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Appointments

Boston College, Environmental Studies, Affiliated Faculty	2019 -
University of Chicago, Energy Policy Institute, Visiting Scholar	Spring 2018
Boston College, Assistant Professor of Economics	2015 -

Education

Ph.D. Public Policy, Harvard University	2015
Dissertation: <i>Essays on Industry Response to Energy and Environmental Policy</i>	
Committee: Joseph Aldy, Erich Muehlegger, Ariel Pakes, Robert Stavins (chair)	
B.S., Economics and Political Science, Boston College, <i>magna cum laude</i>	2004

Publications

Aldy, Joseph, Todd D. Gerarden and Richard L. Sweeney, "Investment versus Output Subsidies: Implications of Alternative Incentives for Wind Energy." Accepted at *The Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*.

Muehlegger, Erich and Richard L. Sweeney (2022), "Pass-Through of Own and Rival Cost Shocks: Evidence from the U.S. Fracking Boom." *The Review of Economics and Statistics*; 104 (6): 1361–1369.

Allcott, Hunt and Richard L. Sweeney (2017), "The Role of Sales Agents in Information Disclosure: Evidence from a Field Experiment." *Management Science*, Vol. 63, No. 1 (January).

Chan, Gabriel, Robert Stavins, Robert Stowe, and Richard L. Sweeney (2012), "The SO2 Allowance Trading System and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990: Reflections on 20 Years of Policy Innovation." *National Tax Journal* 62(2) (June).

Burtraw, Dallas, Richard L. Sweeney, and Margaret Walls (2009), "The Incidence of U.S. Climate Policy: Alternative Uses of Revenues from a Cap-and-Trade Auction." *National Tax Journal* 62(3) (September).

In Submission

Covert, Thomas R., and Richard L. Sweeney, "Relinquishing Riches: Auctions vs Informal Negotiations in Texas Oil and Gas Leasing." Conditionally accepted at *The American Economic Review*.

Herrnstadt, Evan and Richard L. Sweeney, "Housing Market Capitalization of Pipeline Risk: Evidence from a Shock to Salience and Awareness." Conditionally accepted at *Land Economics*.

Covert, Thomas R., and Richard L. Sweeney, "Secrecy Rules and Exploratory Investment: Theory and Evidence from the Shale Boom." *submitted*.

Working Papers

Covert, Thomas R., and Richard L. Sweeney, "Winds of Change: Technical Progress and Learning in Wind Power."

Sweeney, Richard L., "Environmental Regulation, Imperfect Competition and Market Spillovers: The Impact of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments on the US Oil Refining Industry."

In Progress

Covert, Thomas R., Ryan Kellogg, and Richard L. Sweeney, "Frack Time versus Slack Time"

Covert, Thomas R., Ryan Kellogg, and Richard L. Sweeney, "Auctions vs. Negotiations with Spillovers: Evidence from the U.S. Land Ordinance and the Shale Boom"

Kellogg, Ryan and Richard L. Sweeney, "Impacts of the Jones Act on U.S. Petroleum Markets"

Grants and Awards

EPA-RFF "Retrospective Analysis of Federal Environmental Regulation"	2021
NBER-Sloan "Economics of Innovation in the Energy Sector" conference	2020
NSF Grant #1919499, "Productivity, Efficiency, and Distortions in the U.S. Shale Boom" (Co-PI, \$536,738)	2019
NBER-Sloan "Transporting Hydrocarbons" conference	2017
Joseph L. Fisher Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Resources for the Future	2013
Joseph Crump Fellowship, Harvard Center for Business and Government	2012
Vicki Norberg-Bohm Fellowship, Harvard Center for Business and Government	2011
Harvard Kennedy School Doctoral Fellowship	2009
Fulbright Fellowship (Czech Republic)	2004

Presentations

2022: NBER EEE (spring meeting), Arizona State University, EPA-RFF Retrospective Analysis Conference, London School of Economics, UC Berkeley Energy Camp, NBER-Sloan Energy Innovation Conference (Washington D.C.), Congressional Budget Office, University of Western Ontario (scheduled)

2021: HBS Junior IO Conference, Maryland AREC, Interactive Online IO Seminar (*IO*²), UC Berkeley ARE

2020: AEA Annual Meetings (San Diego), NBER IO (Winter), Harvard

2019: AEA Annual Meetings (Atlanta), Tufts University, Northeast Workshop on Energy Policy and Environmental Economics (Harvard), UC Berkeley Energy Camp

2018: AEA Annual Meetings (Philadelphia), Harvard, NBER EEE Spring Meeting, University of Chicago (EPIC), UC Berkeley Energy Camp, HBS Junior IO Conference

2017: TREE Seminar (Duke - NC State), University of Connecticut, UC Davis, NBER Hydrocarbon Workshop (Washington D.C.), AERE Summer Conference (Pittsburgh), Northeast Workshop on Energy Policy and Environmental Economics (Dartmouth), Heartland Workshop (UI-Urbana-Champaign), Wharton (Penn)

2016: AERE Summer Conference (Breckenridge), Boston College, UC Berkeley (POWER)

2015: Boston College, Brown, UC Berkeley, Carnegie Mellon, Michigan, National Tax Association Annual Meetings (Boston), Resources for the Future, World Bank, University of British Columbia

2014: AEA Annual Meetings (Philadelphia)

Professional Service

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Macro*, *Energy Economics*, *Energy Journal*, *International Economic Review*, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Management Science*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Science*

Other Experience

Resources for the Future, Research Assistant
Cornerstone Research, Analyst

2007 - 2009
2005 - 2007

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