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Research Interests

Sustainability (energy, mobility, built environment). Technoeconomic and optimization models. Industrial operations, supply chains. Low- and negative-emission technologies and systems. Collective dynamics, complex systems.

Education

B.S.E Industrial Operations Engineering, University of Michigan

2019 - present

Minor: Complex Systems, GPA: 3.814 Emphasis in sustainability and energy

Professional Experience Researcher, University of Michigan Ann Arbor: Innovation for Impact, Climate Change

2022

Selected for the Center of Entrepreneurship's yearlong 2022 Climate Change course, I will gain formal training on CCUS technologies and the financial landscape while conducting research with an emerging startup to incorporate geothermal technologies into their industrial optimization decision model.

Research Intern, Boundless Impact Research & Analytics

Fall 2021

Researched emerging sustainable technologies across diverse industries to write and present professional annual industry financial briefs to a hub of impact leaders at a sustainability-oriented and life cycle assessment investment firm.

Undergraduate Complexity Researcher, Santa Fe Institute

Summer 2021

Selected to be in the Undergraduate Complexity Research Program (formerly REU). Collaborated with faculty and PhD members on a self-created research project utilizing Tableau and R on The Dynamics of Company Waste with Analysis on Environmental Impact Scaling.

Lab Researcher II, ASSET Lab, University of Michigan Ann Arbor

2021

Researched, designed, and developed a multi-objective optimization model in Python incorporating workforce analysis analyzing the retirement of coal plants in the United States. Project was handed off to two graduate students and received funding from the Idaho National Laboratory for further development.

Staff Writer, Michigan Journal of International Affairs

2021

Staff writer in the Europe region covering technical sustainability topics with a geopolitical perspective. Recent pieces include analysis of the world's first energy island in Denmark and the development of hydrogen in Europe.

Lab Researcher I, ASSET Lab, *University of Michigan Ann Arbor*

2019-2021

Conducted research on renewable energy capacity values in a National Assessment of Wind and Solar Resources. Created a realistic Python power system model, collaborated across technical disciplines, and synthesized results into a peer reviewed research paper.

Software Intern, Microsoft

Summer 2019

Served alongside software engineers, attorneys, and product managers to identify product data blind spots in the Microsoft Office division and create and deploy a widely adopted (200k+ downloads) open-source user-friendly telemetry package.

Publications & Reports

2021

Bromley-Dulfano, I., **Florez**, **J**., & Craig, M. T. (2021). Reliability benefits of wide-area renewable energy planning across the Western United States. *Renewable Energy*, *179*, 1487-1499.

Florez, J. (Winter 2021) Shifting Winds of Power. Michigan Journal of International Affairs.

Research Presentations

2021

Florez, J. The Dynamics of Company Waste with Analysis on Environmental Impact Scaling *Santa Institute REU Research Talk.* Santa Fe, NM

Bromley-Dulfano, I. **Florez**, **J.**, & Craig, M. T. Reliability benefits of wide-area renewable energy planning across the Western United States. *International Symposium on Sustainable Systems and Technology*. Portland, OR

Bromley-Dulfano, I. **Florez**, **J.**, & Craig, M. T. Reliability benefits of wide-area renewable energy planning across the Western United States. *Michigan University-wide Sustainability and Environment Conference*. Ann Arbor, MI

Bromley-Dulfano, I. **Florez**, **J.**, & Craig, M. T. Reliability benefits of wide-area renewable energy planning across the Western United States. *University of Michigan Engineering Research Symposium*. Ann Arbor, MI

Bromley-Dulfano, I. **Florez, J.**, & Craig, M. T. Reliability benefits of wide-area renewable energy planning across the Western United States. *University Research Opportunity Program Summer Symposium*. Ann Arbor, MI

Honors & Achievements

Innovation for Impact: 2022 Climate Change Cohort member

2022

Emerging Leader Verge 21, GreenBiz

2021 2021

University Research Blue Ribbon Award, University of Michigan

2020-2021

Boeing Industry Merit Scholarship

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Alumni Merit Scholarship

2019-present

Dean's List, University of Michigan

2019-present

Office Add-ins Telemetry package, Microsoft

2019

Languages & Skills

Software Development and Data Analysis:

• C++, Python, Java, R, Tableau, Typescript

Languages:

• English: Native

• Spanish: Basic

• German: Beginner