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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 & Development of Nations in the Global Economy</i> (Undergrad, UW-Madison)	<i>Fall 2018</i>

—Received University-wide *Early Excellence in Teaching Award*

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

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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

AWARDS AND SERVICE

Awards

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

Service

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

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^AT_EX, SurveyCTO, Git

Last Update: October 2025