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CURRENT POSITION

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA
Emmett/Frankel Fellow, Sep. 2025 – Jun. 2027

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL
J.D., Honors, May 2025

- **Selected Awards:** Kreisman Fellowship in Urban Studies (2023-2024); Francis S. Kosmerl Fellow (2022-2023); Dean's Award for best exam in Contracts (2023); Pro Bono Service Award
- **Selected Activities:** Research Assistant, Professor Joshua C. Macey; Research Assistant, Austin Peters; Bigelow Fellow.

Pomona College, Claremont, CA
B.A., Economics and Politics, Cum Laude, May 2021

- **Selected Awards:** Cook Prize for Economic Contributions (2021); Mercatus Center's Don Lavoie Fellow (2020-2021); Brystine Prize for Economic Reasoning (2020)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Primary: Energy Law; Environmental Law, Administrative Law
Secondary: Torts; Contracts; Bankruptcy; Business Organizations

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Utility Filing Rights and the Grid's Governance Problem, 136 Yale Law Journal (2027, forthcoming) (co-authored with Joshua C. Macey).

Lessons from a National Transmission Planner, 44 UCLA Journal of Environmental Law & Policy (2026, forthcoming).

Towards a National Transmission Planning Authority, 49 Harvard Environmental Law Review 79 (2025) (with Joshua C. Macey).

Taking Psychology Seriously? A Self-Determination Theory Perspective on Sugden's Opportunity Criterion, 31 Journal of Economic Methodology 124 (2024) (with Malte F. Dold & Mark Fabian).

Opportunity, not Welfare: How Behavioral Insights Should Lead to a Reorientation of the Normative Foundation in Law and Economics, 142 Journal of Contextual Economics 21 (2022) (with Malte F. Dold).

Novel Legal Challenges to Danish Ghetto Laws: A Tripartite Approach, 5 Amherst College Law Review 96 (2021).

[Book Review] *Public Entrepreneurship, Citizenship, and Self-Governance*, 183 Journal of Public Choice 443 (2020) (with Malte F. Dold).

Towards a Just Finance Sector: The Merits of State-Owned Banks, 7 Claremont Journal of Law & Public Policy 20 (2019).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The New Vertically Integrated Utility. (job market paper).

Assessing the Science, Law, and Ethics of Caribbean Coral Introduction Strategies. (with Alejandro Camacho, Mikhail Matz, Andrew Baker and Ronald Sandler).

POLICY REPORTS & WHITEPAPERS

Offshore Wind in California: Lessons from China's Policy Strategy. With Alex Wang. UCLA (2026, forthcoming).

Non-Pipeline Alternatives to Accelerate California's Gas Transition: Evaluating the Home Energy Choice Act. With Maeve Anderson. UCLA Emmett Institute (2026)

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The Price of Resilience: Understanding Wildfire Cost Allocation in the Transmission Context. UCLA Emmett Institute (2026)
A Roadmap for Zonal Decarbonization in California: Addressing the Legal and Practical Hurdles of SB 1221. UCLA Emmett Institute (2026)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, San Francisco, CA
Summer & Fall Law Clerk, Jun. 2024 - Dec. 2024
Our Children's Trust, Eugene, OR
Summer Law Clerk, Jun. 2023 - Aug. 2023

REFERENCES

Joshua Macey, Professor of Law, Yale Law School. Joshua.macey@yale.edu
Lisa Bernstein, Wilson-Dickinson Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School.
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Alex Wang, Professor of Law, UCLA Law School. alex.wang@law.ucla.edu
Lee Fennell, Max Pam Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School. lfennell@uchicago.edu
William Boyd, Professor of Law, UCLA Law School. boyd@law.ucla.edu