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## APPOINTMENT

Postdoctoral research fellow, Wharton Risk Center, University of Pennsylvania Aug 2019 –

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, San Diego June 2019  
*Committee: Mark Jacobsen (Chair), Julie Cullen, Joshua Graff Zivin*

B.A. in Economics, University of Hong Kong June 2013

## RESEARCH AREAS

Environmental and energy economics, public economics

## PUBLICATIONS

“Weather and the Decision to Go Solar: Evidence on Costly Cancellations” *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, no. 1 (January 2020): 1-33.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“How Hurricanes Sweep Up Housing Markets: Evidence from Florida” (with Joshua Graff Zivin and Yann Panassié) – *in submission*

“Extreme Weather and the Politics of Climate Change: a Study of Campaign Contributions and Elections” (with Pablo Ruiz Junco) – *in submission*

“The Fiscal Impacts of Wildfires on California Municipalities” (with Carolyn Kousky) – *in submission*

“Home Equity and the Demand for Flood Insurance: Evidence from the Housing Boom and Bust” (with Philip Mulder)

“Negative Rebound: Fuel Economy Standards and Miles Traveled” (with Mark Jacobsen)

“Sea Level Rise and the Social Cost of Flood Insurance Subsidies” (with Terrence Iverson and Niko Jaakkola)

## FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Benjamin C. Horne Memorial Prize, UC San Diego	2018
Walter P. Heller Memorial Prize for Best Third Year Paper, UC San Diego	2016
UCSD Department of Economics CPhil Fellowship	2016
UCSD Graduate Summer Research Fellowship	2014–2015
Hong Kong University Alumni Prizes	2012
C.V. Starr Scholarship, University of Hong Kong	2012

## PRESENTATIONS

2020	ASSA Annual Meeting, Colorado State University (scheduled)
2019	Duke Kunshan University, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, UC Davis ARE, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Wharton Risk Center, Camp Resources XXVI, Wharton EEF seminar, SEA Annual Meeting
2018	Occasional Workshop in Environmental & Resource Economics, 12th All-California Labor Economics Conference (poster)
2017	ASSA Annual Meeting

## REFEREEING

*Environmental and Resource Economics*

## TEACHING

Co-instructor for Economics of the Environment (M.A. level)  
*2016-2017, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, UCSD*

Co-instructor for Environmental and Regulatory Economics (M.A. level)  
*2017, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UCSD*

Teaching assistant for Econometrics (I, II), Data Analytics for Social Sciences, Public Economics, Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate level)  
*2013-2019, Department of Economics, UCSD*

## RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD

Research assistant for Prof. Mark Jacobsen	UC San Diego	2017
Independent consultant	Civic Exchange, Hong Kong	2013

## OTHER INFORMATION

Citizenship: China

Languages: Mandarin (native), Cantonese (native), English (proficient)