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### EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Virginia Expected May 2024  
Committee: Jonathan Colmer [jmc4qg@virginia.edu](mailto:jmc4qg@virginia.edu) (434) 924-3525  
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M.A., Economics, University of Virginia December 2019  
B.A., Economics, Virginia Tech  
Double Major in Spanish May 2018

### FIELDS OF INTEREST:

Environmental Economics, Public Economics, Agricultural Economics, Urban Economics

### WORKING PAPERS:

"The Displacement Effect of Regulating Land Development: Evidence from  
Municipal Stormwater Permits" (Job Market Paper)  
"Returns to Land Use and Voluntary Conservation: Evidence from the Renewable  
Fuel Standard"  
"Bans without Bite: Unabated Stubble Burning in India", with Aashutosh Aryal  
(UVA), Venkataraman Lakshmi (UVA), and Sheetal Sekhri (UVA)

### WORKS IN PROGRESS:

"The Local Public Finance of Unfunded Mandates"  
"The Environmental and Economic Effects of Mountaintop Removal Mining in  
Central Appalachia", with Jessica Montgomery (UVA)  
"Productivity Loss and Adaptation to Agricultural Fire Pollution" with Aashutosh  
Aryal (UVA), Venkataraman Lakshmi (UVA), and Sheetal Sekhri (UVA)

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

*Teaching Assistant*, University of Virginia

Econ 3110, Mathematical Microeconomics (Prof. Maxim Engers) Fall 2019, Fall 2020  
Econ 3720, Introduction to Econometrics (Prof. Karim Chalak) Spring 2020  
Econ 4430, Environmental Economics (Prof. Sheetal Sekhri) Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023  
Econ 3430, Economics of Sustainability and the Environment (Prof. William Shobe) Fall 2021, Fall 2022

*Teaching Assistant*, Virginia Tech

ECON 3104, Microeconomic Theory (Prof. Gerelt Tserenjigmid) Spring 2017, Spring 2018  
SPAN 3304, Introduction to Hispanic Literature (Prof. Annie Hesp) Fall 2017  
SPAN 3524, Introduction to Spanish Translation (Prof. Annie Hesp) Winter 2017-18

### PRESENTATIONS:

Southern Economic Association Conference (scheduled) November 2023  
SWEET, Atlanta, Georgia (egg timer) October 2023

Camp Resources XXIX, Asheville, NC	August 2023
AERE Summer Conference	May-June 2023
University of Virginia, 10 <sup>th</sup> Economics Research Colloquium	May 2023
Eastern Economics Association Conference	February 2023
North Carolina DEQ Wow Stormwater Webinar	January 2023
2021 Berkeley/Sloan Summer School in Environmental and Energy Economics (egg timer)	August 2021
University of Virginia, 8 <sup>th</sup> Economics Research Colloquium	May 2021

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**

Bankard Pre-Doctoral Fellowship	2023-24
UVA Center for Real Estate and the Built Environment Seed Grant	Spring 2023
PERC Graduate Fellowship, Bozeman, MT	Summer 2022
Excellence in Diversity Award, Economics Department, University of Virginia	2022
Graduate Student Affiliate, UVA Quantitative Collaborative	Spring 2021-Present
Snively Award for Outstanding Summer Paper, Economics Department, University of Virginia	2020

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Labor/Public Economics Student Workshop at UVA, Co-Founder and Co-Organizer	June 2021-June 2023
9 <sup>th</sup> Economics Research Colloquium, University of Virginia, Co-Organizer	May 2022
Referee: <i>Journal of Environmental Economics and Management</i>	

**COMPUTING SKILLS:**

STATA, R, LaTeX, QGIS