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### APPOINTMENTS

2023 – Economic Advisor and Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia  
2021 – Nonresident Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution  
2020 – 2022 Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia  
2017 – 2019 Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara (2017)  
*Three Essays on the Valuation of the Environment, Regulation, and Transportation Infrastructure*  
Visiting Graduate Student, Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris, France (2013)  
M.A., Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara (2012)  
B.A., Economics and Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin (2009)  
*High Honors, Special Honors in Latin American Studies, minors in Math and History*

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Refereed Publications

“The Problem Has Existed over Endless Years: Racialized Difference in Commuting, 1980-2019,”  
devin michelle bunten, Ellen X. Fu, Lyndsey Rolheiser, & Christopher Severen.

*Journal of Urban Economics* (accepted January 2023) & FRBP Working Paper 22-13 (2022). [DOI](#)

“Lockdowns and Innovation: Evidence from the 1918 Flu Pandemic,”

Enrico Berkes, Olivier Deschênes, Ruben Gaetani, Jeffrey Lin, & Christopher Severen.

*Review of Economics and Statistics* (accepted December 2022) & NBER Working Paper 28152.

“Commuting, Labor, and Housing Market Effects of Mass Transportation: Welfare and Identification,”

*Review of Economics and Statistics* 105, no. 5 (2023): 1073–1091. [DOI](#)

“Clarifying the effect of biodiversity on productivity in natural ecosystems with longitudinal data and methods for causal inference,”

L.E. Dee, P.J. Ferraro, C. Severen, K. Kimmel, E. Borer, & Nutrient Network.

*Nature Communications* 14:2607 (2023). [DOI](#)

“Formative Experiences and the Price of Gasoline,”

Christopher Severen & Arthur van Benthem.

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 14, no. 2 (2022): 256–284. [DOI](#)

Featured as a [Research Highlight](#) in *Nature Energy*.

“Technology Adoption Under Uncertainty: Take-Up and Subsequent Investment in Zambia,”  
Paulina Oliva, Kelsey Jack, Samuel Bell, Elizabeth Mettetal, & Christopher Severen.  
*Review of Economics and Statistics* 102, no. 3 (2020): 617–632. [DOI](#)

“What is Marine Justice?”

J. Martin, S. Gray, E. Aceves-Bueno, P. Alagona, T. Elwell, A. Garcia, Z. Horton, D. Lopez-Carr, J. Marter-Kenyon, K. Miller, C. Severen, T. Shewry, & B. Twohey.  
*Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 9, no. 2 (2019): 234–243. [DOI](#)

“Land-Use Regulations, Property Values, and Rents: Decomposing the Effects of the California Coastal Act,”  
Christopher Severen & Andrew Plantinga.

*Journal of Urban Economics* 107 (2018): 65–78. [DOI](#)

“A Forward-Looking Ricardian Approach: Do Land Markets Capitalize Climate Change Forecasts?”  
Christopher Severen, Christopher Costello, & Olivier Deschênes.

*Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* 89 (2018): 235–254. [DOI](#)

“Rural Entrepreneurial Education: An Innovative Piece of Practical Development in Latin America,”  
*Student Journal of Latin American Studies* 1 (2009): 26–51.

### Working Papers (see [website](#) for Works in Progress)

“Driving, Dropouts, and Drive-throughs: Mobility Restrictions and Teen Human Capital”  
Valerie K. Bostwick & Christopher Severen.  
Revision requested at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.  
IZA Discussion Paper No. 16183 (2023). [DOI](#)

### Chapters, Essays, and Research Reports

“Why are young people driving less? Evidence points to economics, not preferences.”  
*Brookings Research Report*. March 24, 2023. [link](#)

“A Ticket to Ride: Estimating the Costs and Benefits of Rail Transit.”  
*Economic Insights* 5, no. 2 (2020): 1–9. [link](#)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Refereeing

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Econometrica, Economics Letters, International Economic Review, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Land Economics, Land Use Policy, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Research Policy, Resource and Energy Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Southern Economic Journal, Urban Studies*

### **Seminar and Conference Organization**

Virtual Co-Organizer, 2020 Virtual Meeting of the Urban Economics Association  
Founding Co-Organizer, Online Spatial and Urban Seminar (Summer 2020)  
Organizer, Online Urban Economics Seminar (Spring 2020)

### **Mentoring and Service Supporting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Philadelphia Fed Mentoring & Advancing PhDs Program (Co-Founder, 2023- )  
AEA/CSEWP Summer Economics Fellow Program (Philadelphia Fed Coordinator, 2020- )  
CSWEP Liaison (Philadelphia Fed, 2019- )  
FRB Philadelphia RA Mentor (2017- )

### **Program Committees**

Urban Economics Association (2020-2022)  
AERE and AERE@SEA Conferences (2018-2023)  
AREUEA (2019-2021)  
AREUEA/ASSA Meetings (2019)  
Occasional Workshop in Environmental and Resource Economics (2017)

### **Session Organization at Conferences**

AEA/ASSA (2021), AREUEA (2021), SEA (2022), UEA (2019, 2023)

### **Panels and Outreach**

Guest Panelist – Online Spatial and Urban Seminar, March 2021  
Guest Co-Host – *Densely Speaking* (podcast), January 2021

### **Professional Memberships**

American Economic Association, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Econometric Society, Urban Economics Association

## **PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

### **Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations (\* - virtual)**

- 2023 *Upcoming*: UEA (Toronto), SEA (New Orleans), Urban/Real Estate Seminar (Wharton)  
AEA (New Orleans), Cornell U, FRB of Kansas City, U of West Virginia
- 2022 FRS System Regional Conference (Kansas City), LACEA LAUrban (Santiago), NARSC (Montréal), UEA (Washington DC), U of Southern California, U of Toronto\*
- 2021 ASSA\*, FRS System Regional Conference\*, UEA\*
- 2020 FRS Applied Micro Conference\*, NBER SI EEE Egg Timer\*, Tobin Center (Yale)\*, TREE (Duke/NCSU)\*, UCSB Alumni Conference\*
- 2019 AERE Summer Conference (Tahoe), ASSA/Econometric Society (Atlanta), FRB of Dallas, FRS Energy Conference (Denver), Michigan State U, Migration and Mobility Workshop (Banca d'Italia), NBER Economics of Infrastructure, SEA (Fort Lauderdale), U of New Hampshire, UEA (Philadelphia), U of Pennsylvania (Wharton EEF)

- 2018 AREUEA National Conference (Washington DC), FRS Applied Micro Conference (Washington DC), Pennsylvania State U (Smeal), SMU Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (Singapore), UEA (NYC), World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (Göteborg)
- 2017 European UEA (Copenhagen), FRB Philadelphia, FRS System Regional Conference (NYC), Fordham U, New York U (Furman Center), NARSC (Vancouver), Tilburg U (EOR), UEA (Vancouver), U of Massachusetts Amherst (DRE), U of Ottawa, WEAI (San Diego)
- 2016 NARSC (Minneapolis), WUSTL Economics Graduate Student Conference, WEAI (Portland)
- 2015 AERE Summer Conference (San Diego), NBER SI EEE Egg Timer
- 2014 ASSA (Philadelphia), Southern California Conference for Applied Microeconomics

### **Conference Discussions**

- 2023 ASSA/AEA, ASSA/AREUEA
- 2022 UEA
- 2021 UEA\*
- 2019 ASSA/AREUEA (Atlanta), SEA (Fort Lauderdale), UEA (Philadelphia)
- 2018 FRS Committee on Regional Analysis (Boston), UEA (NYC)
- 2017 UEA (Vancouver), Western Economics Association International, NARSC (Vancouver)
- 2016 Western Economics Association International, NARSC (Minneapolis)
- 2015 Occasional Workshop in Environmental and Resource Economics (UCSB)
- 2013 Workshop on Environmental Economics and Development (UCSB)

## **TEACHING**

### **Instructor**

PhD Math Camp (UCSB, 2013-15)

### **Teaching Assistant**

PhD Econometrics 241A/B/C (UCSB 2013-14)  
Master's Applied Econometrics (UCSB Bren 2014)  
Climate Change Economics (UCSB 2014-15)  
Intermediate Microeconomics (UCSB 2016)  
Introduction to Econometrics (UCSB 2017)

## **GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

Finalist, NARSC Graduate Student Paper Award (2017)  
Economics Department & Graduate Division Travel Grants, UCSB (2015-17)  
Regents Special Fellowship, UCSB (2011-15)  
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention (2013)  
Andron Fellowship, UCSB Economics (2011-12)  
Distinction, Macroeconomics and Econometrics PhD Preliminary Exams (2011)  
Liberal Arts Competitive/Honors Research Fellowship, UT Austin (2008)  
Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Undergraduate Scholarship, UT Austin (2007)  
National Merit Scholar (2004)