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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Brown University** August 2022 - Present  
Postdoctoral Research Associate  
Affiliations: Institute at Brown for Environment and Society, Climate Social Science Network  
Supervisor: J. Timmons Roberts

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Political Science, George Washington University** August 2022  
Fields: American Politics, Public Policy  
Dissertation: “Partisanship and the Environmental Policy Decisions of Public Utility Commissions and Implications for Climate Change”  
Committee: Sarah Binder (Chair), Eric Lawrence, Chris Warshaw

**B.A., Political Science, Truman State University** May 2017  
Minors: Environmental Studies, Biology  
*Summa Cum Laude*, High Distinction in the Liberal Arts and Sciences

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Utility Commissions and Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Politics and Policy, Legislative and Executive Branch Policymaking, State Politics, Partisanship, Interest Groups

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Heern, Jared. 2023. “Who’s Controlling Our Energy Future? Industry and Environmental Representation on United States Public Utility Commissions.” *Energy Research & Social Science* 101: 103091.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Partisan Climate Appointments: U.S. Governors and State Public Utility Commissions, 2000-2020.” (Invited to Revise and Resubmit at *Environmental Politics*).

“Partisanship and the Environmental Policy Decisions of Public Utility Commissions.”

“Legislative Control of State Public Utility Commission Climate Policy.”

“Who Gets Their Way in Public Utility Commission Decisions? Strategies and Outcomes in Net Metering Conflicts.” With Anthony Bishop-Gylys and J. Timmons Roberts

## **ONGOING PROJECTS**

“Where’s the Public in Public Utility Commission Decisions?” With Anthony Bishop-Gylys and J. Timmons Roberts

“Regulatory Capture at Public Utility Commissions.” With Michelle Graff, Gabe Chan, and Scott Corsi

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Industry Capture and Your Electric Bill.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 2023. With Scott Corsi, Gabe Chan, and Michelle Graff

“Who Gets Their Way in Public Utility Commission Decisions? Strategies and Outcomes in Net Metering Conflicts.”

- Political Economy of Climate and the Environment Conference. Los Angeles, CA. August 2023.

- Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2023.

“Legislative Control of State Public Utility Commission Climate Change Decisions.” Eastern Sociological Society, Environmental Mini-Conference, Baltimore, MD. February 2023.

“Partisanship and Environmental Policy-Making at State Public Utility Commissions.” State Politics and Policy Conference. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. April 2022. (Poster Presentation)

“Local Dependencies on the Fossil Fuel Industry and Distinct Public Preferences for Energy Policies.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference. April 2020. (Conference Cancelled)

“Net Metering and Other Solar Energy Incentives: A Multivariate Synthesis of a Disparate Literature.” Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS. April 2017.

“Red, White, Blue, and Green Federal Buildings: Public Policy Model Testing Through Title IV of the *Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007*.” Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA. March 2016.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Brown University

Assistant Instructor

ENVS 1574: Climate Policy Research

Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Guest Lecturer

ENVS 1925: Energy Policy and Politics

March 2023

### George Washington University

Instructor of Record

PSC 2101: Scope and Methods in Political Science (Online)

Summer 2021

Head Instructor

Incoming PhD Cohort Math Camp

Summer 2019, Summer 2020

## ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### Brown University

Senior Researcher, Climate and Development Lab

Fall 2022 - Present

### George Washington University

Research Assistant, Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum

Summer 2018

Subject: Americanization of politics abroad through American media exports

### Truman State University

Research Assistant, Dr. Margaret Edwards

2014 - 2017

Subject: International relations teaching simulations

Student Worker, Dr. Margaret Edwards

2014 - 2015 & 2016 - 2017

Courses: Introduction to Political Science, International Relations, Model United Nations/  
Country Studies, Political Science Methodology, Comparative Political Institutions, Latin  
American Politics

Student Worker, Dr. Paul Parker

Fall 2015

Courses: Constitutional Government, American National Government, Politics and Film

## AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Policy Studies Endowment Fellowship, George Washington University, 2017 (through 2022).

Outstanding Undergraduate in Political Science, Truman State University, 2017.

Departmental Honors, Truman State University Department of Political Science, 2017.

Best Paper Award for “Net Metering and Other Solar Energy Incentives: A Multivariate Synthesis of a Disparate Literature”, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Pittsburg State University, 2017.

Second Best Paper Award for “Public Policy Model Testing Through Title IV of the *Energy Independence and Security Act*”, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Wartburg College, 2016.

Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell Fellowship, Supreme Court of Missouri, 2016.

General John J. Pershing Full-Tuition Fellowship and Study Abroad Stipend, Truman State University, 2013 (through 2017).

## **MEDIA COVERAGE & APPEARANCES**

Hall, Megan, Juliana Merullo, and Janek Schaller. 2023. “What does a Public Utilities Commission have to do with climate change?” *NPR Possibly Podcast*. October 10.

Prevost, Lisa. 2023. “Who decides where we get electricity and how much we pay? Mostly White, politically connected men.” *Energy News Network*. July 5.

Taft, Molly. 2023. “The Fossil Fuel Industry Veterans Who Regulate Your Electricity: A closer look at the people in power who control your power.” *New Republic*. June 16.

Walton, Robert. 2023. “Utility regulators with environmental experience more than double; industry experience also jumps: study.” *Utility Dive*. June 9.

Roth, Sammy. 2023. “The revolving door at public utilities commissions? It’s alive and well.” *Los Angeles Times*. June 8.

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

R, Stata, LaTeX, SPSS, ArcGIS

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Pi Sigma Alpha, Climate Social Science Network

## **DISCIPLINARY SERVICE**

Reviewer: *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*

Conference Chair/Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (April 2023),  
Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference (February 2018)

## **NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Director**      May 2016 - Aug. 2016  
Education Assistant  
Jefferson City, MO

**Missouri State Senate, Senator Ryan Silvey**      Jan. 2016 - May 2016  
Legislative Intern  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy, and the Environment  
Jefferson City, MO

**Supreme Court of Missouri**      Jan. 2016 - May 2016  
Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell Fellow  
Jefferson City, MO

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