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Appointments

MIT, Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research, Visiting Scholar	Spring 2024
Boston College, Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure) 2023 -	
Boston College, Environmental Studies, Affiliated Faculty	2019 -
University of Chicago, Energy Policy Institute, Visiting Scholar	Spring 2018
Boston College, Assistant Professor of Economics	2015 - 2023

Education

Ph.D. Public Policy, Harvard University	2015
Dissertation: <i>Essays on Industry Response to Energy and Environmental Policy</i>	
Committee: Joseph Aldy, Erich Muehlegger, Ariel Pakes, Robert Stavins (chair)	
B.S., Economics and Political Science, Boston College, <i>magna cum laude</i>	2004

Publications

Aldy, Joseph, Todd D. Gerarden and Richard L. Sweeney (2023), "Investment versus Output Subsidies: Implications of Alternative Incentives for Wind Energy." *The Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*; 10 (4).

Covert, Thomas R., and Richard L. Sweeney (2023), "Relinquishing Riches: Auctions vs Informal Negotiations in Texas Oil and Gas Leasing." *The American Economic Review*; 113 (3).

Sweeney, Richard L., "Environmental Regulation, Imperfect Competition and Market Spillovers: The Impact of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments on the US Oil Refining Industry."

Grants and Awards

BC Schiller Institute "Wind Uncertainty and Capacity Planning During the Energy Transition" (Co-PI, \$50,000)	2023
EPA-RFF "Retrospective Analysis of Federal Environmental Regulation"	2021
NBER-Sloan "Economics of Innovation in the Energy Sector" conference	2020

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Macro*, *Energy Economics*, *Energy Journal*, *International Economic Review*, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, *Journal of Energy Engineering*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Housing Economics*, *Journal of the Industrial Economics*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Management Science*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Science*

Other Experience

Resources for the Future, Research Assistant
Cornerstone Research, Analyst

2007 - 2009
2005 - 2007

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