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Education

Ph.D. Economics and Environmental Science expected Spring 2023
University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
Committee: Robert Heilmayr (chair), Kelsey Jack, Andrew Plantinga
Fields: Environmental and Natural Resource Economics

B.A. Mathematics and Economics 2016
Willamette University

Awards

UCSB Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship 2023
Schmidt Family Foundation Research Accelerator Grant 2020-2021
UC Regents Fellowship 2018-2021
Bren School Fellowship 2017-2018

At Willamette University: Phil Hanni Scholar 2016; Willamette University Academic Leadership Award 2016; Jason Lee Scholarship Award 2016; Northwest Conference Scholar Athlete 2016

Working Papers

Garcia, A. and Robert Heilmayr (2022) "Conservation Impact Evaluation using Remotely Sensed Data"
SSRN working paper available at personal website

Garcia, A. "Targeting for social development in payments for reforestation: evidence from Chile's Native Forest Law"
available at personal website

Publications

Garcia, A. (2020) "The Environmental Impacts of Agricultural Intensification". Technical Note N.9. Rome. Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA)

In Prep

"Education costs of ecosystem disruption: evidence from invasive species induced canopy loss"

"Manipulation at eligibility cutoffs in payments for ecosystem services"

Relevant Positions

Research Fellow - Natural Climate Solutions

Arnhold UCSB/Conservation International Climate Collaborative 2021-

Graduate Student Researcher (UCSB)

Environmental Markets Lab (emLab) 2019 -
Conservation Economics Lab 2019 -

Teaching

Teaching Assistant (UCSB)

ENVS 30: Environmental Economics Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021
EDS 223 (Masters): Geospatial Analysis and Remote Sensing Fall 2022
ECON 140A: Introduction to Econometrics Fall 2018, Winter 2019

Student Mentoring

Tiffany Hsu (through Arnhold UCSB/CI Climate Collaborative) 2021

Conferences/Presentations

Targeting in Chilean payments for native reforestation

FLARE 8th annual meeting; Rome, Italy 2022
Oregon State University, College of Forestry 2022
Bren School symposium 2022

Conservation impact evaluation using remotely sensed data

BIOECON XXII conference; Jackson, Wyoming 2021
UCSB ERE Seminar 2021

Service

Bren School Seminar Speaker Committee 2020-2021

Bren PhD Events Committee 2019

Programming

R, Github

Citizenship

United States

References

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