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EDUCATION:

University of California, Santa Barbara, Ph.D., Economics, 2006
Fields: Resource and Environmental Economics, Econometrics

Princeton University, A.B., Slavic Languages and Literature, 1992

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Occidental College Department of Economics

Associate Professor, 2012 – present
Assistant Professor, 2005 – 2012

Sixteen years of experience teaching entry level and upper division classes in Economics. Supervised hundreds individual student research projects primarily in areas evaluating the impact of an environmental program or policy.

Occidental College

Faculty Director of Sustainability, August 2020 – present

Work directly with the Occidental College Department of Facilities. Proposed and implemented and updated the \$3.5 million green revolving fund. Supervise student workers, currently designing an updated and expanded EV charging system and waste composting structure. Coordinates with academic affairs and student affairs on issues of sustainability and waste management.

Occidental College Climate Resilience and Equity Task Force

Co-chair (with Professor Shamasunder), May 2022 – February 2023

The primary goal of the Occidental College Climate Resilience and Equity (OCCRE) Task Force is to develop an overall strategy for the college's climate justice strategy, such as carbon reduction, water resources management, extreme heat resiliency and environmental justice. The work of OCCRE will help guide our efforts to reach zero emissions by 2050. Over the course of the next year, 2022-2023, OCCRE, consisting of faculty, staff, students and alumni will educate, collaborate, and articulate a plan for the future that enables the college to put into operation a culture of sustainability and justice. Such efforts are critical in protecting our environment now and in the future.

Occidental College Academic Planning Committee

Social Science Representative (elected position), 2020 – December 2022

Elected position to evaluate curricular innovations, determine hiring, and evaluate and support long-term department curricular planning. As a resources-constrained institution we work to determine, evaluate and communicate the core mission of the college using appropriate qualitative and quantitative measures.

Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee

Measure RR Planning Taskforce on Equity, Chair, April 2021 – January 2022

Student Parent Representative, June 2017 – June 2021

Vice-Chair, August 2018 – June 2021

Worked and provided leadership to the 15-member independent oversight panel established as part of the requirements of the LAUSD school construction bond measures. The mission of the BOC is to oversee the permissible and prudent expenditure of funds for the construction, repair, and modernization of schools. The most recent Bond, Measure RR, authorizes the district to issue and sell up to \$7,000,000,000 in aggregate principal to provide financing of specific school facilities projects. The Measure RR Planning Taskforce recommendations included the collection and tracking of specific data that could be used to evaluate the district's commitment to use the Measure RR bond program to address instructional inequities and ensure equity.

Project Pericles

Faculty Leader, 2019

Co-taught a civic engagement course in which students were introduced to educational, economic, environmental, and public health perspectives related to urban green schoolyard design and implementation. The course included off-campus visits to school sites and presentations by experts in landscape design, water conservation, and public education. The course culminated with a green schoolyard project with community partners in the Northeast Los Angeles neighborhood.

Occidental College Title IX Office

Deputy Coordinator Faculty, August 2016 - June 2018

As part of the Title IX staff the deputy coordinator from the faculty participates in the intake and management of cases and designs and implements faculty trainings on the college sexual misconduct policy. Additionally, I worked with the Title IX coordinator on how and when to communicate and train the community at large following best practices from the field and data from our own institution.

Occidental College Faculty Council

Member (elected position), 2014 – 2018

The faculty council works on faculty governance and collaborates with the college leadership on issues of importance to the faculty.

Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS)

National Technical Committee (Water) member, February 2017 - June 2017

Worked on the specifications for the water criteria of the CHPS standards update.

American Economic Association Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP)

Board Member, 2013 - 2015

White House Council of Economic Advisors

Senior Economist for Energy and the Environment, August 2012 - July 2013

As the Senior Economist on Energy and the Environment I worked on environmental regulations as part of the rule-making process. Worked as a team writing the Economic Report of the President. CEA convened the interagency process that updated the 2010 Social Cost of Carbon. Partnered with Katharine Abraham as part of joint task force between CEA and the OMB on Evidence-Based Policy Innovation. We brought together groups of civil servants from agencies whose mandates overlap to brainstorm ways in which policies can generate data on desired outcomes, which could then be integrated back into policy innovation. This joint task force ultimately became the Social and Behavioral Sciences Team.

Claremont McKenna College Department of Economics

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2003 - 2005

SELECTED RESEARCH

In Progress

Evaluating the impact of Living Schoolyards on the Academic, Behavioral and Health of Urban Elementary School Students, with Marcella Raney (Kinesiology).

An Evaluation of the Impact of Outdoor and Environmental Education on Students' Health, Academics, and Wellbeing, with Diana Ngo (Occidental College).

Using Ecological Schoolyards as Climate Change Adaptation Policy: Costs and Benefits, with Sharon Danks (Green Schoolyards America).

Published and Forthcoming Papers

“Climate Change and the Path Toward Sustainable Energy Resources”, *The Economic Report of the President*, The Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisors, United States Government Printing Office, 2013

Anti-SLAPP legislation and Citizen Enforcement: Measuring the “Chill” of Strategic Lawsuits, with Catherine S. Norman, November 2011, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy (Topics)*.

The Effect of Income on Recycling Behavior in the Presence of a Bottle Law: New Empirical Results, May 2011, *American Economic Review*.

Externalities from Recycling Laws: Evidence from Crime Rates, Spring 2010, *American Law and Economics Review*.

The Economics of Recycling for Profit: Cash Recycling as an Efficiency Enhancing Anti-Poverty Program, August 2009, *Land Economics*.

SELECTED OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE SERVICE

Faculty Representative on National Searches: Assistant Vice President for Hospitality and Auxiliary Services (2022), Director of Facilities Search (2021), Search Committee Economics Department (2007, 2014, & 2017), Vice President of Student Affairs Search Committee (2016/2017), Child Development Center Director (2016/2017), Interim Dean Search Committee (2015/2016), Chief of Campus Safety Search (2014)

Faculty Representative on Trustee Committees: Vice President of Building and Grounds Committee (2021 – present), Student Life and Enrollment Management Committee (2019 – 2020), Investment Committee (2007 – 2009 & 2010 – 2012)

College-Wide Committees: Academic Planning Committee Social Science Representative (2020 – present), Faculty Council Sub-Committee on Finance (2006 - 2009 & 2014 – 2016), College Budget and Strategic Advisory Committee 2014 - 2016 Faculty Council Liaison (2014 – 2016), Environmental Stewardship Task Force Co-Chair (2011), Residential Life Working Group (2010 – 2011), Sustainability Committee (2011 – present), Green Revolving Fund Committee (2014 – present), Urban and Environmental Policy Advisory Committee, Public Health Advisory Committee

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND GRANTS

Invited Seminars, Presentations and Workshops

Project Pericles Faculty Leader (2019), Children and Nature Network International Leadership Summit (2018), Public Health, Water, and Environmental Justice: A Case for School Landscapes, American Society of Landscape Architects (2018), Making the Economic Case for Green Schoolyards, Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank (2017), 1200 Play Yards: A Panel Discussion Exploring the Potential of LA's Public Lands, NAC and The Association of Women in Architecture (2017), Glass Half Empty, the Water Crisis, Princeton Alumni Faculty Forum Panel (2017), International School Yards Alliance Workshop on School Diversity, Berlin (2017), AERE Field Experiments: Design, Methods and Applications Workshop (2015), Teaching Innovations Program in Economics, American Law and Economics Association Meeting (2009), NBER Summer Environmental and Energy Economics Workshop (2009).

Grants

State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Founding the California School Forest System (2022 – Earth Island Institute), Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council Pitch Fest Award (2015), Faculty Enrichment Grant, Occidental College (2009-2011), John and Dora Haynes Foundation, Faculty Research Grant (2008), Robinson Scholar Grant, Occidental College (2006-2022).

Reviewer: American Economic Review, American Law and Economics Review, Economic Inquiry, Environment and Development Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Land Economics, Resource and Energy Economics, Science, and the MIT Press.