

# JACQUELYN PLESS

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### ACADEMIC ROLES & AFFILIATIONS

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- 2019 - MIT Sloan School of Management, Assistant Professor of Technological Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Strategic Management
- 2019 - University of Oxford, Honorary Research Associate with the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment
- 2016-19 University of Oxford, Oxford Martin Fellow & Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute for New Economic Thinking, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, Oxford Martin Programme on Integrating Renewable Energy, Research Associate of OxCarre (Economics)
- Fall 2018 Harvard University, Visiting Researcher in the Kennedy School of Government, Postdoctoral Affiliate of the Harvard Environmental Economics Program
- 2015 The Wharton School & Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, University of Pennsylvania, Research Assistant to Arthur van Benthem

### EDUCATION

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- 2012-16 Colorado School of Mines, Ph.D. in Mineral & Energy Economics
- 2012-14 Colorado School of Mines, M.S. in Mineral & Energy Economics
- 2005-09 University of Vermont, Honors College, B.A. in Economics and Political Science

### RESEARCH FIELDS

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Economics of innovation, energy and environmental economics, public economics, applied econometrics

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2017-19 Quartz Associates, Head of Analysis
- 2013-16 National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Joint Institute for Strategic Energy Analysis, Research Economist
- 2010-13 National Conference of State Legislatures, Energy Policy Specialist
- 2009-10 Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Legislative Assistant
- 2008 The World Bank, Chief Economist's Office of the Human Development Network, Intern

### PUBLICATIONS AND ACCEPTED PAPERS

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Pless, J., van Benthem, A. "Pass-Through as a Test for Market Power: An Application to Solar Subsidies", *NBER Working Paper No. 23260* [forthcoming in ***American Economic Journal: Applied Economics***]

Hepburn, C., Pless, J., Popp, D., 2018. "Encouraging Innovation that Protects Environmental Systems: Five Policy Proposals," ***Review of Environmental Economics and Policy***, 12(1), 154-169.

- Heidari-Robinson, S., Heywood, S., and Pless, J., 2018. "How to Make Your Post-Merger Reorg a Success", *Harvard Business Review* [online article only].
- McKenna E., Pless J., and Darby S., 2018. "Solar photovoltaic self-consumption in the UK residential sector: new estimates from a smart grid demonstration project," *Energy Policy* 118.
- Pless J., Fell, H., 2017. "Bribes, Bureaucracies, and Blackouts: Towards Understanding How Firm-Level Corrupt Behavior Impacts Electricity Reliability," *Resource and Energy Economics*, 47, 36-55.
- Pless J., Arent D., Cochran J., Logan J., and Zinaman O., 2016. "Quantifying the value of investing in distributed natural gas and renewable electricity systems as complements: Applications of discounted cash flow and real options analysis with stochastic inputs," *Energy Policy* 97.
- Sigrin B., Pless J., and Drury E., 2015. "Diffusion into new markets: Evolving customer segments in the solar photovoltaics market," *Environmental Research Letters*.
- Arent D., Pless J., Mai T., Wiser R., Hand M., Baldwin S., Heath G., Macknick J., Bazilian M, Schlosser A., and Denholm P., 2014. "Implications of high renewable electricity penetration in the U.S. for water use, greenhouse gas emissions, land-use, and materials supply," *Applied Energy*.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- "Are 'Complementary Policies' Substitutes? Evidence from R&D Subsidies in the UK" (**JMP**)
- "Disentangling Uncertainty and Salience: The Case of Solar Self-Consumption" (with Eoghan McKenna)
- "Mission Innovation, Not Mission Impossible" (with C. Hepburn, J. Rhys, and N. Farrell) [**R&R with Nature Energy**]
- "Is This the End of Conventional Wholesale Electricity Markets?" (with N. Farrell, C. Hepburn, and J. Rhys) [**submitted**]
- "Information Searching in the Residential Solar PV Market" [**R&R with The Energy Journal**] (with H. Fell and B. Sigrin)
- "Steering the Climate: Comment" (with L. Mattauch, R. Millar, F. van der Ploeg, A. Rezai, A. Schultes, F. Venmans, N. Bauer, S. Dietz, O. Edenhofer, N. Farrell, C. Hepburn, G. Luderer, F. Spuler, N. Stern, and A. Teytelboym)

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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- "The Impact of Environmental Policy on Firms in China" (with Yangsiyu Lu)
- "R&D Subsidy Interactions and Directed Technological Change"
- "Directed Technological Change: Evidence from Horizon 2020" (with Myra Mohnen and Ralf Martin)
- "Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Energy Sector" (with David Popp, Ivan Hascic, and Nick Johnstone)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2018, 19 | Lecturer, Environmental Economics Session, Financing Sustainable Energy Futures, University of Oxford   |
| 2018     | Guest Lecturer, Econometrics, Quantitative Skills Module (MSc), University of Oxford<br>Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Economics (D.Phil short course), University of Oxford |
| 2017, 18 | Grader, Energy Markets (MBA), University of Oxford  |
| 2016     | Graduate Teaching Assistant, Principles of Economics (undergrad), CSM   |
| 2015, 16 | Guest Lecturer, "So, you want to 'do' econometrics?" (PhD), CSM   |

## SELECT HONORS & AWARDS

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2018	Marie Curie Fellowship, mobility grant
2016	Hubert and Sarah Risser Award for “outstanding academic and co-curricular performance”, CSM Division of Economics and Business
2015	P.E.O Scholar Award, an international merit-based award for “women who are expected to make significant contributions to their fields”
2014	Finalist, IAEE Best Student Paper Award
2012-13,15	Darlene Regina Pauli Scholarship, CSM Division of Economics and Business
2009	Gersten Award given by the Department of Economics, Univ. of Vermont, to “a senior demonstrating outstanding academic achievement in economics”
2008	Milton J. Nadworny Award given by the Department of Economics, Univ. of Vermont, for “academic merit, independence of mind, determination, intellectual curiosity, and commitment to human welfare”

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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2015	Center for Sustainable Energy Research Grant (\$35,000)
2014	National Renewable Energy Laboratory Research Grant (\$46,000)
2013	Joint Institute for Strategic Energy Analysis Research Grant (\$18,200)

## ACADEMIC SEMINAR & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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*\* indicates scheduled*

2020	Boston University (Questrom Business School, Strategy & Innovation Group)*, Clemson University (Economics)*
2019	University of California-Berkeley (EEE)*, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Applied Economics and Weston Roundtable Series)*, NBER Summer Institute (Innovation and EEE), Camp Resources, GRI/CEP/STICERD Symposium on Technical Change, Innovation, and Climate, CEPR/LSE/EBRD Conference on Environmental Economics and the Green Transition (discussant), AERE Summer Conference (Lake Tahoe), Toulouse School of Economics, IZA Workshop on Environment and Labor Markets, MIT Sloan (TIES), Imperial College London, Georgia Tech, U. of Western Ontario (Ivey Business School), LSU, UT Arlington, Texas A&M, University of Maryland (AREC), Brookings Institution
2018	Harvard (HEEP/HKS), ASSA (Philadelphia), Royal Economic Society (Brighton), Oxford (Economics), Oxford (Nuffield), WCERE (Gothenburg), University of Kansas (Economics)
2017	Oxford (Economics), AERE Summer Conference (Pittsburgh), IAEE (Singapore), University of Sussex (SPRU), Oxford (INET)
2016	University of Cambridge (Judge Business School & Faculty of Economics), Oxford (Säid Business School), University of Manchester (Economics), AERE Summer Conference (Breckenridge), North Carolina State University (ARE), Colorado State University (DARE), CU-Boulder (Economics), CSM (Economics), Front Range Energy Workshop (Golden)
2015	AERE Summer Conference (San Diego), University College London, CU-Boulder (Economics), CU-Boulder Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop (Vail), University of Vermont (Economics), Front Range Energy Workshop (Boulder)
2014	IAEE Best Student Paper Competition (New York), CSM (Economics)

## **OTHER SELECT PRESENTATIONS & INVITED WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION**

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2019	Colorado Technology Primer for Economists and Social Scientists
2017	Harnessing International Cooperation to Advance Clean Energy Innovation (Council on Foreign Relations), National Renewable Energy Laboratory Seminar (NREL)
2016	Breaking Carbon Lock-in (CIFF, JISEA), JISEA 2016 Annual Meeting (Golden)
2015	JISEA 2015 Annual Meeting (Golden)
2014	Synergies of Natural Gas and Renewable Energy Workshop (San Antonio), NREL
2013	Midwest Environmental Health Policy Summit (Des Moines)
2012	University of Michigan (Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy), U.S. DOE of Indian Energy, University of Maryland (School of Public Health)

## **DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

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Yangsiyu Lu, University of Oxford (expected graduation year: 2021) (co-advisor)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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**Refereeing:** *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Economics & Management Strategy, Oxford Review of Economic Policy, Ecological Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Resource and Energy Economics, The Energy Journal, Energy Economics, Energy Policy, Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy, WIREs Energy and Environment*

**Memberships:** American Economic Association (AEA), Association of Environmental & Resource Economists (AERE)

### **Conference Organization:**

2018 Co-organizer of “Clean Energy Innovation: Making the Most of R&D Investments” [in partnership with the Energy Policy Institute at Chicago, ClearPath, and ACCF]

### **Other:**

2015-16 Women in Economics & Business, initiated and led discussion group  
2016 USAEE CSM Chapter, Vice President  
2014-15 USAEE CSM Chapter, Secretary

## **SELECT MEDIA COVERAGE**

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Wall Street Journal, “As energy boom nears cities, a backlash grows,” February 27, 2013  
The Denver Post, “As energy boom nears Colorado cities, a backlash grows,” February 27, 2013  
Governing, *Stateline*, “States Scramble to Regulate, Ban Fracking,” May 9, 2012  
The Michigan Daily, “Forum considers fracking in Michigan,” December 3, 2012  
Illinois Public Radio interview on natural gas development in the U.S., 2012  
Ohio Public Radio interview on natural gas development in the U.S., 2012  
NBC-Dallas-Fort Worth, *Vortex*, “Texas Could Lead Way in Fracking Disclosure,” May 13, 2011  
Huffington Post, “Texas Fracking Bill would Be First to Require Public Disclosure of Gas Drilling Chemicals,” May 12, 2011  
Bloomberg Business, “NJ considering ban on fracking despite little gas,” June 28, 2011

## SELECT POLICY BRIEFS & OTHER WRITING

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- Pless J., Langheim R., Machak C., Hellow H., Sigrin B., 2017. *The Price-Concentration Relationship in Early Residential Solar Third-Party Markets*, National Renewable Energy Laboratory.
- Hepburn C., Pless J., Teytelboym A., 2016. Response to the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee Inquiry into the *Economics of UK Energy Policy: A Focus on Electricity*.
- Pless J., Schiele J., 2016. "Why we should think of power grids like fisheries," Oxford Martin School *Opinion*, University of Oxford
- Adams R., Pless J., Arent D., Locklin K., 2016. *Accelerating Clean Energy Commercialization: A Strategic Partnership Approach*, National Renewable Energy Laboratory.
- Carmichael S., Booten C., Robertson J., Chin J., Christensen D., Pless J., Arent D., 2016. *Annual energy savings and thermal comfort of autonomously heated and cooled office chairs*, National Renewable Energy Laboratory.
- Pless J., Arent D., Logan J., Cochran J., Zinaman O., Stark C., 2015. *Pathways to Decarbonization: Natural Gas and Renewable Energy*, National Renewable Energy Laboratory.
- Stark C., Pless J., Logan J., Zhou E., Arent D., 2015. *Renewable Electricity: Insights for the Coming Decade*, National Renewable Energy Laboratory.
- Cowlin S., Heimiller D., Macknick J., Mann M., Pless J., Munoz D., 2014. *Multi-Metric Sustainability Analysis*, National Renewable Energy Laboratory.
- Bazilian, M., Pless, J., 2013. *Increasing Energy Access in Sub-Saharan Africa: Exploring Public-Private Models for Intervention*, Energy+ Technical Working Group.
- Heap, D., Pless, J., 2013. "Clean Energy Finance: Challenges and Opportunities of Early-Stage Energy Investing," National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Dec. 3, 2013.
- Pless, J., 2013. *States Take the Lead on Regulating Hydraulic Fracturing: A Policymaker's Guide*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.
- Pless, J., 2012. *Natural Gas Development and Hydraulic Fracturing*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.
- Pless, J., 2012. *Oil and Gas Severance Taxes: States Work to Alleviate Fiscal Pressures Amid the Natural Gas Boom*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.
- Pless, J., 2012. *Metal Theft Can Threaten U.S. Energy Security: A Hot Issue in 2012*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.
- Pless, J., 2012. "Fracking Fracas," *State Legislatures Magazine*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.
- Pless, J., 2012. "Copper Robbers," *State Legislatures Magazine*, National Conference of State Legislatures, Denver, CO: NCSL.
- Pless, J., 2011. *A Policymaker's Guide to Climate Economics*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.
- Pless, J., 2011. *Making State Gas Pipelines Safe and Reliable: An Assessment of State Policy*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.
- Pless, J., 2011. *Copper Theft Can Cause Major Electrical Outages and Impact Ratepayers: A Hot Issue in 2011*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.
- Pless, J., 2011. *Climate Change: Policy Update 2011*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.
- Pless, J., 2011. *Fracking Update: What States are doing to Ensure Safe Natural Gas Extraction*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.

Pless, J., 2010. *Taxing Natural Gas Production*. National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.

Pless, J., 2010. *Hydraulic Fracturing: What's the Big Fracking Deal?* National Conference of State Legislatures. Denver, CO: NCSL.