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Education and Academic Appointments

August 2024-. Postdoctoral Research Scholar at Columbia University's Center for Political Economy.

2022-2024. Postdoctoral Fellow at Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies.

2022. PhD. The Johns Hopkins University, Department of Political Science.

Publications and Manuscripts

2025. "Climate Policy is Still Good for Business." *Foreign Affairs*.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/united-states/climate-policy-still-good-business>

2025. "Green Macrofinancial Bargains: How Economic Interests Enable and Limit Climate Action."

Review of International Political Economy. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2025.2453502>
(with Jonas Nahm).

2024. "The Decarbonization Bargain: How the Decarbonizable Sector Shapes Climate Politics."

Perspectives on Politics. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592724000951> (with Jonas Nahm).

2024. "The Crossover Between Climate Politics and Central Banking: How Green Central Banking Emerged in the US, the EU, and the UK." *Politics & Society*.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/00323292241246357> (with Nicolas Jabko).

2024. "Indirect Responsiveness and Green Central Banking." *Journal of European Public Policy*.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2024.2310119> (with Nicolas Jabko).

2020. "Fragile Legitimacy: The Rise and Crisis of the EU's 'Sustainable Biofuels' Policy." *Socio-Economic Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwy039>.

Under review. "Exposure to Global Decarbonization Pressures Drives Climate Politics' Fiscal Turn."

Under review. “The Climate Politics of Crisis Spending: Why Economic Crises Won’t Save the Climate.” (with Vegard Torstad, Jonas Nahm, and Johannes Urpelainen).

Under review. “Climate-related asset stranding across ownership and time horizons: Insights from the US and China” (with Daniel Driscoll and Mathias Larsen)

Under Review. “Export Regimes Shapes Green Industrial Strategy: Explaining Mexico’s and South Korea’s Divergent Paths” (with Jon Hovi, Jose Maria Linares, Ryu Park, Vegard Torstad).

Special Issue Project Proposal. “Green industrial policy as state-making and unmaking in the US, China, and the EU” (with Josh Whitford and Matthias Thiemann).

Book manuscript. “Saving the Climate by Serving the Economy: How Climate Policy Became a Means to Economic Ends.”

Professional Services and Memberships

2024 – ongoing. Member of the Academic and Organizing Committee of the “New Thinking in Industrial Policy Conference.”

2019 – ongoing. Member of the American Political Science Association, the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, and the Council for European Studies.

2018 – 2020. Assistant Editor for the journal Governance: and International Journal of Policy, Administration, and Institutions.

Reviews for Nature Climate Change, Perspectives on Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Governance, the Review of International Political Economy, Socio-Economic Review, New Political Economy, Environmental Politics, Business and Politics, and the Journal of European Integration.

Invited Talks

May 22nd, 2025. “Amid the Climate Whiplash: Industries’ Persistent and Successful Quest to Remake Climate Policy.” Invited Talk. **Sciences-Po Paris & Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies**, Paris, France.

January 22nd, 2025. “The Fracture of the Fossil Coalition and the Rise of Green Fiscal and Industrial Policies.” Invited Talk. Sanford School of Public Policy, **Duke University**.

January 16th, 2025. “The Fracture of the Fossil Coalition and the Rise of Green Fiscal and Industrial Policies.” Invited Talk. Josef Korbel School of International Studies, **University of Denver**.

November 14th, 2024. “The Decarbonization Bargain: Explaining the Surprising Rise of Fiscal Climate Policies.” Invited Talk. Department of Political Science, **Boston University**.

April 5th, 2024. “The New Political Economy of Decarbonization.” Invited Talk. **Sciences-Po Paris**, Center for European and Comparative Politics. Paris, France.

March 18th, 2024. “The Global Rise of Fiscal Climate Policies.” **London School of Economics**, European Institute. Invited Talk. London, United Kingdom.

December 8th, 2023. “Political Support for Industry Decarbonization: Limits and Possibilities.” **Yale Law School**, New Haven, Connecticut, United States.

Conferences and Workshops

2025. “Climate-related asset stranding across ownership and time horizons: Insights from the US and China” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics General Conference 2024. Montreal, Canada.

2025. “Green industrial policy as state-making and unmaking in the US, China and the EU.” Workshop (organized with Josh Whitford and Matthias Thiemann), Sciences-Po Paris & Columbia University, Paris, France.

2025. “Exposure to Global Decarbonization Pressures Drives Climate Politics’ Fiscal Turn” Council for European Studies Conference 2024. Philadelphia, PA, US.

2025. “Exposure to Global Decarbonization Pressures Drives Climate Politics’ Fiscal Turn.” Forschungsgruppentreffen Prof. Leon Wansleben. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany.

2024 “The Decarbonization Bargain: How the Decarbonizable Sector Shapes Climate Politics”. Comparative Political Economy Workshop. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany.

2024. “The Political Economy of Fiscal Climate Policies.” American Political Science Association General Conference 2024. Philadelphia, US.

2024. “Green Macrofinancial Bargains: How Economic Interests Enable and Limit Climate Action.” Council for European Studies Conference 2024. Lyon, France.

2024. “Macroeconomic Path-Dependence: Why Economic Crises Won’t Save the Climate.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics General Conference 2024. Limerick, Ireland.

2023. “The Decarbonization Bargain: How the Decarbonizable Sector Shapes Climate Politics.” American Political Science Association General Conference 2023. Los Angeles. Cancelled.

2023. “International Economic Crises and Green Spending.” American Political Science Association General Conference 2023. Los Angeles. Cancelled.

2023 “The ECB, the Fed, and the Rise of Green Central Banking.” Council for European Studies General Conference 2023. University of Iceland, Reykjavik.

2023. “The Crossover Between Climate Politics and Central Banking: How Green Central Banking Emerged in the US, the EU, and the UK.” Inaugural Conference for Comparative and American Political Economy 2023.

2023. “The Decarbonization Bargain: How the Decarbonizable Sector Shapes Climate Politics.” Brown University and Harvard University. Climate Pipeline Workshop. Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Climate Solutions Lab, Providence, Rhodes Island, US.

2023. “Beyond the End of the Neoliberal Era: Greening the Neoliberal Political Legacy.” Paper to be Presented at the International Studies Conference. University of Montreal.

2022. “The ECB, the Fed, and the Rise of Green Central Banking.” Paper Presented at the Workshop for the Special Issue Project Responsiveness and the EU Economic Governance. Journal of European Public Policy. Free University of Brussels, Brussels.

2022. “Greening Macroeconomic Governance.” Presentation given at the Workshop on Climate Politics During Economic Recessions Funded by the Norwegian Research Council. University of Oslo, Oslo.

2022. “Late, Contested, and Varied: Explaining Central Banks’ Climate Awakening.” Paper Presented at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 2022 General Conference, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam.

2021. “Central Banks and the Construction of Climate Change as a Financial Risk.” Paper Presented at the 2022 American Political Science Association General Conference.

2021. “The Birth of Green Economic Reason.” Paper Presented at the 2022 European Consortium of Political Research General Conference.

2021. “Central Banks and the Construction of Climate Change as a Financial Risk.” Paper to be Presented at the 2021 European Consortium of Political Research General Conference.

2021. “The Birth of Green Economic Reason.” Paper Presented at the 2021 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics General Conference.

2020. “Seeing Climate Change Like an Economist: Making Climate Policy a ‘Non-Event’” Paper Presented at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 2020 General Conference, Online.

2020. “The Conservative Response to Environmentalism in the US.” Paper prepared for the 2020 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

2019. “Varieties of Neoliberalism in US Climate Change Politics.” Paper Presented at the 2019 Early Career Workshop of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics at the New School for Social Research in New York.

2019. “The Social Cost of Carbon in US Climate Politics.” Paper Presented at Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 2019 General Conference in New York.

2018. “Neoliberalism and Climate Change Politics.” Paper Presented at the Political Science Graduate Student Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

2016. “The Creativity of Action and the EU’s Biofuels Policy.” Paper Presented at the Political Science Graduate Student Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

2015. “Crisis of Legitimation: Phasing out Nuclear Energy in Germany.” Paper Presented at the Summer School for Social Sciences in Berlin, Germany.

2015. “Making Biofuels Unsustainable.” Paper Presented at the European Consortium for Political Research Conference in Montreal, Canada.

2015. “Pragmatism and Governance or Pragmatism contra Governance?” Conference Panel Organized for the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Conference in London, United Kingdom.

2015. “The Fragility of Norms: The Rise and Decline of the EU’s ‘Sustainable Biofuels’ Policy.” Paper Presented at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Conference in London, United Kingdom.

Teaching

“Industrial Policy” (Co-instructor with Josh Whitford, Graduate-Level Seminar, Fall 2024; Spring 2025; Fall 2025)

“Elite Interviewing for Political Scientists” (Instructor, Graduate-Level Methods Workshop, Spring 2024)

“The Political Economy of Climate Change” (Instructor, 300-level, Spring 2019 and Fall 2020).

“Capitalism and Ecology” (Co-Instructor with William E. Connolly, 400-level, Fall 2016).

“Social Policy” (Teaching Assistant, 200-level, Daniel Schlozman, Stephanie DeLuca, Barbara Morgan, Fall 2016).

“Global Governance” (Teaching Assistant, 200-level, Bentley Allan, Spring 2016).

“Introduction to Comparative Politics” (Teaching Assistant, 100-level, Nicolas Jabko, Spring 2015).

Honors, Awards, Scholarships

2025. Grant for research on green industrial policy backlash (\$8,000, Center for Political Economy, Columbia University)

2023. Emerging Scholar Policy Prize (\$10,000, Perry World House and Foreign Affairs).
2021. Dissertation Completion Fellowship (Johns Hopkins University, Office of the Provost).
2020. Dean's Prize Fellowship (Johns Hopkins University, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences).
2019. Early Career Award (\$500, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics).
2018. Dean's Teaching Fellowship (Johns Hopkins University, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences).
2018. Malcolm H. Lauchheimer Fellowship (Johns Hopkins University, Department of Political Science).
2015. Paul A McCoy Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper "Fragile Legitimacy: The Rise and Crisis of the EU's 'Sustainable Biofuels' Policy" (Johns Hopkins University, Department of Political Science).