

Kara Walter

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Economics
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EDUCATION:

- 2018 Ph.D. Economics from University of New Mexico (Expected)
 Dissertation: *Essays on Preferences for Environmental and Resource Goods*.
 Chairs: Janie M Chermak and Jennifer Thacher
 Members: Brady Horn and Shana McDermott
 Major: Environmental and Resource Economics; Minor: Sustainable Development
- 2013 MA Economics from University of New Mexico
- 2011 BA Economics and Finance from University of Southern Indiana (AACSB Accredited)

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE:

Research Assistant for Janie M Chermak and Jennifer Thacher (NM EPSCoR)

- 2014-17 Energize New Mexico
2012-14 Climate Change Impacts on NM's Water Sources

Instructor (course size in parenthesis; * denotes online course)

- Introductory Macroeconomics* Spring 2017 (88)
Environmental Economics Fall 2016 (32)
Introductory Microeconomics* Spring 2016 (81), Intersession 2015 (45), Fall 2015 (76)
Introductory Macroeconomics Spring 2014 (6), Fall 2013 (35)

Graduate and Teaching Assistant

- Introductory Microeconomics Summer 2015*
Introductory Macroeconomics Lab TA for 3 sections each Fall 2017, Spring 2012
Assist with Intro Assessment Fall 2011

FELLOWSHIPS and SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2017-18 UNM Center for Regional Studies Graduate Fellowship and Scholarship
2017-18 UNM Engaged Pedagogy Graduate Fellowship
2011-17 UNM Economics Department Assistantship and Tuition Scholarship

AREAS of INTEREST:

Applied microeconomics, environmental and natural resource economics, consumer theory, economic valuation, applied econometrics

WORKING PAPERS

- “Willingness to Pay for Energy Plans: Exploring heterogeneity in a state with fossil fuel production” with Jennifer Thacher, and Janie M Chermak.
- “Differences of Opinion: How Preferences for the Environment Differ Across Observable Factors” with Janie M Chermak and Jennifer Thacher
- “The Effect of Wildfires on National Park Visitation: A Historical Analysis of Intermountain Region”
- “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” with Janie M Chermak.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

- 2017 Difference of Opinion: How Preferences for the Environment Differ Across Observable Factors” Kara Walter, Janie M Chermak, and Jennifer Thacher. 6th Annual NM Research Symposium, Albuquerque, NM. November 4th
- “Differences in Energy Preferences: Examining willingness to pay for energy plans in New Mexico,” Kara Walter, Jennifer Thacher, and Janie M. Chermak. Association for University Business and Economic Research (AUBER) Fall 2017 Conference, Albuquerque, NM. October 22nd.
- 2016 “Willingness to pay for Clean Power Plan: Evaluating New Mexico’s option to meet requirements.” Walter, Kara, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. 5th Annual NM Research Symposium, Albuquerque, NM. November 5th. (Abstract Published in *The New Mexico Journal of Science* Volume 50)
- “‘The Effect of Wildfires on National Park Visitation: A Historical Analysis of Intermountain Region Data.’” Walter, Kara. 5th International Fire Behavior and Fuels Conference, Portland, OR. April 11-14.
- 2015 “Optimal Forest Management: A Dynamic Analysis to Promote Healthy Forests and Economic Development.” Walter, Kara. 4th Annual Human Dimensions of Wildfire Conference, Boise, ID, April 20-24
- 2014 “The Cost of a Wildfire.” Walter, Kara and Janie M Chermak. Large Wildland Fires: Social, Political, & Social Effects Conference, Missoula, MT, May 19-23
- “‘The Cost of a Wildfire.’” Walter, Kara and Janie M Chermak. 56th Annual Western Social Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, April 2-5
- 2013 “The Cost of a Wildfire.” Walter, Kara and Janie M Chermak. 88th Annual Western Economic Association International Conference, Seattle, WA June 28-July 2

Poster and Other Presentations

- 2017 “Willingness to Pay to meet Clean Power Plan Requirements: Evaluating New Mexico’s Options” Walter, Kara, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. EPSCoR All Hands Meeting, April 27th. Poster.
- 2016 “Preferences on Energy Sources and Tradeoffs: Accounting for Variance Across New Mexico.” Walter, Kara, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. New Mexico Academy of Science’s Research Symposium, November 27th. Poster. (Abstract Published in *The New Mexico Journal of Science* Volume 50)

- “Preferences on Energy Sources and Tradeoffs: Accounting for Variance Across New Mexico.” Walter, Kara, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. EPSCoR NSF Site Visit, September 9th. Poster.
- “Preferences on Energy Sources and Tradeoffs: Accounting for Variance Across New Mexico.” Walter, Kara, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. EPSCoR All Hands Meeting, May 9th. Poster.
- 2015 “Preferences on Energy Regulations, Tradeoffs and How They Vary Across New Mexico.” Walter, Kara, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. New Mexico Academy of Science’s Research Symposium, November 14th. Poster. (Abstract Published in *The New Mexico Journal of Science* Volume 49)
- “Preferences on Energy Sources and Tradeoffs: Accounting for Variance Across New Mexico.” Walter, Kara, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. EPSCoR All Hands Meeting, Poster. April 17th. Poster.
- 2014 “Preferences on Energy Sources, Tradeoffs, and How They Vary Across New Mexico.” Walter, Kara, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. New Mexico Academy of Science’s Research Symposium, November 1st. Poster. (Abstract Published in *The New Mexico Journal of Science* Volume 48)
- “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Walter, Kara and Janie M Chermak. The Nature Conservancy WebEx for Western TNC staff. January 13th
- 2013 “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Walter, Kara and Janie M Chermak. Department of Economics, UNM. December 11th. (Field Paper Presentation)
- “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Walter, Kara and Janie M Chermak. New Mexico Academy of Science’s Research Symposium, Albuquerque, NM, November 9th. Poster. (Abstract Published in *The New Mexico Journal of Science* Volume 48)
- “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Walter, Kara and Janie M Chermak. The Nature Conservancy in Santa Fe, NM August 15th.
- “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Walter, Kara and Janie M Chermak. NM EPSCoR Fire and Water Town Hall Final Meeting in El Rito, NM. July 10th.
- “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Walter, Kara and Janie M Chermak. NM EPSCoR All Hands Meeting in Albuquerque, NM, October. Poster

OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 2012 Tutor, Center for Academic Performance and Services (CAPS) at UNM. (Summer Only)
- 2009-11 Study Abroad Ambassador for International Programs and Services at USI

REFERENCES

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