James Woods

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Education

University of California, Davis, Davis, CA

Ph.D., Economics, 2003

University of The Pacific, Stockton, CA

B.Sc., Economics, 1991

Selected Employment and Governance Boards

Assistant Professor

2014 - Current

Portland State University

Portland, OR

Courses Taught: Engineering Economics, Energy Economics, Public Utility Economics, Project Evaluation, Behavioral Economics, Graduate Microeconomic Theory

Supervision of multiple theses, term papers, most often in energy economics and program evaluation. Major grants from the California Energy Commission on residental consumer behavior.

Owner Behavioral Economics

2001 - Current

Portland, OR

Small consultancy focusing on energy efficiency evaluation.

Projects include evaluation of:

- Time-of-Use tariffs for Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) with report to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)
- Kilowatt Crackdown with presentation and delivery to Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA).

Member

External Review Board, Energy
Trust of Oregon

2017 - Current

Portland, OR

This is an appointed possition that provides external review of evaluations to ensure quality and validity of program evaluations.

Commissioner

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

2012 - 2013

Salem, OR

I was appointed to this rule making body by Governor Kitzhaber.

Major acomplishments include:

- Passage of OARs related to the Office of Degree Authorization
- Funding formulas for Oregon's public universities and community colleges and;
- A report on textbook cost.

Director

Parkrose Board of Education

2005 - 2013

Portland, OR

This is an elected possition. I spent six years as either chair or vice-chair.

Supervision of budget process, policy development, handling of constituent concerns, townhalls, lobbying state, county and city elected officials.

Major Acomplishments:

- Passage of construction bond,
- Sucessful construction of a new middle school,

- A variety of policies that were later adopted statewide.
- Establishing the ACE Academy for Architecture, Construction and Engineering

Selected Projects HB 4058 Report To Legislature on Textbook Affordability:

Chaired a report to the legislature on a short, 3-month timeline. Recruited workgroup. Negotiated with OUS for staffing, held multiple public hearings, and produced recomendations.

The legislature did not provide a budget for this report and had not allocated funds to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission at that time. The primary difficulty was recruiting a volunteer panel and staff and producing recomendations in three months when efforts in other states were given a year or more.

Economics of Improved Indoor Air Quality and the Use of Construction Methods that Promote Building Durability in Affordable Multi-Family Dwellings:

This was three projects in one and combined:

- A cost effectivness evaluation with priors on installation and damage rates
- A Bayesian method to estimate the costs of indoor airpolution.
- Several Multi-hour interviews of maintance supervisors.

I took this project with the Portland Development Commission over after the project started. I developed a work plan; hired students with needed expertise in organic chemistry, content analysis, ethnographic interviews and Bayesian statistics and; and managed the project to completion.