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### **Employment:**

July 2022 to present: David and Jane Flowerree Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Environmental Studies  
Department of Political Science, Tulane University

August 2020 to June 2022: Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

### **Education:**

2020: Ph.D., Sociology  
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2017: M.A., Sociology  
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2012: B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Sociology and Political Science  
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

### **Refereed Journal Articles:**

**Joshua A. Basseches**, Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo, Maxwell T. Boykoff, Trevor Culhane, Galen Hall, Noel Healy, David J. Hess, David Hsu, Rachel M. Krause, Harland Prechel, J. Timmons Roberts, and Jennie C. Stephens (2022). "Climate Conflict in the U.S. States: A Critical Review and Way Forward." *Climatic Change* 170(3).

**Joshua A. Basseches**, Kaitlyn Rubinstein, and Sarah Kulaga (2021). "Coalitions that Clash: California's Climate Leadership and the Perpetuation of Environmental Inequality." *Research in Political Sociology* 28.

**Joshua A. Basseches** (2019). "It Happened Behind Closed Doors: Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 24(3).

### **Manuscripts Under Revision and Under Review:**

**Joshua A. Basseches**. "Who Pays for Environmental Policy? Private Actors and the Design of State-Level Climate Policies." *Under Review*.

**Joshua A. Basseches**, Michael C. Campbell, and Heather Schoenfeld. "Leveraging the Insights of Depth: A Staged Method of Conducting Qualitative Case Studies of American State-Level Policy." *Under Review*.

**Joshua A. Basseches**, Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo, Kayla Gurganus, and Leigh Raymond. "Comparing Public Support for Alternative Climate Policy Designs: A Survey Experiment." *Under Review*.

## **Manuscripts in Preparation:**

**Joshua A. Basseches.** “Buying Off Business: The Politics of Climate and Renewable Energy Policy Design in the U.S. States.” *Book Manuscript in Preparation.*

Galen Hall, Trevor Culhane, Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo, and **Joshua A. Basseches.** “Unveiling Interest Group Preferences in the American States: New Evidence from Lobbying Disclosures and Legislative Testimony.” *Article Manuscript in Preparation.*

## **Encyclopedia Entries:**

**Joshua A. Basseches** (Forthcoming). “Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS).” *Elgar Encyclopedia of Climate Policy.*

## **Book Reviews:**

**Joshua A. Basseches** (2021). Review of Emine Fidan Elcioglu, *Divided by The Wall: Progressive and Conservative Immigration Politics at the U.S.-Mexico Border* (University of California Press, 2020) in *Contemporary Sociology.*

## **Research Grants:**

- Summer 2021:           **CSSN Research Grant (\$38,000)**  
Climate Social Science Network, Brown University
- Summer 2021:           **REPI Research Grant (\$15,000)**  
Renewable Energy Policy Initiative, Ford School of Public Policy,  
University of Michigan
- Summer 2021:           **CSSN Research Grant (\$26,000)\***  
Climate Social Science Network, Brown University  
\*Co-Investigator, with Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo (Christopher  
Newport University) and Galen Hall (Brown University)
- Summer 2019:           **Small Research Grant for Problem-Solving Sociology (\$1,000)**  
Problem-Solving Sociology Workshop, Northwestern University
- Summer 2018:           **William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies (\$2,500)**  
Centennial Center Grant, American Political Science Association
- Spring 2017:           **Graduate Research Grant (\$3,000)**  
The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- Spring 2017:           **Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Grant (\$1,000)**  
Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University
- Fall 2015:               **Dispute Resolution Research Center Grant (\$1,500)**  
Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
- Spring 2011:           **“Jane’s Travel Grant” for Research in Latin America (\$1,600)**  
Latin American and Latino Studies Program, Brandeis University
- Spring 2011:           **“Undergraduate Research Project” Grant (\$1,000)**  
Office of Academic Fellowships, Brandeis University

## Other Writings:

- August 8, 2022: “The Senate Climate Deal is Huge, But The Harder Work Is Happening in the States, Including The Red Ones.” *The Advocate*.
- April 1, 2022: “The U.S.-Canada (Clean) Electricity Relationship: Challenges and Opportunities in Policy Design and Coordination,” with Nwamaka Ikenze. *North American Colloquium on Climate Policy Invited Paper Series*.
- April 29, 2021: “Washington Will become Second State to Adopt Cap-and-Trade Law. But What Happens Next Really Matters.” *The Washington Wire*.
- March 2, 2021: “The Key to Passing Climate Policy? Rein in (or win over) Utility Monopolies.” *Grist Magazine*.
- Dec. 17, 2020: “Conducting Research ‘Behind Closed Doors.’” *States, Power and Societies* (ASA Political Sociology Section Newsletter).
- Jan. 4, 2020: “David Pettinicchio’s Book Illustrates the Interplay between Activists and Institutional Actors.” *Mobilizing Ideas* Blog.
- Dec. 7, 2018: “How Investor-Owned Utilities Can Be Induced to Support Reforms to Mitigate Climate Change.” *Scholars Strategy Network*.

## Awards:

- Fall 2022: **Faculty Research Award (\$5,000)**  
School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University
- Fall 2021: **University of Michigan Postdoctoral Association Conference Award (\$500)**
- Fall 2019: **Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Lecturer (\$500)**  
Sociology Department, Northwestern University
- Winter 2019: **Sociology Department Nominee, Presidential Fellowship**  
The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- Spring 2012: **Doris Brewer Cohen Endowment Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis (\$2,500)**  
Brandeis University
- University-wide award given annually for best undergraduate honors thesis in the social sciences and humanities

## Invited Talks and Presentations

- “Can We Solve Climate Change Without Cost-Shifting? Insights from a U.S. Policy Perspective.”
- October 2022: Problem-Solving Sociology Initiative, Northwestern University
- “State Legislators’ Quarterly Climate Solutions Call.” *Climate XChange*.
- September 2022: Climate XChange invited presentation for state legislators and legislative staff, focused on investor-owned utilities’ role in policymaking.

“Climate Obstruction at the State Level as the Inflation Reduction Act Moves to Implementation.”

- September 2022: Climate Social Science Network, Brown University

“North American Electricity and Energy Security.” North American Colloquium (NAC) on Climate Policy Series.

- March 2022: Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

“Environmental Justice.” Public Policy and Institutional Discrimination Series.

- March 2022: Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

Early-Career Researcher Panel - Panelist

- February 2022: Michigan University-wide Sustainability and Environment Conference

“Whither American Climate Policy? Lessons from the Trump Presidency and State Policy Engagement.”

- December 2020: Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

“Legislative Institutions and Political Inequality” - Guest Lecture

- March 2020: “Institutions and Society,” Prof. Jean Clipperton, Northwestern University

“Climate Change: Why Should You Care?” - Panelist

- January 2020: Residential College Board, Northwestern University

“Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies.”

- May 2019: Young Scholars Conference, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

Early Draft of Dissertation Prospectus

- June 2017: The Tobin Project’s Prospectus Development Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

“Informal Mechanisms for Legislative Control”

- April 2017: Law and Democracy Graduate Student Conference, Brown Legal Studies Program, Brown University, Providence, RI

### **Conference and Workshop Participation:**

“Unveiling Interest Group Preferences in the American States: New Evidence from Lobbying Disclosures and Legislative Testimony.”

- April 2022: State Politics and Policy Conference, American Political Science Association (APSA), Tallahassee, FL

“Who Pays for Environmental Policy? Private Actors and the Design of State-Level Climate Policies.”

- January 2022: Economic Sociology and Organizations Workshop, University of Michigan Sociology Department, Ann Arbor, MI
- November 2021: Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- October 2021: Sociology Department Colloquium Series, Northwestern University

- August 2021: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (Held Virtually, Due to COVID-19), Environmental Policy Regular Session
- June 2021: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual American Political Economy Summer School, Yale University (Held Virtually, Due to COVID-19)
- April 2021: Economic Sociology and Organizations Workshop, University of Michigan Sociology Department, Ann Arbor, MI
- January 2021: Social Movements/Political Sociology Workshop, University of Michigan Sociology Department, Ann Arbor, MI

“Canadian Hydro Imports and the Role of Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) Policy Design in the Northeast U.S. States.”

- June 2021: North American Colloquium on Climate Policy Authors’ Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

“Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies.” [Various Drafts]

- August 2020: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (Held Virtually, Due to COVID-19), Political Sociology Section Session on “The Politics of Climate Change”
- January 2020: Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- November 2019: Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2019: Political Sociology Mini-Conference, New York, NY
- April 2019: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Coalitions that Clash: California’s Climate Leadership and the Perpetuation of Environmental Inequality.” First Author, with Kaitlyn Rubinstein and Sarah M. Kulaga.

- May 2020: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Power to the People? Theorizing the Challenges to Social Movement Influence in the Legislative Process,” with Brayden G. King [Various Drafts]

- April 2019: Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2018: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Social Movements Regular Session
- May 2017: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- May 2017: First Annual *Mobilization* Conference, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

“The Devil Is in the Details: Accounting for Variation in the Quality of State-Level Climate Policy”

- June 2018: State Politics and Policy Conference, American Political Science Association (APSA), Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

“‘It Happened Behind Closed Doors’: Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation.”

- May 2017: “Law in Motion” Conference, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- February 2017: Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Workshop, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- November 2016: Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2016: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, Environmental Policy Regular Session
- March 2016: Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- February 2016: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Environmental Policymaking in Massachusetts”

- April 2015: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

### **Conference Panels Organized:**

August 2023: “Regular Session on Environmental Policy,” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

November 2021: “Environmental Policy in Subnational Contexts,” Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

### **Media Mentions (Selected):**

- December 1, 2022: I was interviewed by *WWL-TV* for a story about French President Macron’s state visit and what was on the agenda for he and Biden climate policy-wise.
- September 27, 2022: I was quoted in a story published by *Business Insider*, “Families in Over 20 States are Scrambling to Place a Bet on What Their Energy Bills Will Be in the Future. A Wrong Decision Could Cost Them Hundreds of Dollars.”
- September 23, 2022: *Climate XChange* interviewed me to inform their “policy primer” entitled, “The Grid Isn’t Broken, But Still Needs Fixing”
- September 21, 2022: I was quoted in a story in the *Louisiana Illuminator*, entitled “What Hinders Louisiana’s Shift Toward Renewable Energy? Voters Say Their Congressional Leaders.”
- September 14, 2022: I was quoted in a *Bloomberg Law* story on the rollout of the Inflation Reduction Act and the role of state and local officials in implementation.
- September 14, 2022: I was interviewed about the Inflation Reduction Act on *Louisiana Considered*, a program of Louisiana Public Radio.
- August 23, 2022: I was quoted in a *New England Climate Dispatch* story on a ballot campaign in Maine for a measure aiming to establish a statewide consumer-owned utility.

- August 14, 2022: I was quoted in a *The Advocate* story about investor-owned utilities' resource planning process, and impacts on electricity customers.
- August 13, 2022: I was quoted in a *Business Insider* story about the fossil fuel friendly provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act.
- August 8, 2022: "The Senate Climate Deal is Huge, But The Harder Work Is Happening in the States, Including The Red Ones." *The Advocate*.
- August 2, 2022: I was quoted in a *New England Climate Dispatch* story on utility campaign contributions.
- July 15, 2022: I was quoted in an *E&E News* story on the changing nature of the electric utility business.
- March 31, 2022: I was quoted in a *Renewable Energy World* story on the solar industry's public criticism of Biden over tariffs.
- June 10, 2021: *State and Hill Magazine* interviewed me about the Texas electricity crisis for a story about trust in government.
- April 29, 2021: *The Washington Wire* published my commentary on that state's recently passed climate law.
- March 2, 2021: *Grist Magazine* published my opinion on the political power of investor-owned utilities.
- July 18, 2020: *Environment Massachusetts* cited my research in a blog post entitled, "100% Renewable Is What's Needed for Massachusetts."

### **Teaching:**

- Fall 2022: **"Activism and Lawmaking in the U.S." (POLA 4010); "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Climate Change?" (EVST 4410)**  
[Tulane University]
- Fall 2021: **"Environmental Politics and Policy" (PUBPOL 312/POLISCI 380/ENIVRON 312)**  
[University of Michigan]
- Spring 2019: **"Activism and Lawmaking in the U.S." (SOC 392/LEGAL ST 376)**  
[Northwestern University]

### **Other Service to the Discipline**

- Spring 2022: **Committee Member, Olsen Best Student Paper Award**  
Environmental Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

### **University & Departmental Service [Tulane University]:**

- Fall 2022: Secretary, Department of Political Science  
Syllabus Reviewer, CIEE Study Abroad Program

### **University & Departmental Service [Northwestern University]:**

- 2016-2020: **Graduate Affiliate, Public Affairs Residential College**

- 2015-2019: **Sociology Department Undergraduate Affairs Committee**
- 2016-2019: **Student Co-Coordinator, Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop** (Faculty Organizer: Brayden G. King)
- 2016-2019: **Student Coordinator, Problem-Solving Sociology Workshop** (Faculty Organizer: Monica Prasad)
- 2016-2018: **Sociology Graduate Student Association First-year Mentorship Committee**
- Fall 2016: **Student Co-Coordinator, Sociology Departmental Salon**

### **Student Supervision:**

Claire Keckley [Tulane University], Environmental Studies, Undergraduate Thesis, Chair

Michael Barnes [University of Michigan], Program in the Environment (PITE), Undergraduate Thesis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader (Sara Soderstrom, Chair)

### **Professional Affiliations & Activities:**

- 2020-present: **Co-Chair, U.S. State Politics Working Group, Climate Social Science Network**
- 2019-present: **Contributing Editor, *Mobilizing Ideas Blog***, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame
- 2018-present: **Member, Scholars Strategy Network**

#### **American Sociological Association**

Section Memberships:

Political Sociology; Environmental Sociology; Collective Behavior & Social Movements; Comparative-Historical Sociology; Sociology of Law

#### **American Political Science Association**

Section Memberships:

American Political Economy; Public Policy; State Politics & Policy; Science, Technology & Environmental Politics

#### **Social Science History Association**

#### **Southern Political Science Association**

**Periodic Reviewer For:** *Energy Research and Social Science, Nature Communications, Climatic Change, American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Environmental Politics, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Regulation and Governance, Review of Policy Research, Social Forces, Social Problems, Contemporary Sociology, Sociological Forum, Sociological Perspectives, The Sociological Quarterly, Joule, State and Local Government Review, Governance*

**Languages:** English, Spanish

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