



# GRANT R. McDERMOTT

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## appointments

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Oregon, 2017–Present.  
Postdoctoral Scholar, University of California Santa Barbara, 2015–2017.

## education

Ph.D., Economics, Norwegian School of Economics, 2015.  
M.Sc., Economics & Business Administration, Norwegian School of Economics, 2011.  
M.Sc., International Management, CEMS, 2011.  
B.Com. (Hons.), Economics, University of Cape Town, 2005.  
B.Bus.Sc., Marketing, University of Cape Town, 2004.

## research

### FIELDS AND INTERESTS

Environmental economics and data science

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Skeptic priors and climate consensus.” *Climatic Change*, 166 (1), 1–23, 2021.
- “Alternate explanations for the blue paradox do not withstand statistical scrutiny.” With K.C. Meng, G.G. McDonald, and C.J. Costello. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 115 (52) E12124–E12125, 26 December 2018.
- “The blue paradox: Preemptive overfishing in marine reserves.” With K.C. Meng, G.G. McDonald, and C.J. Costello. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 116 (12) 5319–5325, 19 March 2019.
- “Protecting marine mammals, turtles and birds by rebuilding global fisheries.” With M.G. Burgess, B. Owashi, L.E. Peavey, T. Clavelle, D. Ovando, B.P. Wallace, R.L. Lewison, S.D. Gaines, and C.J. Costello. *Science*, 359(6381), 1255–1258, 16 March 2018.
- “Five rules for pragmatic blue growth.” With M.G. Burgess, M. Clemence, S.D. Gaines, and C.J. Costello. *Marine Policy*, 87(2018) 331–339, January 2018.
- “Resolving Disputes over Ocean Calamities.” With M.G. Burgess. *BioScience*, 65(12), 1115–1116, 1 December 2015.
- “Electricity Prices, River Temperatures and Cooling Water Scarcity.” With Ø.A. Nilsen. *Land Economics*, 90(1), 131–148, 1 February 2014.

### WORKING PAPERS

“Hydro power. Market might.”

### SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “The value of mass information: Search in the Google era.” With C.J. Costello and M.B. Ward.
- “Working remotely or remotely working? The effect of COVID-19 on tech worker productivity.” With B. Hansen.

## REPORT CHAPTERS

“South Africa Compliance Analysis.” With J. Morrissey and D. Mendelsohn, in “[Governing Global Climate Change: St Petersburg Compliance Report for the ‘G8 Plus Five’ Countries](#)”, M. Banda and J. Langille (eds.), G8 Final Compliance Report 2007, Oxford: G8 Research Group Oxford, 1 June 2007. xiii + 190 pp.

“[The Current Status of the EPWP \(Infrastructure\) in the Western Cape](#).” With A. McCord, K. Adonis and L. Van Dongen. Prepared for the Western Cape Provincial Treasury & Department of Transport And Public Works CAPE. Public Works Research Project, SALDRU, UCT, 24 March 2006.

## talks

- 2021 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Monash University
- 2020 Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) meetings; Reed College; Triangle Resource and Environmental Economics (TREE) seminar
- 2018 University of Hawaii at Manoa; UCSB Occasional Workshop; Oregon Institute of Marine Biology
- 2017 UCSB Occasional Workshop; Oregon State University; Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference (pre-conference workshop)
- 2016 AERE Summer Conference
- 2015 Econometric Applications in Climatology Workshop
- 2014 World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (WCERE)
- 2013 Nordic Econometric Meeting (NEM); Bergen Economics of Energy & Environment Research (BEEER)
- 2012 Norwegian National Research School in Business Economics & Administration (NFB) conference; International Energy Workshop; BEEER
- 2011 NEM

## grants

UO Data Science Initiative (co-PI with Ed Rubin), 2019  
CenSES (Research Council of Norway, #209697), 2018  
Professor Wilhelm Keilhaus Memorial Fund, 2014–2015  
Norges Bank fund for economic research, 2014–2015  
NHH PhD Research Scholarship, 2011–2015  
Norwegian Government Scholarship, 2009–2011

## teaching

- Ph.D. Data Science for Economists (EC 607)
- M.Sc. Big Data in Economics (EC 510)
- B.Sc. Environmental Economics (EC 434/534), Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (EC 311)

## service

### REFEREEING

Energy Economics; Energy Policy; Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management; Marine Policy; Natural Resource Modeling; Nature Sustainability; Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Water Resources Research

### RECRUITMENT

UO junior faculty search (2017/18)

### CONFERENCES

TWEEDS organising committee ([tweeds.io](https://tweeds.io))

## non-academia

2017 Lotic Labs, *Consultant*, United States  
2009 NKC Independent Economists, *Economist*, South Africa  
2008 Millennium Cycle for Change, *Expedition member*, Cairo to Cape Town  
2007 IBM Global Financing, *Field sales executive*, United Kingdom  
2006 South Africa Labour Development Research Unit, *Researcher*, South Africa

## software

R, SQL, Julia, Python, Stata, Git(Hub), Bash, and some JavaScript. Very familiar with various products in the Google Cloud Platform for handling and analysing big data (BigQuery, Compute Engine, Earth Engine, etc.)

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