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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### **University of Connecticut**

Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

*2024–Present*

### **University of Geneva**

Postdoctoral Scholar, Institute of Economics and Econometrics

*2022–2024*

## EDUCATION

### **University of Wisconsin-Madison**

PhD in Agricultural and Applied Economics

*2022*

MS in Agricultural and Applied Economics

*2020*

### **University of Minnesota-Twin Cities**

BS in Economics, *summa cum laude*

*2015*

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Environmental and Resource Economics, Energy Economics, Development Economics, Political Economy

## PUBLICATIONS

**Katovich, Erik**, Dominic Parker, and Steven Poelhekke, Timing is Everything: Labor Market Winners and Losers during Boom-Bust Cycles, 2025, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists* (accepted)

**Katovich, Erik** and Fanny Moffette, Does Local Politics Drive Tropical Land-Use Change? Property-Level Evidence from the Amazon, 2025, *The Economic Journal* (conditionally accepted)

**Katovich, Erik**, Winning and Losing the Resource Lottery: Governance after Uncertain Oil Discoveries, 2024, *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 166, No. 103204.

**Katovich, Erik**, Quantifying the Effects of Energy Infrastructure on Bird Populations and Biodiversity, 2024, *Environmental Science & Technology*, Vol. 58, No. 1, pg. 323-332.

**Katovich, Erik** and Alexandre Gori Maia, The Relation Between Labor Productivity and Wages in Brazil: A Sectoral Analysis, 2018, *Nova Economia*, Vol. 28, No. 1, pg. 7-38.

Smith, Pamela and **Erik Katovich**, Are GMO Policies “Trade Related”? Empirical Analysis of Latin America, 2017, *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, Vol. 39, No. 2, pg. 286-312.

## WORKING PAPERS

Dynamic Firm Adaptation to Sanctions: Evidence from the Russian Oil Industry

Local and Multinational Comparative Advantage in the Global Mining Industry (*with Jonah Rexer and Utsoree Das*)

The Global Distribution of Critical Mining Impacts (*with Jonah Rexer*)

Explosive Diversification: Organized Crime Adaptation to Mexico’s Crackdown on Fuel Theft (*with Itzel de Haro Lopez*)

- Firm-Level Impacts of Industrial Policy: Evidence from Brazil's Upstream Oil Industry (*with Fabio Maciel*)  
 From Crops to Kilowatts: Drivers of Solar Adoption in California's Central Valley (*with Cam McClure*)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- Seeds of Influence: The Political Economy of Brazil's Soybean Boom (*with Ricardo Dahis*)  
 Traceability and Sustainability in Cacao Supply Chains: Experimental Evidence from Ghana (*with Salvatore di Falco and Utsoree Das; funded by Horizon Europe Grant No. 101081984*)  
 Supply Response to Oil Production Taxes: Evidence from the US Royalty Relief Program (*with Julien Daubanes, Diego Cardoso, and Pritam Saha*)  
 Human Capital and Local Spillovers Across the Mining Lifecycle (*with Steven Poelhekke and Fabio Maciel*)

## **CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

(\* indicates invited talk)

- 2026:** ASSA (discussant, scheduled)  
**2025:** UConn Economics\*, Linnaean Society of New York\*, NAERE, International Workshop on Empirical Methods in Energy Economics, UW-Madison Global Land Use and Environment Lab\*  
**2024:** Economics of a Livable Planet Authors' Workshop, Southeastern Workshop on Energy & Environmental Economics & Policy, Bird Protection Quebec\*, Tinbergen Institute\*, International Workshop in Energy & Resource Economics and Policy in Copenhagen, World Bank Land Conference, CESifo Conference on Energy & Climate Economics, University of Connecticut\*, Wake Forest University\*, University of Glasgow\*, University of Wyoming\*, ASSA  
**2023:** Zurich Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries, LACEA, EAERE, Bergen Economics of Energy and Environment Research Conference, SOLE, TRANSPATH-Wageningen  
**2022:** Ipea Webinar, Geneva Trade and Development Workshop, STEG, NOVAFRICA, AERE, RIDGE Labor Workshop, PacDev, UW-Madison Global Land Use and Environment Lab\*  
**2021:** Universidade Federal Fluminense-PPGE\*, SEA, Universidade de São Paulo-FEA\*, NEUDC, LACEA, Sovereign Wealth Fund of Niterói\*, Universidad de San Andrés-Economics\*, AAEA, AERE, WEAI  
**2016-2020:** Hoover Institution, ANPEC, COES-LSE

## **TEACHING**

(\* indicates newly developed course)

Instructor, <i>Energy Economics: Sustainable Transitions*</i> (Undergrad, UConn)	<i>Fall 2025</i>
Instructor, <i>Graduate Research Seminar</i> (PhD/Masters, UConn)	<i>Fall 2025</i>
Instructor, <i>Global Energy Transitions*</i> (PhD/Masters, UConn)	<i>Fall 2024</i>
Instructor, <i>Economics Methodology: Praxis and Practice*</i> (PhD/Masters, UConn)	<i>Fall 2024</i>
Instructor, <i>Introduction to Field Experiments*</i> (PhD, University of Geneva)	<i>Spring 2023</i>
TA, <i>Growth &amp; Development of Nations in the Global Economy</i> (Undergrad, UW-Madison)	<i>Fall 2018</i>
—Received University-wide <i>Early Excellence in Teaching Award</i>	

Supervising:

- Committee member for 8 PhD students
- Primary advisor for 2 MS students
- Supervisor for 6 research assistants (3 current, 3 former)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Short-Term Consultant The World Bank Group	<i>August 2024-March 2025</i> <i>Washington DC</i>
Research Assistant to Paul Dower, Emilia Tjernström, & Laura Schechter Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UW Madison	<i>2019-2022</i> <i>Madison, WI</i>
Visiting Researcher Institute of Economics, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro	<i>June-August 2019</i> <i>Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</i>
Impact Evaluation Fellow World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF)	<i>June-August 2018</i> <i>Nairobi, Kenya</i>
Fulbright Research Fellow Center for Agricultural and Environmental Economics, Unicamp	<i>February 2016-July 2017</i> <i>Campinas, Brazil</i>
Field Survey Coordinator Winrock International-Nepal	<i>June-August 2014</i> <i>Kathmandu, Nepal</i>
Refugee and Immigrant Program Intern The Advocates for Human Rights	<i>June-December 2013</i> <i>Minneapolis, MN</i>
Research Assistant to Pamela Smith Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota	<i>June-December 2012</i> <i>St. Paul, MN</i>

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

USDA Hatch Grant (\$60,000)	<i>2025</i>
Structural Transformation and Economic Growth Small Research Grant (\$19,000)	<i>2021</i>
Doctoral Research Travel Grant, UW-Madison (\$1,500)	<i>2021</i>
Tinker Nave Latin American Studies Field Research Grant, UW-Madison (\$2,300×2)	<i>2019 &amp; 2021</i>
IRIS Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Award, UW-Madison (\$3,000)	<i>2019</i>
University Graduate Fellowship, UW-Madison (\$34,500×2)	<i>2017 &amp; 2020</i>
Technical Training Grant, São Paulo Research Association (FAPESP) (\$1,000)	<i>2017</i>
Fulbright Research Fellowship to Brazil (\$16,000)	<i>2016</i>
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Grant, U of MN (\$1,700×2)	<i>2012 &amp; 2014</i>

## AWARDS AND SERVICE

### **Awards**

INFER Best PhD Paper Prize ( <i>with Utsoree Das and Jonah Rexer</i> )	<i>2025</i>
Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, UW-Madison AAE	<i>2022</i>
Bromley Prize for Best Dissertation Paper, UW-Madison AAE	<i>2021</i>
Early Excellence in Teaching Award, UW-Madison	<i>2020</i>
Best Undergraduate Thesis, Minnesota Economic Association	<i>2015</i>
Gorence Endowed Scholarship in Economics, U of MN Economics	<i>2013 &amp; 2014</i>
Presidential Merit Scholarship, U of MN	<i>2011-2015</i>
National AP Scholar	<i>2011</i>
National Merit Scholar	<i>2011</i>

### **Service**

Graduate Admissions Committee, UConn ARE	<i>2025</i>
Hatch Grant Review Panel, UConn CAHNR	<i>2025</i>
Seminar Organizing Committee, UConn ARE	<i>2024-2025</i>
Scientific Committee, Rare Voices in Economics Conference, University of Geneva	<i>2024</i>

Mentor, Rare Voices in Economics Program, University of Geneva	2022-2024
Graduate Student Representative, UW-Madison AAE	2020-2021
Coordinator, Development and Political Economy Workshop, UW-Madison	2020-2021

### Refereeing

*Applied Economics, Environment and Development Economics, Food Policy, Journal of Applied Ecology, Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Environment and Development, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Labour Economics, Land Economics, Latin American Research Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Resources Policy*

### MEDIA APPEARANCES

Connecticut Mirror, [In Some CT Towns, Clouds Form Over New Solar Developments](#), October 2025  
 Connecticut NPR, [The Pros and Cons of Going Nuclear](#), April 2025  
 Connecticut Mirror, [Will Tariffs on Canadian Energy Impact CT Utility Bills?](#), March 2025  
 Connecticut NPR, [Why Are Connecticut's Utility Bills So High?](#), February 2025  
 The Economist, [Wind Turbines are Friendlier to Birds than Oil-and-Gas Drilling](#), January 2024  
 The Los Angeles Times, [Yes, Wind Turbines Kill Birds. But Fracking is Much Worse](#), January 2024  
 Die Presse (Austria), [Wind Turbines Do Not Harm Birds](#), January 2024  
 ETC (Sweden), [New Study: Wind Power Less Harmful to Birds than Fossil Energy](#), January 2024  
 Le Temps (Switzerland), [Wind Turbines Are Less Dangerous for Birds than Oil Production](#), February 2024  
 Tages Anzeiger (Switzerland), [Wind Turbines Are More Bird-Friendly than Oil and Gas](#), January 2024  
 Courrier International (France), [Wind Turbines that Kill Birds: Perspective](#), January 2024  
 Focus Online (Germany), [Wind Power and Birds: What really Endangers the Animals](#), January 2024  
 BNNVARA (Netherlands), [Birds Shrug at Wind Turbines but Despise Oil and Gas Drilling](#), January 2024  
 El Imparcial (Mexico), [Study Reveals Wind Turbines Friendlier to Birds than Oil and Gas](#), January 2024  
 Enrique Dans (Blog), [The Science Shows that Wind Turbines do Not Harm Birdlife](#), January 2024  
 VoxDev, [Unpredictable Oil Discoveries Fail to Deliver Local Development Benefits](#), December 2023  
 Grist, [African Countries are Tapping Fossil Fuel Wealth. Why Aren't they Getting Rich?](#), December 2022  
 World Bank Development Impact, [Governing the Rocky Beginnings of a Resource Boom](#), November 2021

### LANGUAGES AND TECHNOLOGY

**Languages:** English (native), Portuguese (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (basic)

**Computer Skills:** Stata, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, SurveyCTO, Git

**Last Update:** October 2025