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Employment and affiliations

- 2019– **Research Director**, Energy & Environment Lab, University of Chicago
- 2019– **Research Fellow**, Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC)
- 2019– **University Fellow**, Resources for the Future
- 2015–2019 **Fellow**, Resources for the Future
- 2016– **Research Network Expert**, Public Policy Institute of California’s Water Policy Center
- 2017 **Adjunct Faculty**, Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service
- 2015–2017 **Technical Consultant**, National Academies of Sciences, *Committee on Assessing Approaches to Updating the Social Cost of Carbon*
- 2011–2012 **Environmental Economics Analyst**, Environmental Finance Center, UNC-Chapel Hill

Education

- Ph.D. University of Maryland, Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2012–2015
 - Recipient of AERE and AAEA Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Awards
- M.S. University of Maryland, Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2012–2014
- M.S. North Carolina State University, Economics, 2009–2011
- B.A. Ithaca College, Economics (minor: English), *cum laude*, 2005–2009

Research interests

Environmental, natural resource, and energy economics; public economics; applied econometrics; behavior

Peer-reviewed publications

- [10] Chan, Nathan W. and Casey J. Wichman, “Climate change and recreation: Evidence from North American cycling,” *Environmental and Resource Economics*, (accepted).
- [9] Bellemare, Marc F. and Casey J. Wichman, “Elasticities and the inverse hyperbolic sine transformation,” *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 82, no. 1, pp. 50-61, 2020.
- [8] Wichman, Casey J., “Interpreting nonlinear semi-elasticities in reduced-form climate damage estimation,” *Climatic Change*, vol. 148, no. 4, pp. 641–648, 2018.
- [7] Eyer, Jonathan and Casey J. Wichman, “Does water scarcity shift the electricity generation mix toward fossil fuels? Empirical evidence from the United States,” *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, vol. 87, pp. 224–241, 2018.
- [6] Hamilton, Timothy L. and Casey J. Wichman, “Bicycle infrastructure and traffic congestion: Evidence from DC’s Capital Bikeshare,” *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, vol. 87, pp. 72–93, 2018.
- [5] Wichman, Casey J., “Information provision and consumer behavior: A natural experiment in billing frequency,” *Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 152, pp. 13–33, 2017.
- [4] Wichman, Casey J. and Paul J. Ferraro, “A cautionary tale on using panel data estimators to measure program impacts,” *Economics Letters*, vol. 151, pp. 82–90, 2017.
- [3] Wichman, Casey J., “Incentives, green preferences, and private provision of impure public goods,” *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, vol. 76, pp. 208–220, 2016.

- [2] Wichman, Casey J., Laura O. Taylor, and Roger H. von Haefen, "Conservation policies: Who responds to price and who responds to prescription?" *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, vol. 76, pp. 114–134, 2016.
- [1] Wichman, Casey J., "Perceived price in residential water demand: Evidence from a natural experiment," *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, vol. 107, pp. 308–323, 2014.

Working papers

- [4] Cardoso, Diego and Casey J. Wichman, "Water affordability in the United States," 2019. (*Revise and resubmit, Water Resources Research*)
- [3] Cunningham, Brandon, Jacob LaRiviere, and Casey J. Wichman, "Clustered into control: Heterogeneous causal impacts of water infrastructure failure," RFF Discussion Paper 16-33, 2018. (*Under review*)
- [2] Wichman, Casey J. and Brandon Cunningham, "Notching for free: Do cyclists reveal the value of time?" RFF Working Paper 17-17, 2017. (*Under review*)
- [1] Chan, Nathan W. and Casey J. Wichman, "Valuing nonmarket impacts of climate change: From reduced form to welfare," RFF Working Paper 18-06, 2018. (*Undergoing revision*)

Selected research in progress

- [7] "Do behavioral nudges interact with prevailing economic incentives? Pairing experimental and quasi-experimental evidence from water consumption," (with Danny Brent)
- [6] "Creating comfort in a warming world: The role of smart thermostats," (with Joshua Blonz, Karen Palmer, Andrew Royal, and Margaret Walls)
- [5] "Do nonlinear prices work? Distributional and efficiency consequences of budget-based water rates," (with Danny Brent and Derek Wietelman)
- [4] "Does charitable giving make you happier? Evidence from Twitter," (with Nathan Chan)
- [3] "Price perception and willingness to vote for public goods," (with Corey Lang and Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz)
- [2] "Learning to lease: Understanding information asymmetry in natural gas leasing," (with Brandon Cunningham and Charles Mason)
- [1] "Becker versus the behavioralist: Using targeted measures to promote compliance with outdoor watering restrictions," (with Michael Price, Klaus Moeltner, Anita Castledine, and Shawn Stoddard)

Other writing and publications

- [16] Wichman, Casey J. and Derek C. Wietelman, "A history of water resources research at Resources for the Future," *Resources*, No. 201, May 2019.
- [15] Wichman, Casey J., Derek C. Wietelman, Daniel A. Brent, and Diego S. Cardoso, "Public Comments on "Options for Implementation of a Statewide Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program." Submitted to the California State Water Resources Control Board on February 1, 2019.
- [14] Walls, Margaret, Casey J. Wichman, and Kevin Ankney, "Nature-Based Recreation: Understanding Campsite Reservations in National Parks," *Resources for the Future Report*, November 2018.
- [13] "California's Water: Water for Cities," (with Ellen Hanak, Alvar Escriva-Bou, Henry McCann, Newsha Ajami, Ken Baerenklau, David Jassby, Jay Lund, David Mitchell, Kurt Schwabe, and David Sedlak), *Public Policy Institute of California*, November 2018.

- [12] Walls, Margaret, Casey J. Wichman, and Kevin Ankney, "Overcrowding in national parks: Seeing the forest for the trees with better data." *Resources*, No. 199, Fall 2018.
- [11] Wichman, Casey J., "The strategic costs of carbon emissions: Global versus domestic policy considerations," *Resources*, No. 195, Fall 2017.
- [10] Wichman, Casey J., "Information and environmental policy," *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, 2017. (dissertation abstract)
- [9] National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Valuing Climate Damages: Updating Estimation of the Social Cost of Carbon Dioxide. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press, 2017. (Contributing author).
- [8] Wichman, Casey J., "Book Review: 'Thirst for Power: Energy, Water, and Human Survival,'" *Water Economics and Policy*, 1680007, 2016.
- [7] "California's Water: Water for Cities," (with Ellen Hanak, Ken Baerenklau, Alvar Escriva-Bou, Jay Lund, Kurt Schwabe, Newsha Ajami, J. R. DeShazo, David Mitchell, Jean-Daniel Saphores, and David Sedlak), *Public Policy Institute of California*, October 2016.
- [6] Wichman, Casey J., "Water conservation policies: Prices versus restrictions," *Resources*, No. 193, pp. 18–19, Fall 2016.
- [5] National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Assessment of Approaches to Updating the Social Cost of Carbon: Phase 1 Report on a Near-Term Update. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press, 2016. (Contributing author).
- [4] Wichman, Casey J., "Commentary: Does bicycle infrastructure reduce traffic congestion?" *Resources*, No. 191, pp. 6–7, Winter 2016.
- [3] Williams, Robertson C. and Casey J. Wichman, "Macroeconomic effects of carbon taxes," in I. Parry, A. Morris, and R. Williams (eds.), Implementing a US Carbon Tax: Challenges and Debates, Routledge Explorations in Environmental Economics, 2015.
- [2] "Technical assistance for sustainable urban water use," (with Jeff Hughes, Mary Tiger, Shadi Eskaf, and Christine Boyle), Water Resources Research Institute of the University of North Carolina, 2012.
- [1] Wichman, Casey J. "An assessment of U.S. air quality policy: Past, present, and future." *Proceedings of the New York State Economics Association*. vol. 1, pp. 124-133, 2008.

Teaching experience

Instructor, Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service
IPEC 329: "Environmental economic policy: Domestic and global applications," (Spring 2017).

Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland, Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics
AREC 624: "Applied Econometrics II" (Ph.D. core), Profs. Just & Alberini (Spring 2014).
AREC 455: "Economics of Land Use," Prof. Newburn (Fall 2012).

Teaching Assistant, Ithaca College, Dept. of Economics
ECON281: "Environmental Economics," ECON299: "Market Experiments," ECON122: "Principles of Microeconomics," Prof. Kolberg (multiple semesters).

Guest Lectures

- o "Water Demand," March 7, 2019, Bates College, ECON 325, Prof. Lynne Lewis

Invited seminars and conference presentations:

Academic seminars:

- 2020:** University of Chicago (EPIC), University of Minnesota (APEC), Georgia Tech (Economics), University of Wisconsin (AAE), University of Maryland (AREC)
- 2019:** Pennsylvania State University (EEEP), Pennsylvania State University (Water Insights), Arizona State University (Economics), University of Chicago (Energy & Environment Lab), EPA National Center for Environmental Economics
- 2018:** University of Southern California (Price)
- 2017:** Cornell University (Dyson), University of Minnesota (Applied Economics), East Carolina University (Economics), Colby College (Economics)
- 2015:** EPA National Center for Environmental Economics, University of Georgia (Agricultural and Applied Economics), University of Massachusetts–Amherst (Resource Economics), UCLA (Luskin), University of Kansas (Economics), Resources for the Future, Cornell University (PAM), American University (Economics), University of South Carolina (Economics), Duke University (Public/IO Lunch), NC State University (CEnREP Lunch)

AERE: 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019

AAEA: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

ASSA: 2017, 2018, 2019

SEA: 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019

APPAM: 2014, 2015

NBER Summer Institute: 2019

World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists: 2018

Camp Resources: 2011, 2016

Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop: 2014, 2018

CU Boulder Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop: 2014

Northeast Workshop on Energy and Environmental Policy: 2018, 2019

Miscellaneous presentations: ecobee (Toronto, ON), Social Cost of Water Pollution (Cornell University), Urban Water Demand Roundtable (Tempe, AZ); University of Maryland Environmental Tax Workshop; Economics of Water and Energy Workshop (San Diego, CA); Urban Water Demand Roundtable (Denver, CO); ESRC Workshop on “Managing Water Demand,” University College London (London, UK); International Water Resource Economics Consortium–11th Annual Meeting (Washington, DC); Causal Effects in Energy and Environmental Economics–University of Tennessee (Knoxville, TN); Water Resources Research Institute–Annual Conference (Raleigh, NC)

Honors, awards, and fellowships

- AERE Wallace E. Oates Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, 2017
- AAEA Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, 2016
- Dr. and Mrs. Bill V. Lessley Dissertation Excellence Award, UMD-AREC, 2015
- Bessie H. DeVault Scholarship for best paper by a second-year student, UMD-AREC, 2014
- Dean's Fellowship, UMD-AREC, 2014–2015
- Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, UMD, 2014
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, UMD, 2014
- Distinguished Graduate Student Teacher, UMD-AREC, 2014
- Rhona Lantin Scholarship for best paper by a first-year student, UMD-AREC, 2013
- Graduate Assistantship, UMD-AREC, 2012–2015
- ETD Master's Thesis Award, Conference of Southern Graduate Schools, 2012
- USDA National Needs Fellowship, NCSU, 2009–2011
- University Graduate Research Fellowship, NCSU, 2009–2010
- Departmental honors in economics, Ithaca College, 2009

Funded research

- Co-Principal Investigator (with Karen Palmer), “Understanding the role of variable pricing, consumer incentives, and smart technologies in shifting energy demand,” The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, \$450,000, 2019–2021.
- Co-Investigator, “The law & economics of private shale gas leasing,” (PI: Alan Krupnick), Sloan Foundation (2015–2017)
- Co-Investigator, “The economic value of water infrastructure resilience,” (PI: Jacob LaRiviere), Department of Homeland Security (2015–2016).
- Co-Investigator, “Shifting baselines in water utility management: New tools for addressing financial impacts of system transitions,” NC Water Resources Research Institute (2011–2012).

Professional service

Referee for: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Applied Economics Perspectives & Policy*, *Ecological Economics*, *The Econometrics Journal*, *Economics Letters*, *Energy Economics*, *The Energy Journal*, *Energy Policy*, *International Journal of Sustainable Transportation*, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Land Economics*, *PLOS ONE*, *Resource and Energy Economics*, *Review of Behavioral Economics*, *Sustainable Cities and Society*, *Transportation Research Part C*, *Utilities Policy*, *Water*, *Water Resources Research*

Grant reviewer: University of Wisconsin Water Resources Institute, University of Hawai'i Water Resources Research Center

Technical reviewer: US Department of Transportation (Office of the Inspector General)

Committees:

AERE Program Committee: 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020

AAEA Program Committee: 2016, 2017, 2018

World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (WCERE) Program Committee: 2018

Technical Assistance Committee, UC Davis Center for Water-Energy Efficiency, California Department of Water Resources M&V, 2019

Professional memberships:

AEA, AERE, AAEA, IWREC (International Water Resource Economics Consortium)

Internal service:

RFF Fellow hiring committee (2017–2018); RFF Academic Seminar Committee (2018–2019)

References

Upon request.

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