toronto, Canada, I am an avid vegetable and fruit gardener. Living in southern California has been a true boon to this passion, as I now have more than a dozen fruit trees, as well as 200 sq ft of raised beds. Right now, my favorite veggies to grow are obscure heirloom bean seeds, both Asian long beans and North American shelling beans. Last year I grew Molokai purple sweet potatoes, originally from Hawaii, which were fantastic. I have also recently taken up pottery, although I cannot say I'm very good. Otherwise, I enjoy reading, meditation, biking and canoe tripping. And I would be remiss to not mention my somewhat feral, but endlessly lovable and hilarious cat, Delilah.

My current research focuses on energy and environmental politics in North America. I use a variety of qualitative and quantitative methods from surveys, to panel data, to historical institutionalist case studies and experiments.



**Johannes Urpelainen**, Columbia University

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I enjoy spending my spare time with my wife, improving my meditation practice, and studying Hindi. I am also an avid reader of biographies, as long as they are at least 500 pages long. This conference is my very last one as a New Yorker and a Columbia political scientist, so I am going to take this opportunity to celebrate the past eight years and get ready for the next adventure.

My research focuses on finding pragmatic but effective energy and environmental policies in emerging economies, with a special focus on India. I use social science to help policymakers, civil society organizations, and companies find effective ways to harness modern energy at minimal environmental impact. I am currently working to start an initiative to help social scientists use their most rigorous work to make energy policy more sustainable.



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I moved to Indiana University in 2013 after completing my Ph.D. at UMass Amherst. This is my first time living in the "heartland" of America and I have greatly enjoyed my first four years here, especially since Bloomington is where I met my wife Keera (who is helping make the picture next to my bio a bit softer on the eyes). I am a master grilling chef and a novice gardener (although my wife is trying to show me the ropes on the latter). I also enjoy indoor climbing and aspire to one day "graduate" to rock climbing in the outdoors. In the summers, my wife and I split our time between Greece and Missoula, MT (Keera's hometown), where my father-in-law has been (hopelessly) trying to make a decent fly-fisherman out of me.

My research focuses on environmental policies in the energy and transportation sector. I also work on dynamic latent variable models with applications on performance measurement.

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