

The 18th Occasional Workshop in Environmental and Resource Economics

November 1-2, 2019 || Betty Elings Wells Pavilion at The Club & Guest House

University of California, Santa Barbara

Co-Hosted by: Environmental Market Solutions Laboratory (emLab), the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, and the Department of Economics

Friday, November 1, 2019

- 8:30 *Light Breakfast*
- 9:15 Opening Remarks
- 9:30 **David Molitor**, University of Illinois
Blowing Smoke: Health Impacts of Wildfire Plume Dynamics
Discussant: Judd Boomhower
- 10:15 **Zach Raff**, University of Wisconsin - Stout
When the Regulator Goes Home: The Effectiveness of Environmental Oversight
Discussant: Matthew Gibson
- 11:00 *Break*
- 11:30 **Larry Karp**, University of California - Berkeley
Asset Prices and Incentives for Climate Policy
Discussant: Derek Lemoine
- 12:15 **Paige Weber**, University of California - Santa Barbara
Do Building Audits Save Energy? Evidence from a Natural Experiment
Discussant: Grant Jacobsen
- 1:00 *Lunch*
- 2:00 **Nick Hagerty**, University of California - Berkeley
The Scope for Climate Adaptation: Evidence from Irrigated Agriculture in California
Discussant: Katrina Jessoe
- 2:45 **Dimitri Szerman**, University of Mannheim
Environmental Regulation and Political Interference: Evidence from Power Plants in the Amazon
Discussant: Matthew Zaragoza-Watkins
- 3:30 *Break*

4:00 **Peter Christensen**, University of Illinois
Housing Discrimination and the Pollution Exposure Gap
Discussant: Nick Kuminoff

4:45 **Egg-Timer Presentations (5 minutes each)**

Tihitina Andarge, University of Maryland, College Park
*Effect of Incomplete Enforcement Information on Ambient Pollution Levels:
Evidence from the Clean Water Act*

Daniel Szmurlo, University of California - Santa Barbara
*Moving to Lower Ground: National Flood Insurance Program Subsidies and
Floodplain Development*

Stephen Jarvis, UC Berkeley
*The Private and External Costs of Nuclear Power Plant Closures: Evidence from
Germany*

Fabien Forge, University of Ottawa
Hedging Climate Change: Yield Volatility Crop Choice and Trade

Susanna Berkouwer, University of California - Berkeley
*Credit, Psychology, and the Adoption of Profitable Energy Efficient Technologies in
Kenya*

Danae Hernandez Cortes, University of California - Santa Barbara
Do Environmental Markets Cause Environmental Injustice?

Felipe Jordan, Harvard University
*The impact of private property on the sustainability of agricultural landscapes in
the Global South: Evidence from Southern Chile*

Andy Hultgren, University of California - Berkeley
*Misdirected Technical Change? Innovation vs. Lobbying in Response to Scientific
Discoveries*

Sam Krumholz, University of California - San Diego
*Property Taxation as Compensation for Local Externalities: Evidence from Large
Plants*

Juliana Helo, University of California - Santa Barbara
Temperature Mortality in Colombia

Charles Taylor, Columbia University
*The Cicada Song: The Impact of Insecticides on Infant Health and Long-term
Outcomes*

5:45 **Reception:** Betty Elings Wells West Terrace
Heavy appetizers, drinks

Saturday, November 2, 2019

8:00 *Breakfast*

8:30 **Faraz Usmani**, Cornell University
Fracking, Farmers, and Rural Electrification in India
Discussant: Louis Preonas

9:15 **Meera Mahadevan**, University of California - Santa Barbara
The Price of Power: Costs of Political Corruption in Indian Electricity
Discussant: Catherine Wolfram

10:00 *Break*

10:30 **Michelle Marcus**, Vanderbilt University
Testing the Water: Drinking Water Quality, Public Notification, and Child Outcomes
Discussant: Paulina Oliva

11:15 **Tamma Carleton**, University of Chicago
Valuing Global Mortality Consequences Climate Change Accounting for Adaptation Costs and Benefits
Discussant: Marshall Burke

12:00 **Renato Molina**, University of Miami
The Economic and Environmental Impact of Modern Piracy on Global Shipping
Discussant: Anca Cristea

12:45 *Lunch*

2:00 **Information session for PhD students on the job market**
Panelists: Chris Costello (UC Santa Barbara), Matthew Gibson (Williams College), Kelsey Jack (UC Santa Barbara), Paulina Oliva (University of Southern California), Faraz Usmani (Cornell University)