

PUBLIC POLICY GRAD PROGRAM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Winter Term Week 2: January 14 – January 18

MPP Student and Faculty in the News

Zsófia Barta and **Alison Johnston's** paper, "[Rating Politics? Partisan Discrimination in Credit Rating in Developed Economies](#)", was mentioned as #8 in "The best work on political economy in 2018" by the Washington Post. Read the full article at: https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2018/12/31/best-work-political-economy/?fbclid=IwAR2OxpPHI6WAD81e570QWUmZ42GUx9LYNUcqib8ertxeXNKpd4so0n_a_8&noredirect=on&utm_term=.6e290abee57b

Funding, Research and Job Opportunities

Urban Renewal for Oregon Economic Development Association

The Oregon Economic Development Association's Urban Renewal Committee is looking for an MPP student(s) to assist with the refresh of their statewide Urban Renewal Best Practices document. Urban renewal is an active topic this legislative session so it is an interesting time to get involved. Further, the supervisor of this project is Kate Porsche, an OSU MPP alum. Please contact Erika Allen Wolters (erika.wolters@oregonstate.edu) if you are interested. Thank you.

Outreach & Events Coordinator and a Community Food & Agriculture Assistant

Interested in joining our dynamic team? We have multiple position opportunities!

Outreach & Events Coordinator

(Full-time regular 35-40 hours per week)

Application deadline: Open until filled. Resume review will begin January 16th

- The Coordinator is responsible for communicating the mission of the CEC by connecting community members to the programs, initiatives and activities of the CEC. The position supports all CEC events, program outreach, business sponsorship, and general communication efforts. The Coordinator interacts with CEC staff and board, interns, volunteers, funders, community organizations, vendors, and the public. A successful candidate will be passionate about CEC's mission, enjoy putting on events, enjoy getting out into the community to promote CEC, be organized, creative, a self-starter, and have a flexible and adaptive approach. Occasional work on evenings and weekends is required.
- For the full position description, [click here](#).

To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to diane@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org

Community Food & Agriculture Program Assistant

(Temporary/Seasonal, March - October, 20 hrs/week)

Application deadline: Open until filled. Resume review will begin February 1st

- The Community Food & Agriculture Program Assistant will have responsibility of assisting in the maintenance, production, administration and programming occurring at or related to the Starker Arts Garden for Education (SAGE) and the Dunawi Creek Community Garden (DCCG). The Assistant will also lead volunteer and service-learning groups, give tours and participate in CEC events.
- For the full position description, [click here](#).

To apply, submit your resume and cover letter [here](#).

Any questions? Email our Office Assistant at office@corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org or call 541-753-9211

Student job opening for Program Assistant

Campus Recycling is hiring for one Student Program Assistant to assist in planning, implementing, assessing, and providing logistical support for waste reduction programs. The position also supports outreach efforts. Applications from students who are underrepresented in or new to the sustainability movement are encouraged. Closes 1/24/19. See <https://jobs.oregonstate.edu/postings/70905>.



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A Message from Our 2019 Annual Meeting Sponsor

[The Washington Center \(TWC\)](#) is pleased to be a sponsor of the AAC&U 2019 Annual Meeting.

TWC is the bridge between higher education and professional careers – leveraging all of what Washington, D.C. has to offer to provide dynamic, experiential learning opportunities to empower and motivate young people to become engaged global citizens.

As the largest and most established student internship program in Washington, D.C., we have a long tradition of partnering with liberal arts colleges and universities to afford their students an academic semester built around an internship in our nation's capital. Since 1975, we have helped more than 55,000 college students translate their majors into thriving career paths.

UNIQUE TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

The [Campaign 2020](#) academic seminar series offers a behind-the-scenes look at the American political process. This series includes our uniquely intensive two-week seminars on site at the Republican and Democratic

National Conventions, as well as our 10-day program, in Washington, D.C. leading up to the Presidential Inauguration. Faculty of all disciplines and students of all majors can experience an unforgettable year in American history.

To learn more about our programs and impact, view our [Annual Reports](#).

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Tenure-Track Teaching Faculty Position in Critical Thinking and Evidence-Based Reasoning for the Environment-Environmental Studies Program

The Environmental Studies Program at the University of California, Santa Barbara invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position as a Lecturer with Potential Security of Employment, with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2019. The program is looking for individuals with particular emphasis in the area of Critical Thinking and Evidence-Based Reasoning for the Environment.

Both discipline and specific areas of expertise are open but should relate to the environment. Candidates must have expertise related to four areas:

1. Critical thinking, defined as the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to belief and action;
2. Evidence-based reasoning, defined as the ability to think logically, using analytical, deductive and inductive concepts based on qualitative and quantitative evidence;
3. Familiarity with qualitative and quantitative research methods and methodologies; and
4. Familiarity with a diversity of value systems guiding intersections among humans, nonhuman species, and ecosystems.

As a position with a primary emphasis on teaching, the successful candidate will have a teaching load equivalent to three courses per quarter. The successful candidate will be expected to teach three iterations of a core required course on Critical Thinking and Ethics for the Environment, as well as courses on evidence-based reasoning, research design, and, potentially, quantitative analysis.

UCSB's Environmental Studies Program is an interdisciplinary undergraduate program that was founded in the aftermath of the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill. It has maintained a position of national leadership since then, graduating over 6000 students. The program has a longstanding commitment to integrative research and teaching and to interdisciplinary balance among the biophysical and chemical sciences, engineering sciences, social sciences, humanities, and applied professions. For more information, please see <http://www.es.ucsb.edu/>.

Responsibilities of teaching faculty include teaching and teaching related tasks for lower and upper division undergraduate courses; mentorship of undergraduate, and potentially graduate students; professional and/or scholarly

achievement and creative activity, particularly relating to instruction and pedagogy; and participation in university service. Faculty in this title are members of the Academic Senate, with benefits and privileges that parallel the professor track. Applicants must have completed all requirements for a PhD (or equivalent) except the dissertation at the time of application. A successful candidate must have a PhD or equivalent at the time of appointment. Clear evidence of potential excellence in teaching is desired. Preferred candidates will have been recognized for their teaching skills and will have demonstrated teaching experience related to critical thinking and evidence-based reasoning. In addition, the ability to teach introductory quantitative analysis skills will be an advantage.

Successful candidates will be able to contribute to the improvement of the undergraduate experience in the department and division. The University is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching and service as appropriate to the position.

Applications should be submitted electronically, and must include:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of teaching
- Sample syllabus for a course in Critical Thinking and Ethics for the Environment
- Sample syllabus for a course in the area of the applicant's field of expertise
- Applicants will need to arrange for three references to submit letters of recommendation on their behalf via the recruitment website. The three letters of recommendation must come from colleagues, faculty mentors, or superiors that can attest to the professional record of the applicant

Optional items that can be submitted for consideration:

- Applicants may include one optional letter of recommendation from a former student; this letter does not count toward the three letters of recommendation requirement.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a diversity statement that speaks to how your teaching reflects the needs and concerns of a demographically diverse student population

Applications received by February 15, 2019 will be given priority consideration, but the position will remain open until filled.

To apply please visit <https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/apply/JPF01434>

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Occupational Economist Job Opportunity

Are you a skilled communicator with a background in economic research? Do you wish to serve Oregonians while working on a dynamic and supportive team? If this sounds like you, we invite you to apply today!

The Workforce and Economic Research Division of the Oregon Employment Department is currently recruiting for an **Occupational Economist (Economist 2, with an Economist 1 underfill option)**. We are considering applicants with a passion for economic research that meet the Economist 2 and Economist 1 minimum qualifications.

Minimum Qualifications

Economist 2

A bachelor's degree in economics or a related field and one year of experience doing economic research or econometric forecasting. Note: An advanced degree in economics or a related field may substitute for the experience.

Economist 1 - Underfill Option

A bachelor's degree in economics or a related field.

For more information about the desired attributes and to apply, click [here](#). The closing date for this position is January 24th.



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APPAM Starts the New Year with Presentation Opportunities for the Entire Public Policy Community



Throughout 2019, the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) will be excited to support you and your colleagues in presenting the latest research in public policy. Do you have research for which you'd like to find an audience? Consider presenting it at one of our three conferences scheduled for this coming spring and summer: the [DC Regional Student Conference](#), the [California Regional Student Conference](#), and the [International Conference in Barcelona](#).

Please make note of the rapidly-approaching deadlines for proposal submissions, listed below. We invite everyone in the public policy community to submit proposals for our Student and International Conferences, and we encourage them to direct any questions about research submissions to info@appam.org.



Date: March 29th - 30th, 2019

Location: American University, Washington, DC

Accepting Submissions through January 16, 2019: [Submit your proposal here](#)



Date: April 12th - 13th, 2019

Location: University of California, Irvine, California

Accepting Submissions through January 25, 2019: [Submit your proposal here](#)



Date: July 29th - 30th, 2019

Location: The Johns Hopkins University, University Pompeu Fabra Public Policy Center, Barcelona, Spain

Accepting Submissions through February 13, 2019: [Submit your proposal here](#)

**2019 DC Regional Student
Conference Important Dates**

- **January 16th - Submission Deadline**
- Early February - Students Notified of Submission Acceptance Status
- February 8th – Registration Opens
- March 21st – Registration Closes
- March 29th & 30th – DC Regional Student Conference

**2019 California Regional Student
Conference Important Dates**

- **January 25th – Submission Deadline**
- Early February – Students Notified of Submission Acceptance Status
- February 22nd – Registration Opens
- March 27th – Registration Closes
- April 12th & 13th – CA Regional Student Conference

**2019 International Conference
Important Dates**

- **February 13th – Submission Deadline**
 - April 1st – Registration Opens
- Early April – Researchers Notified of Submission Acceptance Status
 - July 19th – Registration Closes
- July 29th & 30th – International Conference

Questions about our conferences and proposal submissions?

Share them with info@appam.org! We'll reply as soon as possible.

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2019 HATFIELD RESIDENT FELLOWSHIPS

Apply Now! (due February 15, 2019)



The Oregon Coast



Portland's Tilikum Crossing bridge carries buses, light rail, streetcars, cyclists, and pedestrians but no cars or trucks

About

The 8-month Hatfield Resident Fellowship targets newly minted Master and Ph.D. graduates who will have earned their degrees by June 30, 2019 and who possess both a strong record of scholarship and demonstrable interest in public service and leadership.

The paid residency is an academically rigorous, project-oriented, educational and working experience designed to provide each Fellow with an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills, expand their network, and add to their resume with a public service agency in Oregon.

Learn more here:

<http://www.pdx.edu/cps/details-of-hatfield-residentfellowship>

Apply online here:

https://portlandstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eY9y8Tz3Qqx4No1

Fast Facts

- Ideally-suited for those with Pacific NW roots and/or aspirations!
- Most assignments with public and nonprofit sponsors in the Portland region or Salem (Oregon's state capital)
- \$25,000 stipend for 32-hour/week, 32-week commitment. Most assignments start July 2019 and end February 2020.
- Designed for exceptional Masters and Ph.D. candidates who will earn their advanced degree by June 30, 2019 in public policy, public administration, business administration, information technology management, and other relevant disciplines
- The Fellowship is administered by the Center for Public Service within the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University.
- PSU is an EOE/AA Employer

2019 OREGON SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Apply now! (due February 15, 2019)



Wallowa Lake in eastern Oregon



Portlandia by sculptor Raymond Kaskey (namesake to the sketch comedy series of the same name)

About

The 10-week Oregon Summer Fellowship provides paid summer placements with state and local governments, and nonprofits around Oregon.

The program is designed for currently enrolled graduate students from a variety of public service disciplines who seek a project-oriented, applied learning experience.

Ideal candidates will possess a strong record of scholarship and demonstrable interest in public service. In addition, they should have completed at least their first year of advanced degree work prior to starting their 2019 summer assignment.

Learn more here:

www.pdx.edu/cps/details-of-oregon-fellowship

Apply online here:

https://portlandstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eY9y8Tz3Qqx4No1

Fast Facts

- Designed for exceptional Masters and Ph.D. candidates pursuing degrees in public policy, public administration, business administration, public health, urban planning, information systems, and other relevant disciplines.
- Ideally-suited for those with Pacific Northwest roots and/or aspirations!
- Sponsored projects in the public & nonprofit sectors
- Most assignments in the Portland region or Salem (Oregon's state capital)
- \$6,000 stipend; 10-week commitment
- Starting dates range between May and June, depending on the prospect's academic calendar.
- The Fellowship is administered by the Center for Public Service within the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University.
- PSU is an EOE/AA Employer

Two-year, paid research fellowship at the Oregon Center for Public Policy (OCPP), based in Portland, supported and administered by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) in DC?.

https://www.cbpp.org/careers/state-policy-fellowship-program?blm_aid=23232

The Oregon Center for Public Policy is very interested in hosting a fellow to conduct research and related advocacy on topics such as income inequality, wages, poverty, hunger, housing, and racial equity. I'm Vice President of the OCPP Board, and would be very happy to communicate with anyone who's interested about this opportunity, and Janet Bauer - hosting our meeting on the 24th - is on staff.

Rocky Mountain Institute Summer Internships

More information: https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=9cac5876-e030-498a-abf2-633383beeb00&jobId=48267&lang=en_US&source=CC2&cclId=19000101_000001

Full consideration will be given to applications received by January 25, 2019* . If RMI staff sees that a successful candidate will be more effective in a different initiative than was identified in the application, this will be communicated prior to the interview process.

Due to the large number of applications received, it may take 3-4 weeks to receive a response. We are working diligently and appreciate your patience.

If you have issues submitting your application or uploading your documents, please email peopleteam@rmi.org.

RMI is an equal opportunity employer.

No phone calls please.

Locations:

New York City; Washington, D.C.; Boulder or Basalt, Colorado; Beijing, China

Interns will be asked to work in the same office as their immediate supervisor.

** We will be staffing interns in Beijing. If you are interested in working on our China project in Beijing, please explicitly mention this on your cover letter.

Funding

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, ensuring we are using our resources thoughtfully is a top priority. We encourage all students to contact their school to inquire about potential internship funding to match or supplement the RMI/CWR stipend. Students will not be screened on the basis of receiving funding.

Qualifications

Applicants should be pursuing a graduate or undergraduate degree in a related field and have basic knowledge of one or more of the team's' focus areas—energy efficiency; renewable energy; demand-side management; building science and energy modeling; efficient and low carbon light duty cars and truck design; and transportation logistics. Where applicable, the applicant should be comfortable working with, or reporting on, numerical analysis and spreadsheet modeling, research and reporting.

In addition to skills and expertise, we value and seek the following qualities in our candidate: intense curiosity, self-motivated and able to work independently, willingness to plunge into unfamiliar disciplines, creativity and willingness to take risks by exploring and testing new ideas, and a passion for making the world better.

Specific qualifications for each of our internship program opportunities are listed below – Electricity Program, Buildings, Office of the Chief Scientist, China, Mobility, Emerging Economies, India Mobility, Cities Renewables Accelerator, Global Climate Finance, Industries, Digital Ventures, Emerging Energy Solutions, Americas Pledge.

[Internship Opportunity Descriptions \(Not a Complete List\):](#)

Global Climate Finance

RMI established a Global Climate Finance program in 2017 in recognition that the mobilization and smart allocation of finance is a critical enabler of the low-carbon transition globally. This program builds on RMI's legacy of working closely with disruptors, incumbents, and policy-makers to forge business-led, market-based solutions to clean energy and climate change. We work to boost climate finance flows into developing countries through concrete initiatives, including by enhancing national capacity and deploying innovative financial instruments at the intersection of public and private finance. In advanced economies, our focus is on accelerating the retirement of fossil energy capital stock by managing the capital transition and avoiding stranded assets.

The Global Climate Finance program is seeking interns for the following initiatives:

- **Climate Finance Access Service:** A Climate Finance Access Service could substantially improve the capacity of low-income countries to unlock funding for green investment. The initiative would deploy a network of trained, independent climate finance investment professionals into Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and African countries to help secure finance for these countries' priority projects pursuant to Paris Agreement commitments and the Sustainable Development Goals. Over the course of their two-year assignments, climate finance facilitators would serve as the connective tissue between recipient countries and public funding institutions. In 2018, the Climate Finance program conducted interviews with over 100 expert stakeholders from developing countries, climate finance funds and institutions, and related climate finance initiatives and has used this market input to craft the Climate Finance Access Service. In 2019, we will focus on building a consortium to take the idea forward.

- **Coal Capital Transition:** Coal was the preeminent fuel for grid-based electricity generation around the world for the better part of a century, but coal-fired power generation is now in structural decline. While economic trends are slowing the growth of coal capacity and leading to a significant amount of uncompetitive coal-fired capacity to shutter, these trends alone will not be sufficient to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the Paris Agreement objective of holding warming well below 2 C°. With this transition, however, workers and communities are experiencing layoffs and the owners of coal-fired power plants are bracing themselves for hundreds of billions in write-offs. The early retirement of hundreds of billion dollars of capital stock globally is a structural shift with enormous implications for stakeholders. RMI has created the first global survey of approaches that can help ease capital destruction for asset owners and their shareholders while offering policymakers a clearer path toward transitioning the power sector onto a well below 2C° pathway.

America's Pledge

America's Pledge brings together private and public sector leaders to ensure the United States remains a global leader in reducing emissions and delivers the country's ambitious climate goals of the Paris Agreement. In support of this effort, RMI and other organizations have worked to scope and quantify possibilities ([link](#)) and are now moving to an action phase. The goals are to facilitate real emissions reductions by 2025 and reframe the climate storyline around a pragmatic set of discrete steps. Work will include collaborating with non-profit and funder communities to create and facilitate strategies that catalyze emissions reductions across 10 areas ([link](#)).

RMI is looking for an intern with a strong desire to catalyze emissions reductions by U.S. cities, states, and businesses. The intern will have a variety of responsibilities, including conducting research on emissions reductions opportunities, quantifying emissions reductions potential, summarizing research findings for multiple audiences, and sharing findings with other organizations.

Ideal candidates will have:

- Passion for U.S. role in reducing GHG emissions
- Excellent quantitative analysis skills (including working with spreadsheets)
- Ability to work effectively with a team and communicate technical ideas
- A knack for synthesizing and framing key issues and opportunities for industry leaders
- Experience working with or for a city, state, or business on sustainability, energy, or a related topic
- Stakeholder management

Electricity Practice

RMI's Electricity Practice offers a compelling vision for the US electricity system, a unique ability to convene key decision makers across traditional institutional boundaries, and the toolset and creativity to scale rapid innovation. Thanks to our market-based approach and analytical rigor, we have gained the trust of regulators and utility executives who need an organization like RMI to understand the opportunities and overcome the challenges inherent the massive transformation underway. We're again pushing the boundaries of what's possible by expanding our network of partners and transforming an industry that needs our guidance and solutions now more than ever.

The key job responsibilities of the Electricity Practice intern primarily include:

- Provide core project research

- Guide work with new hypotheses and propose new analysis approaches
- Synthesize recommendations into clear, compelling presentations and written reports.

The Electricity Practice Interns will work on one of three projects:

1. Accelerating and increasing the impact of our Clean Energy Portfolio tool. In our May 2018 Report, we showed that portfolios of clean energy technologies are already cost- competitive with proposed new natural gas plants. During their internship, the intern will help increase the scope and reach of the Clean Energy Portfolio (CEP) tool. The intern will help RMI define and develop a web-based version of the CEP calculation tool that allows utilities, media, advocates, regulators, and the public to run their own CEP studies transparently.
2. Business Models and Rate Design (BMRD). The BMRD team is seeking a talented intern to conduct research on new dimensions of utility regulations and business model reform, to boost the team’s capacity and insights on leading reform options, as well as to deliver these insights to partners and to wider audiences (public utilities commissions, utilities, and industry stakeholders). The intern will work directly on these issues, either on client-facing work (e.g., developing deliverables for specific public utility commissions) and/or on work products intended for wider public dissemination (e.g., co-authoring a report to be published by RMI). The intern will be given a specific research assignment related to utility reform options in identified jurisdictions (e.g., Hawaii, Colorado, etc.) or different utility contexts (e.g. vertically integrated, municipal, etc.). The intern will be responsible for delivering some combination of a report/insight brief, blog post, briefing slides, and/or a presentation to external audiences.
3. Regulatory Guide to Building Electrification. In order to meet our climate change goals, it will be necessary to decarbonize buildings in the US through electrification of space heating, water heating, and other end uses. This intern will support foundational research for a “Regulator’s Guide to Electrification” that would outline the regulatory changes necessary to support widespread electrification and, ultimately, a shift away from natural gas delivery. Some of the elements to be researched may include finance & stranded costs, rate design, rate base mechanics, energy efficiency standards, and utility business model transformation, focusing on the implications for both electric and gas utilities. This work will be critical to shed light on the regulatory structures that encourage ever-increasing build out of gas infrastructure and consumption of natural gas, and to develop a clear action plan to transform these structures.

While the specific requirements will vary by focus area, ideal candidates will have:

- Ability to work effectively with a team and communicate technical ideas
- Excellent quantitative analysis skills (analysis with spreadsheets and/or numerical programming)
- Passion for developing solutions to complicated problems in the US electricity sector
- Familiarity with how electricity is generated and paid for in the US
- Experience and/or strong knowledge in one or more of the following topic areas:
 - Utility business models and utility regulation
 - Distributed and renewable energy
 - Electric or gas utility resource planning and strategy
 - Coding in python and/or web development
 - Energy economics and policy
 - Business strategy, finance, and decision-making

Buildings Program

The Buildings Groups drives impact by coalescing powerful industry partners through three complementary building program-led initiatives, and by developing insights and adoption approaches to the buildings sector in China as part of RMI’s Reinventing Fire: China program.

In the past, RMI interns have been responsible for: researching and writing white papers, stakeholder engagement workshops, technical energy conservation measure analysis, development of financial models and participation in design charrettes. RMI is seeking interns for the following program-led initiatives:

Superefficient Buildings and Districts: Develop and demonstrate replicable market-based solutions to deliver net-zero energy and near-zero energy buildings in new and existing building portfolios and districts, such as developments, cities, and university campuses. Work under this initiative may include: District level energy systems development and modeling, design charrettes or stakeholder engagement workshops, and financial modeling.

Portfolio Efficiency: Drive adoption of wide-scale energy interventions in existing commercial buildings through the development of real estate portfolio energy strategies. The focus of this work is on identifying existing or new solutions to deploy through direct engagements with commercial real estate portfolios. This includes developing innovative energy analytics for portfolio-scale interventions; integrating energy efficiency, demand management, and renewable energy solutions; evaluating new and innovative technologies; and defining the business case for commercial real estate portfolios to invest in and deploy identified solutions. Come help RMI scale clean energy adoption in our nation's largest real estate companies.

Residential Energy +: Drive widespread adoption of home energy upgrades by improving homeowners' desire, information, and means to invest in energy upgrades. This includes developing financing solutions, technical analysis and working with national partners to create fast and scalable retrofit approaches, and using behavioral change theory to redefine efficiency as the new normal. From culture change to net zero energy retrofits, we invite you to come help us transform homes across America.

Reinventing Fire China Buildings: Deliver an analysis of the buildings sector to spotlight the economic, social, and environmental benefits of energy efficiency to slash buildings-related CO2 emissions by 44 percent by 2050 relative to 2010 emissions.

An ideal candidate should have:

- Exceptional quantitative analysis skills (including working with spreadsheets or energy models)
- Excellent technical knowledge of building components, buildings systems, energy efficiency measures, and/or energy-related business models within the built environment
- Strong writing and communication skills and the ability to work in a team dynamic
- An independent and self-directed work style

Office of the Chief Scientist

At Rocky Mountain Institute the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) is tasked with exploring and hatching new programmatic efforts. OCS sustains RMI's thought leadership by a unique combination of invention or ideation, incubation, and synthesis. OCS is not an instrument of RMI's normal day-to-day operations and campaigns (though it supports them as an internal consultant), but rather is the complementary place where creativity, vision across boundaries, and fresh transdisciplinary insights can flourish. OCS is led by Amory Lovins, RMI's Co-Founder and Chief Scientist. OCS's talents best support three main themes: invention, incubation, and synthesis. Invention, or ideation, starts with asking new questions (or old questions in a different order). This underlies much of RMI's historic innovation. Incubation is OCS's role in exploring and testing new topics that may evolve into programmatic efforts—most recently Reinventing Fire: China. OCS synthesizes massive, disorderly sets of ideas and facts into big new stories (such as Reinventing Fire).

OCS's current activities include incubating an Integrative Design initiative, that aims to transform the way that design is taught and practiced by influencing pedagogy, design practitioners, and software makers. OCS is also currently leading a "Transformative Mobility Solutions" project in India in partnership with India's central government.

The 2019 OCS intern will support all aspects of OCS's activity including research, writing, and project execution. The ideal candidate will have experience in a technical field (engineering, design, physics mathematics, etc), experience collaborating with business and industry to drive change, and motivation to transform global energy use.

China

RMI's China program is a microcosm of RMI's global work, focused on supporting power sector reform, low-carbon mobility and freight solutions, low-carbon cities, and transforming the building stock. RMI's China program is looking for 3 interns this year to work on a discrete piece(s) of the China program's work (outlined below). Projects will be assigned based on the interns' particular interests and abilities as well as the current status and needs of our work. Intern's work will be core to the team's strategic focus and will have a defined scope with clear deliverables that can be executed independent of other external project factors that may impede the intern's ability to complete the work and demonstrate their capabilities. Interns will be integral members of RMI and will conduct project work under the guidance of a full-time team member, usually as part of a small team. In addition, we encourage a highly collaborative work environment, which provides our fellows access to a number of senior practitioners and team members. All positions require fluent Mandarin and English.

Transportation: RMI worked with the city of Shenzhen to analyze its electric truck fleets daily routes to optimize the siting of charging infrastructure to enable more delivery miles to become electric in one of the leading cities in electrifying its transportation. We plan to expand this analysis to other cities across China, working with national partners at China's Freight Research Institute. We are looking for an intern to join the team that can help support this analysis, and can help develop a standard toolbox that other cities can use. We are looking for experience with transportation modeling for evaluating driving routes, crunching distance and bypass numbers, and coding in Python or other relevant languages. The candidate will also conduct expert interviews to gather qualitative data on driving behaviors and conduct desk research on city EV charging network and grid integration.

Industry: We are identifying major levers to decarbonize China's heavy industries and heavy transportation which are hard to abate. One of the decarbonization routes that has been identified in the global context is to develop the entire value chain for hydrogen, including the production, storage, transportation and utilization of hydrogen. China is actually among the leaders in the space, showing interest and capability of developing hydrogen-based economy. This position will be responsible for developing a state-of-the-market assessment for hydrogen production in China, and develop a framework to help local policymakers identify if they have the right factors that can enable them to be a testbed for the new hydrogen industry, and identify major barriers localities need to address to access capital. The position requires excellent research skills, the ability to conduct expert interviews, and critical thinking skills to develop strategic frameworks that are useful to industry and policymakers.

Buildings: RMI China published a white paper on China's clean heating guideline jointly released by 7 ministries, and our thought leadership has generated strong interest both with policy maker and industry. We'd like to move from high-level advice to developing more specific economics for China's clean heating transformation. The position requires researching and analyzing the economics of various cleaning heating measures, including demand-side measures, supply-side measures, and transmission measures. These economics should help identify what are the right near-term

opportunities to beneficially electrify heating or fuel-switch to cleaner fuels. These recommendations can then be packaged in an insight brief that helps policymakers and heat provision companies guide their clean heating agendas. Candidates require strong research skills, experience in building energy science, working knowledge of combined heat and power systems, and some knowledge of the power sector is helpful but not required. The role also requires knowledge of how to craft business cases for different technologies, and create compelling pitches around the economic models created.

Mobility

Today's mobility system is built around personal vehicles available for any combination of potential needs—just in case. These privately-owned, individually-driven, gas-powered vehicles sit unused 95% of the time, cost their owners over \$1 trillion annually, and account for 15% of all emissions in the U.S. As city populations increase, so does pollution, traffic congestion, and pressure on infrastructure. Emerging technologies and societal trends are creating an opportunity for a new mobility future in which mobility becomes a service, available when and where it is needed—just in time— allowing fewer vehicles to do the same job at lower cost.

RMI's Mobility Transformation program is collaborating closely with both the City of Austin—as the Lead Implementation City—and the City of Denver—the Lead Scaling Partner City—to leverage the power of emerging technology and business innovation to expand and enhance mobility options, in turn reducing congestion, decreasing costs, improving equity, enhancing safety, reducing emissions, and ensuring continued economic growth. Mobility Transformation is currently focused on developing collaborative solutions with Austin and proving out a scaling model with Denver.

For 2019, the transportation team is seeking an intern to work on one of the below projects:

- 1) Accelerator intern: The Mobility practice is developing a core product, an Accelerator workshop that helps teams from across the US that are struggling to develop vehicle electrification and infrastructure projects. Accelerators provide expert faculty, peer learning from other teams, and a proven process for systematically reshaping their plans for their projects to ensure a clear path to success. The Mobility Accelerator intern will work with our project team to shape (and possibly deliver, depending on final timing) the 2019 Accelerator. Skills learned will include a broad set of electric vehicle and charging topics, the nature of multi-stakeholder workshop processes, and specific tools to help drive thinking in real time.
- 2) Charging Behavior and Data intern: As a well-known and trusted NGO, RMI has access to data that might not otherwise be shared. Some of that data pertains to how fleets of vehicles move on a daily basis, and how they use chargers. RMI, teaming with big data experts, is creating insights into this new world of large scale charging and seeking to develop toolkits for those needing to build out and use chargers in the most effective, economical ways. Users will potentially range from utilities, to fleets to charger network owners to cities and states to vehicle OEMs. Skills learned will include data management and analysis, insight creation and storytelling, and (we expect) interaction with users in a brand-new space.
- 3) NYPA - RMI works intensively the New York Power Authority on the design of programs to encourage the rapid uptake of electric vehicles, and successful buyer experiences with those vehicles. Although its too soon to specify the precise role for the project's intern, expect a fast-moving, intensely real-world experience helping our NYPA team help the client. Learning agenda will include a deep dive into the current New York EV market and electricity system, with a smattering of everything from high finance to grid dynamics to consumer behaviors to car dealer business models

Ideal candidates will have:

- Strong interest in advanced vehicles and mobility solutions;
- Strong quantitative backgrounds

- Experience working with industry consortia and/or the startup space
- Familiarity with business, financial, and economic concepts;
- Excellent writing, organizational and communication skills; and
- Ability to self-start and structure ambiguous and complex problems.
- The transportation team is especially interested in candidates with:
- Backgrounds in computer science and software/app development;
- Marketing/sales experience;
- Backgrounds in physical sciences, engineering, environmental studies;
- Prior experience in public policy, especially regulations and policymaking at a city level; and
- Prior experience in public transportation, urban planning, or the automotive and mobility industries.

Global Energy Transition: Island Economies and Sub-Saharan Africa

RMI's Islands Energy Program works to accelerate the replicable transition of island economies from a heavy dependence on fossil fuels to a diverse and renewable energy mix including energy efficiency. While islands are not large enough to create a significant impact on global carbon emissions reductions, they present the ideal combination of geographical scale, renewable potential, committed stakeholders, and powerful storylines to demonstrate sustainable solutions across an entire economy.

The team facilitates the transition by delivering technical expertise; engaging with governments, utilities, and island stakeholders; and providing communications support. With an independent, objective, and fact-based approach, this team brings experience gained from engagements with governments and utilities to solve the toughest energy challenges.

On the Islands team, we often work across all of these aspects as we employ a system's level analysis to reach an economy's energy transformation goals. The goal of this internship is to continue the work of the Islands Energy Program to quantitatively demonstrate the value of distributing generation and storage assets near or at critical facilities as a way to build resilience and improve the economics of renewables. This intern will specifically build on the work started as a part of an RMI blog series: Critical Facilities: Where Government and Utilities Services Redefine Resilience and tackle questions that this preliminary analysis was not able to tackle.

Closely related to the Islands team, RMI's Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED) Program is working to accelerate economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa by applying pragmatic, unbiased, renewable and efficient energy solutions to deliver energy access. The SEED program works closely with governments, development partners and the private energy sector in Sub-Saharan Africa to provide country-level strategic energy support.

SEED is comprised of several workstreams: (1) We work in-country with governments and utilities to support their on-grid, off-grid, and energy efficiency planning, (2) we test and implement innovative energy solutions on the ground, particularly for off-grid technologies, (3) we do deep analysis of the critical issues facing the African energy sector from generation investment to the emerging minigrid market, and (4) we support the development of local energy leaders through capacity-building and convening events.

Our work puts us in contact with African governments, utilities, donor partners, multilateral and bilateral finance institutions, and both private sector developers and investors. Through our work, we seek to focus concessional and commercial capital in the most effective way possible to increase energy access and reliable, affordable energy for

economic development.

The goal of this internship will be to build on SEED's existing work to refine its methodology to size off-grid and on-grid markets and improve its modeling capabilities in this area. This work may include developing the framework and/or the quantitative optimization tools required to size on grid and off grid markets and make technology and timing recommendations within these spaces.

Ideal candidates for either the Islands Energy Program or the SEED Program will have:

- Willingness to plunge into unfamiliar disciplines, learn quickly and navigate data-poor topics
- A passion for tackling complicated energy and resource problems
- Familiarity with business, financial, and economic concepts
- Comfort working with spreadsheets including numerical analysis or modeling, case study research and concise writing
- Excellent writing, organizational, and communication skills
- A proven ability to communicate and affect change across cultural and/or linguistic divides
- Experience with energy and development projects outside of the United States

Digital Ventures

RMI works closely with the private sector as part of our think-and-do approach. We work with large, established companies, including many examples from the Fortune 500. RMI also works with spinoffs and affiliated startups such as Black Bear Energy, The Energy Web Foundation, and WattTime. By challenging and disrupting incumbents, these innovative new companies are critical for accelerating progress towards RMI's mission. We're seeking an intern to help with researching and assessing the current cleantech landscape and ecosystem. We would like to identify successful proof points and promising new companies as well as the investors and other support helping these companies to succeed. We would also like to identify gaps, both for accelerating progress of existing companies as well as finding new tech and ideas to address some of the most pressing challenges across sectors in the energy transition.

Relevant experience/skills:

- Working with a startup
- Experience as part of a cleantech hub, incubator, or accelerator
- Coursework on entrepreneurship and/or startup finance
- Research, interview, organization, and communication skills
- A foundational understanding of technology and business models

Emerging Economy Solutions

The Emerging Energy Solutions program continues the Institute's legacy of cutting-edge thought leadership in coordination with the Office of the Chief Scientist. The mission of EES is to catalyze and coordinate thought leadership activities at the edges and intersections of RMI programs. In practice, this entails two long term objectives:

- Inspire leading agents in the global energy system to take ambitious action that unlocks new value in the energy transition, and create the connective tissue in a collaborative forum needed to guide and sustain that action
- "Look around the corner" on emerging trends in and across technology, society, and economy and assess implications (risk and leverage points) for RMI mission, ongoing programmatic work, and emerging impact opportunities

EES brings a systems-thinking perspective to interlocking behavioral, technoeconomic, and social factors influencing the pace and direction of the energy transition. In so doing, EES is helping the Institute develop a central view on the

pathways to achieving the global energy transition. This view is based on 1) an assessment of how those factors might interact to influence the energy transition, and 2) efforts to identify and implement opportunities for multi-stakeholder collaboration to accelerate transformative action. In combination, EES serves to connect cutting-edge hypotheses with real world action in support of the broader ecosystem, currently in areas including breakthrough batteries, socioeconomic energy justice, industry decarbonization, and transformative scenarios planning.

To work across these initiatives and help EES achieve this mission, interns will require the following skills:

- Strong research skills with the ability to identify relevant sources, summarize key findings, apply knowledge to unique problems, perform original meta-analysis, and document these items clearly.
- Fundamental curiosity and ability to challenge established assumptions with clear analysis and argumentation.
- Interdisciplinary research or personal interests, and systems-level problem solving experience.
- Strong analytical skills focused on high-level quantitative analysis in the areas of engineering and economics.
- Ability to work in multidisciplinary teams that span several organizations, while maintaining professional, open-minded and collaborative spirit.
- Some experience in project management with an emphasis on constructing a work plan and project timeline, integrating and managing different work streams, and managing upward to establish clear expectations for deliverables and resource requirements.

Cities Renewables Accelerator

The American Cities Climate Challenge Renewables Accelerator is a new project designed to accelerate the development of renewable energy in the US by providing technical assistance and support to city municipal governments. This collaborative effort brings together the strengths of RMI, World Resources Institute, and the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, and falls within Bloomberg Philanthropies' broader American Cities Climate Challenge. Our team is working to help 100+ cities execute contracts for on-site solar, community-scale solar, and/or off-site renewable energy through either direct, consulting-style support or by convening and educating small groups of cities with common interests. Team members will also develop guides, analyses, web tools, or other products to help city staff develop renewable energy strategies and execute contracts more effectively.

The City Renewables Accelerator team is looking for an intern for the summer of 2019 to support research, outreach, and resource development. The CRA team is planning a series of workshops in Q1 and Q2 of CY2019 that will directly engage up to 50-75 cities in better understanding their current actions and needs when procuring renewable energy. One of the clear outcomes of these workshops will be identifying the tools and resources most needed by cities with our renewables procurement cohorts. The summer of 2019 will be a key time during which our team will be working to develop and iterate these tools and resources with city stakeholders. Given the ramp-up over the summer, bringing in additional capacity will be quite helpful and even critical to keeping the work on-track against our stated milestones. Finally, as RMI's cities work expands there will likely be additional opportunities for qualified candidates, with this internship as one potential pipeline.

India Mobility

Since 2016, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) has been working with India's public and private sectors to build confidence and further commitment towards India's renewable energy and clean mobility goals. RMI has become a recognized brand and thought leader in energy and mobility solutions in India. Our ongoing work includes policy support and technical assistance at the national level and the deployment of pilot projects at the regional and city levels. RMI's senior-level partnerships with government, private-sector, and civil-society entities support our work and impact.

Desired skills:

- Experience in the transportation and/or electricity sectors.
 - Analytical capabilities in relation to the transportation, electricity, industrial, and/or building sectors in India.
 - Ability to design, build, and maintain complex quantitative models (e.g., Excel, MatLab).
 - Ability to present quantitative information in a clear, visual format.
 - Ability to synthesize recommendations into clear and compelling presentations and written reports.
 - Interest in India's energy transition.
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The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities will be hosting an informational webinar session on Thursday, January 24 at 4pm ET to share information and answer questions about the State Policy Fellowship program. The Fellowship is an exciting career opportunity that could be the perfect fit for some of your master's level students or recent graduates.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

 **What: State Policy Fellowship, Informational Webinar**
When: Thursday, January 24 at 4pm ET

I'd like to share information about the State Policy Fellowship program, an exciting career opportunity for master's level students and recent graduates. The Fellowship is a project of the [State Priorities Partnership](#), a national network of independent state policy organizations in over 40 states coordinated by the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#) (CBPP), one of the nation's premier policy institutes. Since 2010, CBPP and the State Priorities Partnership, have placed fellows in leading state-based policy organizations across the country. The fellowship is designed to:

- **Bring diverse perspectives to state policy debates.** To expand the voices that speak with authority in state policy debates, the program identifies highly qualified candidates with a track record of working on public policies affecting low-income communities and communities of color and policies with implications for racial equity.
- **Make a difference for vulnerable families and communities.** Working in independent, highly respected policy organizations across the country, Fellows analyze the impact of state budget and tax policy choices on low-income residents, promote positive reforms, and collaborate with advocates to engage the public on the impacts of public policies on local communities.
- **Launch careers.** State Policy Fellows spend two years developing expertise in issues such as state budget and tax policies, health care, education finance, family economic security, and criminal justice. Fellows will travel to Washington, D.C. for training and career development, work with mentors, and have access to ongoing training and opportunities for professional growth.

Eligible candidates must have received a graduate degree within the past two years, or expect to receive a degree before August 1, 2019. Candidates must also have a strong academic record and be eligible to work full-time in the United States for the two-year duration of the program.

Please circulate information about the program to students or other individuals who may be interested in applying as well as program coordinators and faculty who might identify other qualified applicants. Completed applications must be [submitted online](#) by February 10, 2019. For complete program information please visit www.cbpp.org/fellowship. If you have question, please do not hesitate to reach out to mmitchell@cbpp.org.

Courses of Interest



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For-Credit Summer Graduate Course

Program Evaluation and Applied Policy Analysis

Summer 2019

Paris, France



The [University of Maryland School of Public Policy](#) will offer a for-credit international graduate course where students will learn the tools of program evaluation and apply them as they prepare policy analyses or research

syntheses for real-world clients in Paris. The course will be offered in partnership with the [Economics Department at Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne](#)

Classes will be held in Paris, France from July 1-13, 2019 at the Pantheon-Sorbonne as well as the [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\)](#). Some assignments will be due before and after the two weeks in Paris.

This study abroad course is designed for doctoral, masters level, and advanced undergraduate students studying economics, public policy, public administration, and other social policy-related subjects such as education, international development, political science/governance, public health, social welfare, sociology, and urban planning.

Faculty

The core faculty for the course will be:

- [Douglas J. Besharov](#), University of Maryland, College Park (Program Director); and
- [Douglas M. Call](#), University of Maryland, College Park

The faculty will be augmented by a number of guest faculty who are luminaries in the field of program evaluation:

- [Neil Gilbert](#), University of California, Berkeley;
- [David Myers](#), President and CEO, American Institutes for Research;
- [Anu Rangarajan](#), Senior Vice President and Managing Director, International Research Division, Mathematica Policy Research;
- [Stefano Scarpetta](#), Director of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD; and
- [David Seidenfeld](#), Vice President, International Research and Evaluation, American Institutes for Research

Course Summary

This course is designed to help students learn the concepts of program evaluation while they apply them to projects with real-world clients. Course topics include the preparation of policy analyses, evaluation methodologies for identifying the counterfactual, assessment of causal validity in research publications, and methods for synthesizing research.

Students will prepare either a policy analysis or research synthesis for the OECD or a similar agency or organization located in or near Paris. (Last year, in addition to the OECD, clients included the Agence Francaise de Développement, UNESCO, the Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques, and the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement.)

The project topics will initially be identified by the clients and the UMD faculty, with the final details to be worked out between the clients and the students. Possible topic areas include aging and pensions, child

welfare, criminal justice, education, employment and the labor market, the environment, families and children, health, housing, migration, and social welfare generally.

Prior to arriving in Paris, students will be matched to clients and will work with them to create an initial project description, which will include a delineation of the policy question to be addressed and the scope of the project. While in Paris, besides attending classes, students will prepare and present project plans to their clients (and others) and make site visits to international organizations that conduct similar policy-oriented research. After leaving Paris, students will complete their projects, interacting with their clients as needed. Final projects will be due at the end of August.

A preliminary syllabus will be available on the [course web page](#).

(Classes will be in English.)

Course Schedule and Facilities

Prior to their arrival in Paris, students will be matched to clients and there will be a preliminary online meeting to discuss the course syllabus. In Paris, the course will meet daily (tentatively 9:30-13:00) Monday–Friday for two weeks from July 1 through July 13, 2019 at the Economics Department at Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne and the OECD. As mentioned above, final projects will be due at the end of August, after students leave Paris.

Eligibility

The course is open to all graduate and advanced undergraduate students.

Students must be in good academic and judicial standing and must not have any registration blocks. The minimum GPA for this program is 3.0 (unless otherwise approved by the program director).

Course Credit

Students will receive three credits from the University of Maryland upon successful completion of the course. Non-UMD students should confirm the transferability of credits with their home academic departments.

A non-credit version of the course will be offered. More information can be found on the [course web page](#).

Course Cost

Application Fee: 50 USD

Standard program fee: 3,800 USD

Enrollment Fee: 75 USD (for non-UMD students only)

The program fee includes registration and administration, tuition, housing, course related activities, and teaching services. Students are responsible for airfare, meals, and other incidental expenses.

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted through March 1, 2019. Because space is limited, early application is encouraged. Students will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Registration

Students can register for the course at the University of Maryland's Education Abroad [website](#). Questions about the registration process should be directed to Ying Yin of the University of Maryland.

Accommodations

In previous summers, students stayed at the [United States dorm](#) on the campus of Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris and we expect that this will continue to be the housing accommodation.

Additional Information

Further information regarding the course format, travel, and other course logistics will soon be available on the [course web page](#).

Contact

For any specific questions regarding the course, please contact: [Ying Yin](#) of the University of Maryland.

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Upcoming Workshops and Campus Happenings

Check out the OSU Libraries' free Graduate Student & Faculty **Winter Break Workshops**. Registration is encouraged, but not required. For complete session descriptions, visit: <http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/Library-Workshops-for-Grad-Students-Faculty> Can't make it to a session? Some of the sessions have handouts or online tutorials: <http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/WorkshopHandouts> Questions? Ask Hannah Rempel, hannah.rempel@oregonstate.edu

Intro to Zotero: A Web-Based Way to Manage Your Citations
[Friday, January 18](#), 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Autzen Classroom

Intermediate/Advanced Zotero
[Friday, January 18](#), 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Autzen Classroom

Researching for the Literature Review Workshop

[Tuesday, January 22](#), 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Autzen Classroom

Basic EndNote Workshop

[Thursday, January 24, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.](#), Autzen Classroom

Intermediate/Advanced EndNote

[Thursday, January 24, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.](#), Autzen Classroom

Intro to LaTeX

[Friday, January 25, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.](#), Autzen Classroom

Intro to MATLAB

[Tuesday, January 29, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.](#), Autzen Classroom

Intro to Qualtrics - Making Great Surveys

[Monday, February 4, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.](#), Autzen Classroom

Advanced Qualtrics

[Monday, February 4, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.](#), Autzen Classroom

Graduate Publishing Tips - Where, When & How

[Wednesday, February 6](#), 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Autzen Classroom

Introduction to Git - Beginner **Registration Required**

[Thursday, February 7, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.](#), Autzen Classroom

Introduction to Git - Advanced **Registration Required**

[Thursday, February 7, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.](#), Autzen Classroom

Research Integrity: Best Practices in Action 1

[Tuesday, February 12, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.](#), Autzen Classroom

Research Integrity: Best Practices in Action 2

[Tuesday, February 12, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.](#), Autzen Classroom

Upcoming talks Human Rights Activism talks

We have two exceptional and charismatic historians coming to visit OSU this winter to present on topics of great relevance.

I hoped you would please consider attending, place these events on syllabi and incentivize students to attend, and please help to spread the word. We also will be having faculty lunch conversations in the MU with both scholars, so please touch base with me if you'd like to rsvp to attend.

Two Winter 2019 highlighted events:

"From Selma to Moscow: How Human Rights Activists Transformed U.S. Foreign Policy."

Thursday, February 7, 4 p.m. Memorial Union, La Raza Room 208. Lightly catered. Free and open to the public.

by Sarah Snyder, Associate Professor, School of International Service at American University.

"Nation of Immigrants: A Short History of an Idea."

Tuesday, March 5, 4 p.m. Memorial Union, La Raza Room 208. Lightly catered. Free and open to the public.

by Mae Ngai, Immigration Scholar and Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies and Professor of History at Columbia University.

Major Spring Event:

"Ideology and US Foreign Relations" International History Conference

Friday May 31-Saturday June 1, 2019 Memorial Union, Journey Room

Panels 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with coffee and lunch breaks. More than 20 scholars coming from around the world.

See participants, rough tentative schedule: <https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/shpr/citizenship/ideologies-and-us-foreign-policy-conference/participants>

Keynote address/OSU Governor Tom McCall Memorial Lecture: "Trump and Ideology"

Friday May 31, 7 p.m. Memorial Union, Horizon Room.

James Lindsay, Senior VP, Greenberg Chair and Director of Studies, Council on Foreign Relations



January 2019

UPCOMING WEBINAR



Good Governance in Practice: Examples from the Co-operative Sector

Tuesday January 22, 2019 @ 2:00pm CST

TO REGISTER: [CLICK HERE](#)

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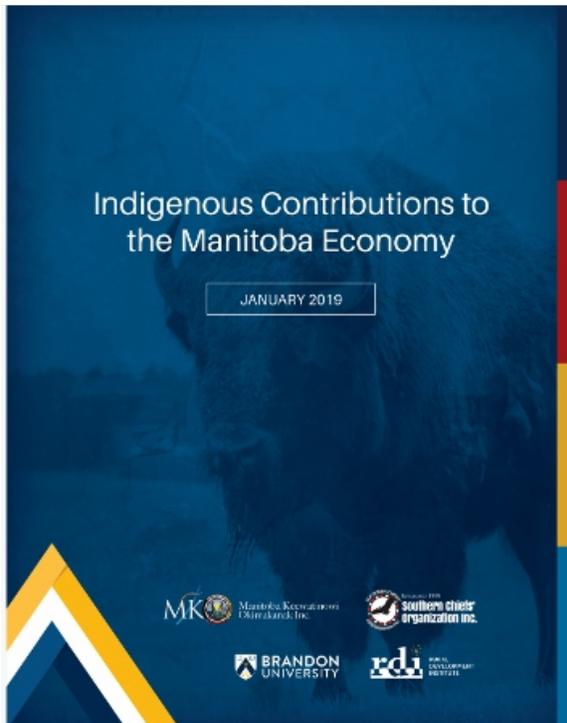
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REPORT LAUNCH: BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (RPLC PARTNER)

Report: Indigenous Contributions to the Manitoba Economy



Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Abstract

\$9.3 billion. That’s the amount that Indigenous people in Manitoba spend each year—through Indigenous businesses, governments, household spending, and spending on infrastructure. The bulk of that spending is by the over 700 Indigenous businesses in the province.

How does all this spending impact the economy? The economic impact of Indigenous people in Manitoba can be measured in four ways: they create and maintain over 35,700 jobs, contribute \$2.3 billion to Manitoba’s GDP, provide \$1.1 billion in wages and salaries to workers, and contribute \$231 million in taxes to the federal and provincial governments.

The Indigenous contribution to Manitoba’s GDP is more than either manufacturing, accommodations and food services, or mining and oil and gas extraction.

[Click Here](#) for further details.

POLICY BRIEF: BY RURAL GOVERNANCE NETWORK

Policy Brief-Drinking Water Contamination and Cancer in Canada and USA



Executive Summary

The contamination of drinking water causes local and global public health problems, such as cancer. Although policymakers pay particular attention to the health impacts of drinking water contamination, they face challenges in reducing associated health risks for better management of drinking water.

This policy brief uses ACSRC Report Series # 50-18 “Drinking Water Contamination & Cancer in Canada and USA: A Review” that reviews and analyzes 64 published studies.

The purpose of this policy brief is to provide a summary and recommendations on assessing the health impacts of drinking water contamination. It outlines the main results from the report and provides recommendations for the policymakers regarding 1) appropriate quality criteria to use; 2) common study designs and methods to apply; 3) confounding factors to control.

[Click Here](#) for material.

UPCOMING RURAL EVENT: RURAL ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE



January 27, 2019- January 29, 2019

ROMA hosted its first rural municipal conference in 1934 and they were an important tradition for more than 65 years. By reviving this tradition, we believe rural priorities can be better aligned, better understood, and better addressed.

Approximately 1,000 municipal officials from across the province and leading thinkers come together to discuss topics of local, provincial, national, and international importance.

The goal is to invigorate public debate about how Ontario's municipalities will respond to emergent challenges and opportunities.

[Click Here](#) for further details.

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Greetings from the Office of Global Opportunities!

Join us for **GO Global – Summer and Beyond!** on **Tuesday, January 22 from 11:00-1:00 in the MU Horizon Room.**

Interested student are invited to drop in for a light lunch and conversations focused on summer opportunities, faculty-led programs, study abroad in general, and international internships.

You'll have a chance to mingle among tables where representatives from the Office of Global Opportunities, scholarship and financial aid offices and several colleges across campus are engaged in sending their students abroad.

If you plan to attend, please complete this quick [survey](#).

If you are curious about international opportunities through OSU, but unable to attend, we invite you to initiate your *Getting Started* application [here](#).

Thank you and we look forward to connecting with you on Tuesday, January 22nd!

The Office of Global Opportunities

Taking stock: #metoo - how far have we come?

What has happened since the #metoo movement went viral in 2017? How far have we come here at OSU and in the Corvallis community? Women in Policy (WiP) invites you to a panel discussion on changes and challenges with speakers from the School of Public Policy, the OSU Survivor Advocacy and Resource Center as well as civil society activists and policy makers from the Corvallis and Oregon community. Come and hear from our speakers, ask questions and share your own experiences. [Show your interested on events.oregonstate.edu](#)

When: Friday, February 1, 12 to 2 p.m.

Where: Memorial Union Building (MU), 206 Asian Pacific American room

Refreshments will be provided.

School of Public Policy

Brownbag Series

Winter 2019 Schedule

- » **Jan. 25:** “Rethinking Science Literacy: The limits of deficit thinking.”
 - > Susanna Priest (Editor-in-Chief of Science Communication)

 - » **Feb 22:** “The strings of the ‘Golden Straightjacket’: How sovereign ratings influence entitlement spending in developed countries”
 - > Alison Johnston (Political Science)

 - » **Mar. 8:** "Does a day lost equal dollars saved? The effects of four-day school weeks on school district expenditures."
 - > Paul Thompson (Economics)
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- » All seminars occur on **Fridays, 12-1 in Bexell 414** and are open to the public. For more information email Kelsy.Kretschmer@oregonstate.edu.
- » For information on the School of Public Policy, go to <http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/>.

