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🌐 ABOUT ME

Environmental justice researcher and policy expert with 20+ years of experience bridging academic research and applied climate action. Proven track record in securing research funding, leading data-driven investigations, and translating complex research into actionable policy recommendations for governments and international organizations.

💼 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2025
January 2024

Head of Data Investigations, GLOBAL WITNESS, London
- Re-established and scaled Data Investigations Team from 2 to 5 members, achieving gender parity and implementing team-building initiatives including weekly learning hours and professional development programs
- Secured competitive funding opportunity by leading team proposal for £1M project on abandoned oil and gas wells mapping, selected from internal competition and advanced to final funding round
- Oversaw high-impact data investigations featured in BBC, Guardian, and Financial Times, with team-generated evidence discussed in UK and EU parliaments
- Managed cross-functional collaboration with 6 campaign teams, proactively coordinating project capacity and managing expectations
- Contributed to organisational leadership by participating in leadership group and spearheading initiatives to make our regular meetings more participatory

January 2024
August 2022

Senior Fellow in Climate Change and AI, ADA LOVELACE INSTITUTE, London
- Developed and led a research project funded by the Generation Foundation on considerations of climate justice in the development of AI-for-climate products, resulting in a review of the debate on climate and AI and a report on the exploring the gap between venture capital and climate justice

August 2022
August 2009

Senior Lecturer/Lecturer, NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY, Newcastle upon Tyne
- Published several well-cited (300+ citations) academic articles using quantitative methods, including research on environmental justice and the Sustainable Development Goals (List available here)
- Taught quantitative research methods at undergraduate and postgraduate levels
- 2019-2021 : Programme Director of 8 MA programmes across Politics (7 staff, 60-80 students), including shifting all colleagues and students to online learning at the beginning of the pandemic
- 2021-22 : Helped secure £100,000 grant from the British Academy for project entitled "The 'Net' in Net-Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions : Achieving Just Transitions in the Forestry Sector through Climate Policy Integration and Learning"
- Successful supervision of 3 PhD students, including one on the ESRC Advanced Quantitative Methods stream

April 2021

Visiting Lecturer in Environmental Politics, SCIENCES-PO LYON, Lyon, France–remote
- Created and taught new 4-week intensive class in English on Environmental Politics to 20 international undergraduates

August 2018
August 2016

Co-lead, TEACHING QUANTITATIVE METHODS NETWORK, Political Studies Association
- Led series of national workshops on innovative methods for teaching quantitative methods to politics undergraduates
- Contributed to efforts by university lecturers in Canada to establish a similar network there

August 2018 August 2012	Associate Editor, POLITICS , Political Studies Association ❯ Sought peer reviewers and made decisions about papers submitted to ISI-ranked journal ❯ Particularly focused on submissions using quantitative methods
August 2009 August 2003	Assistant Professor, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS, Denton, Texas, USA ❯ Taught American politics, game theory and research methods
August 2003 August 2002	Visiting Assistant Professor, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, Hanover, New Hampshire, USA ❯ Taught American politics, game theory and research methods

📊 CONSULTANCIES

March 2021 September 2020	Consultant on Stakeholder Engagement with SDGs, UNITED NATIONS DEPT OF ECON AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, NYC ❯ Lead for writing and deploying two global surveys in three languages to countries and stakeholders asking about the impact of COVID-19 on SDG engagement, with approximately 600 responses in total ❯ Cleaned and analysed resulting data using R to produce appropriate and accessible data visualisations ❯ Co-wrote final report "The Impacts of COVID-19 on Stakeholder Engagement for the SDGs" for UN-DESA(Available here) ❯ Presented results at UN DESA 2021 Partnership Accelerator (Available here)
March 2020 October 2019	Consultant on Developing a Sustainable Development Goals Framework for London, LONDON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY, London ❯ Co-developed an indicator set for London's progress towards the SDGs, particularly emphasising the principle of Leave No One Behind. ❯ Co-wrote final report "London's Progress Towards Meeting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals" (Available here)
February 2019 October 2018	Consultant on Partnerships for the SDGs, UNITED NATIONS DEPT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, NYC ❯ Lead for developing and deploying survey in three languages to UN SDG Partners listed on the UN's Partnerships Platform with almost 1000 respondents ❯ Cleaned and analysed data from the survey, along with data the UN SDGs Partnerships Platform, to produce appropriate analysis and data visualisations for our final report ❯ Co-wrote final report "A Study of Partnerships and Initiatives Registered on the UN SDG Partnerships Platform", which served as a key document for the ECOSOC Partnerships Forum at the UN in April 2019 (Available here)

🎓 DEGREES

2004	PhD in Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA
1997	BA in Political Science and Mathematics, New College of Florida, Sarasota, Florida USA

🍃 BOARD EXPERIENCE

Present September 2023	Board of Trustees, RAINFOREST FOUNDATION UK, London ❯ Serving on Board of Trustees for Rainforest Foundation UK, an organisation with a mission to support indigenous peoples and traditional populations of the world's rainforest in their efforts to protect their environment and fulfil their rights to land, life and livelihood.
Present April 2023	Board of Trustees, SCOTSWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN, Newcastle upon Tyne ❯ Serving on Board of Trustees for Scotswood Community Garden, a charity with approximately £500,000 annual income that provides nature-based social services and mental health and well-being support for the Scotswood community