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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Ph.D. in Energy and Resources

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University of California, Berkeley, CA

Working Title: Economics of Climate Change Under Uncertainty and

Engineering the Software for its Research

Committee: David Anthoff (chair), Maximilian Auffhammer, Sarah Chasins,

and Fernando Perez

M.Sc. in Computer Science

2022

University of California, Berkeley, CA

M.Sc. in Energy and Resources

2019

University of California, Berkeley, CA

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Computer Science

2017

Tufts University, Medford, MA

B.S. in Environmental Studies

2014

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

## RESEARCH & FIELDS

**Climate Change Economics** 

Risk, Uncertainty Analysis, and Sensitivity Analysis

Integrated Assessment Modeling and Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases

Software Engineering & Development

Usability and Design of Embedded Domain Specific Languages

#### REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- Rennels, L., & Chasins, S. E. (2023). How Domain Experts Use an Embedded DSL. *Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages*, 7(OOPSLA2), 1499-1530.
- 2. Tan, T., **Rennels**, **L.** & Parthum, B. (2024). The social costs of hydrofluorocarbons and the benefits from their expedited phase-down. *Nature Climate Change*.
- 3. Rennert, K., Errickson, F.\*, Prest, B. C.\*, **Rennels, L.\***, Newell, R. G., Pizer, W., ... & Anthoff, D. (2022). Comprehensive Evidence Implies a Higher Social Cost of CO2. *Nature*, *610*(7933), 687-692. \* *equal contribution*
- 4. Wong, T. E., Ledna, C., **Rennels, L.**, Sheets, H., Errickson, F. C., Diaz, D., & Anthoff, D. (2022). Sea Level and Socioeconomic Uncertainty Drives High-End Coastal Adaptation Costs. *Earth's Future*, *10*(12), e2022EF003061.
- 5. Wong, T. E., **Rennels**, **L.**, Errickson, F., Srikrishnan, V., Bakker, A., Keller, K., & Anthoff, D. (2022). MimiBRICK. jl: A Julia package for the BRICK model for sea-level change in the Mimi integrated modeling framework. *Journal of Open Source Software*, 7(76), 4556.
- 6. Rennert, K., Prest, B. C., Pizer, W. A., Newell, R. G., Anthoff, D., Kingdon, C., **Rennels, L.**, ... & Errickson, F. (2021). The Social Cost of Carbon: Advances in Long-Term Probabilistic Projections of Population, GDP, Emissions, and Discount Rates. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*.
- Melvin, A.M., Larsen, P., Boehlert, B., Neumann, J.E., Chinowsky, P., Espinet, X., Martinich, J., Baumann, M.S., Rennels, L., Bothner, A. and Nicolsky, D.J. (2017). Climate change damages to Alaska public infrastructure and the economics of proactive adaptation. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 114(2), E122-E131.

8. Chapra, S. C., Boehlert, B., Fant, C., Bierman Jr, V. J., Henderson, J., Mills, D., Mas, D., **Rennels, L.**, Jantarasami, L., Martinich, J., Strzepek, K. M., Bierman, V., and Paerl, H. (2017). Climate change impacts on harmful algal blooms in US freshwaters: a screening-level assessment. *Environmental Science & Technology*, 51(16), 8933-8943.

- 9. Fant, C., Srinivasan, R., Boehlert, B., **Rennels**, L., Chapra, S. C., Strzepek, K. M., ... and Martinich, J. (2017). Climate change impacts on US water quality using two models: HAWQS and US basins. *Water*, 9(2), 118.
- 10. Larsen, P. H., Boehlert, B., Eto, J., Hamachi-LaCommare, K., Martinich, J., and **Rennels**, **L.** (2018). Projecting future costs to US electric utility customers from power interruptions. *Energy*, 147, 1256-1277.
- 11. Melvin, A. M., Murray, J., Boehlert, B., Martinich, J. A., **Rennels, L.**, and Rupp, T. S. (2017). Estimating wildfire response costs in Alaska's changing climate. *Climatic Change*, 141(4), 783-795.

#### SELECT PAPERS IN PREPARATION

- 12. **Rennels, L.**, Errickson, F., Keller, K., Parthum, B., Smith, D., and Anthoff, A. Considering Robustness to Deep Uncertainties Drives More Rapid Emissions Reductions.
- 13. Prest, B., **Rennels**, **L.**, Errickson, F., and Anthoff, A. US Government's New Guidance to Address Distributional Equity in Benefit-Cost Analysis Greatly Increases the Social Cost of Carbon Dioxide. *Under Review at Science*.
- 14. Darnell, C., **Rennels**, L., Errickson, F., Wong, T.E., & Srikrishnan, V. Rapid decarbonization reduces but does not eliminate risk of extreme sea level rise due to uncertain Antarctic Ice Sheet marine instability. *Under Review at Nature*.
- Rennels, L and Anthoff, A. A Global Sensitivity Analysis of the Social Costs of Greenhouse Gases.
- 16. Bressler, D.R., Shimberg, N., **Rennels, L**., Parthum, B., Smith, D., Errickson, F., & Anthoff, D. Large Disproportional Mortality Impacts on Poor Countries Drive a Higher Equity Weighted Social Cost of CO2.
- 17. Anthoff, D., Errickson, F., Prest, B., **Rennels, L.,** & Wingenroth, J. Valuing biodiversity losses as part of the social cost of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- 18. Anthoff, D., Druup, M., Haensel, M., Moore, F.C., **Rennels, L.**, Rising, J., & Schaumann, F. Structural Interactions in Integrated Assessment Models.
- 19. Errickson, F., Wong, T.E., Keller, K., **Rennels, L.**, & Anthoff, D. Improved climate modeling reduces extreme social cost of carbon estimates.

### AWARDS & HONORS

Excellence Award
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at UC Berkeley

\$5,000 prize awarded

Data Sciences for the 21st Century (DS421) Trainee National Science Foundation

2019

2020

Downey Family Prize for Excellence in Independent Research Dartmouth College Environmental Studies Department

2014

## POSITIONS & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

EPA Research Fellow (Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education) 2023-2024

- National Center of Environmental Economics
- EPA Research Fellowship to Further Estimation of the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases

#### **Graduate Student Instructor**

Fall 2022, Spring 2023

Energy and Resources Group at University of California, Berkeley, CA ENERES 102 Quantitative Aspects of Global Environmental Change ENERES 176 Climate Change Economics

#### Graduate Student Researcher

2017 - 2022

Energy and Resources Group at University of California, Berkeley, CA Project: *Social Cost of Carbon Initiative*, *Resources for the Future*, *Washington*, *D.C.* 

University PI: David Anthoff

Grantee Organization and PI: Resources for the Future, Kevin Rennert and Brian Prest

#### **Independent Consultant**

2021 - present

Various independent consulting positions focused on climate change economics, integrated assessment modeling, and software engineering:

- For Resources for the Future, Washington, D.C.: Work as lead modeler and contributing researcher for the Social Cost of Carbon team at RFF to support the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in developing an updated social cost of carbon (2021-2022)
- For Terra.do: Co-design and teach a 6-week online course entitled Climate Change for Software Engineers (2021)
- For University of California, Santa Cruz, CA Sustainability Office on project for University of California Office of the President (UCOP): Serve as an expert consultant and technical lead for developing and implementing an equity-weighted social cost of carbon for use within the UC System (2021-2023)

Research Analyst

2014 - 2022

Industrial Economics, Inc., Cambridge, MA

Work Focus: Climate Change, Water Resources, Economic Valuation, and Implications for Policy Decisions

Primary Clients: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, World Bank, U.S. Department of Justics, U.S. Department of the Interior

PRESENTATIONS &

INVITED TALKS

US government's new guidance to address distributional concerns in benefit-cost analysis greatly increases the social cost of carbon dioxide. Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference. Washington, DC. 2024. (forthcoming)

How Climate Economics Domain Experts Use an Embedded DSL. JuliaCon. Eindhoven, Netherlands. 2024. (forthcoming)

Estimating the Social Cost of Methane with the GIVE Model. Association of Environmental and Resource Econoists at OSWEET. Online. 2024.

*GIVE and the Mimi Framework*. The Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis Workshop on the Social Cost of Carbon. Online. 2024.

Keynote Speech: Building Open Source Software for Climate Change Research — Lessons Learned from Mimi.jl. Programming for the Planet (PROPL) at ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL). London, UK. 2024.

*How Domain Experts use an Embedded DSL*. Systems, Programming, Languages, and Applications: Software for Humanity (SPLASH OOPSLA). Cascais, Portugal. 2023.

How Domain Experts use an Embedded DSL. UC Berkeley Effective Programming, Interaction, and Computation with Data (EPIC) Lab Retreat. Berkeley, CA. 2023.

Building Open Source Software for Climate Change Research — Lessons Learned from Mimi.jl. NASA Ames Earth Science Division Seminar. San Jose, CA. 2023.

Estimating the Social Cost of Methane with the GIVE Model. EAERE 2023. Limassol, Cyprus. 2023.

Equity Weighting and Risk Adjusting the Social Cost of Carbon. CESifo Area Conference on Energy and Climate Economics 2023. Munich, Germany. 2023. (with David Anthoff)

Comprehensive Evidence Implies a Higher Social Cost of CO2. American Geophysical Union (AGU) 2022 Fall Meeting. Chicago, IL. 2022.

*Comprehensive Evidence Implies a Higher Social Cost of CO2*. Invited Talk at Industrial Economics Inc. Remote. 2022.

Comprehensive Evidence Implies a Higher Social Cost of CO2. Guest Lecture in Climate Change Economics (ENERES 176) Course. Berkeley, CA. 2022.

*Mimi.jl – Next Generation Climate Economics Modeling.* JuliaCon 2019. Baltimore, MD. July 25, 2019. (with Cora Kingdon)

#### REVIEWER

Nature

Nature Climate Change

# SERVICE & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

College of Natural Resources (CNR) Student Mentor 2023-2024
"Real Talk Buddies" Program, UC Berkeley

Faculty Search Committee Member 2023 Energy and Resources Group, UC Berkeley

Executive Committee Student Representative 2019-2022 Energy and Resources Group, UC Berkeley

Alumni Relations Student Representative 2019-2022 Energy and Resources Group, UC Berkeley

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Avoiding and Reducing Long-term Risks of Climate Change: A Technical Report for the Fourth National Climate Assessment. (EPA, 2017)

Climate Change Impacts and Risk Analysis (CIRA). (EPA, 2017)

Climate Change in the United States: Benefits of Global Action. (EPA, 2017).

The Contribution of Water Resources Development and Environmental Management to Uganda's Economy. Kenneth Strzepek, Brent Boehlert, Jacqueline Willwerth, and James Neumann. August 16, 2016.

The Costs of Climate Change Impacts and Responses on DOI Sites in the Southeastern United States. Brent Boehlert and Jessica Murray. March 8, 2016.

For all above contributed to technical work and modeling, results analysis, and experimental design

#### REFERENCES

David Anthoff, Ph.D. (Professor, Energy and Resources Group, UC Berkeley, CA)

Kevin Rennert, Ph.D. (Resources for the Future, Washington, D.C.)

Al McGartland, Ph.D. (Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C) Maximilian Auffhammer, Ph.D. (Professor, Dept. of Agriculture & Resource Economics, UC Berkeley, CA)

Sarah Chasins, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor, Computer Science Division at UC Berkeley EECS, CA)

Fernando Perez, Ph.D. (Professor, Dept. of Statistics, UC Berkeley, CA)

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