

Kara A Walter, Ph.D.
Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor
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EDUCATION

- 2019 PhD Economics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2013 MA Economics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico
2011 BA Economics and Finance, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, Indiana
 Cum Laude; AACSB Accredited College of Business

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019- Assistant Professor of Economics
 Department of Business
 Colorado Mesa University
 Grand Junction, Colorado

2018-19 Visiting Faculty in Economics
 Economics Department
 Gettysburg College
 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

AREAS of INTEREST

- Primary: applied microeconomics, environmental and natural resource economics, applied consumer theory, economic valuation

Secondary: dynamic programming, sustainable development, applied econometrics, applied microeconometrics

Teaching: principles of economics, intermediate microeconomics, applied microeconomics, managerial economics, statistics, quantitative method
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RESEARCH and PUBLICATIONS

Dissertation

- 2019 Walter, Kara A. 2019. “Essays on Preferences for Environmental and Resource Goods.” [Defended and submitted in July 2019.]
University of New Mexico’s Department of Economics
Committee: Janie M Chermak (co-chair), Jennifer Thacher (co-chair),
Shana McDermott, and Brady Horn

Published Abstracts

- 2017 “Difference of Opinion: How Preferences for the Environment Differ Across Observable Factors” Kara A Walter, Janie M Chermak, and Jennifer Thacher. *New Mexico Journal of Science* vol 51 p52 ([Link](#))
- 2017 “Modeling the Energy/Water Nexus in New Mexico” Jamal Mamkhezri, Elmira Kalhor, Katie Zemlick, Janak Joshi, Kara Walter, Na Lu, Jennifer Thacher, and Janie Chermak. *New Mexico Journal of Science* vol 51 p68 ([Link](#))
- 2016 “Willingness to pay to meet the clean power plan requirements: Evaluation of New Mexico’s options to meet the requirements.” Kara Walter, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. *New Mexico Journal of Science* vol 50 p 88. ([Link](#))
- 2015 “Preferences on Energy Regulations, Tradeoffs and How They Vary Across New Mexico” Kara Walter, Jennifer Thacher, and Janie M Chermak. *New Mexico Journal of Science* vol 49 p 42 ([Link](#))
- 2014 “Preferences on energy sources, tradeoffs, and how they vary across New Mexico” Kara A Walter, Jennifer Thacher, Janie M Chermak, and Janak Joshi. *New Mexico Journal of Science*. Vol 48 p30. ([Link](#))
- 2013 “The Cost of a Wildfire in the West” Kara A Water and Janie M Chermak. *New Mexico Journal of Science* Vol 47 p 36. ([Link](#))

Working Papers

- “Differences in Energy Preferences: Examining willingness to pay for energy” Kara A Walter, Jennifer Thacher, and Janie M Chermak.
- “Inconsistent impact of politics on preferences for changing energy allocation and willingness to pay for energy” Kara A Walter, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak.
- “The Effect of Observable Heterogeneity on Preferences for the Environment” Kara A Walter, Janie M Chermak and Jennifer Thacher.
- “The impact of wildfires on visitation to National Parks in the Four Corners of the United States.” Kara A Walter.
- “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Kara A Walter and Janie M Chermak
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AWARDS and FUNDING

2017-18	UNM Center for Regional Studies Graduate Fellowship and Scholarship
2011-18	UNM Economics Department Assistantship
	Research Assistant for Janie M Chermak [NM EPSCoR (NSF funded)]
2014-18	Energize New Mexico
2012-14	Climate Change Impacts on NM's Water Project
	Teaching and/or Graduate Assistant
2011-2018	Various semesters and assignments

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (course size in parenthesis; commas between multiple sections)**Colorado Mesa University**

Principles of Macroeconomics	Fall 2019 (90, 40, 25)
TBD	Fall 2019

Gettysburg College (+ denotes a lab and an undergraduate TA)

Econometrics ⁺	Spring 2019 (16, 7) Fall 2018 (15, 14)
Principles of Microeconomics ⁺	Spring 2019 (28)
Environmental Economics	Fall 2018 (16)

University of New Mexico (Instructor of Record) (*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 2016 (35)

University of New Mexico (Lab Instructor)

Introductory Macroeconomics	Fall 2014 (31, 30, 32), Spring 2012 (32, 33, 32)
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PRESENTATIONS (given by me)**Invited Presentations**

2019	“Differences in Energy Preferences: Examining willingness to pay for energy plans in New Mexico.” Kara A Walter, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. Department of Business at Colorado Mesa University, April 12 th .
2018	“Differences in Energy Preferences Examining willingness to pay for energy”. Kara A Walter and Janie M Chermak (co-presentation). Presentation for local and municipal policy makers interested in energy in NM. Organized

- by and held at The Nature Conservancy in Albuquerque, NM. May 23.
- 2018 “Differences in Energy Preferences: Examining willingness to pay for energy.” Kara A Walter, Jennifer Thacher, and Janie M Chermak. Economics Department at Gettysburg College, April 30th.
- 2018 “Preferences for Environmental and Resource Goods: A Summary of My Dissertation.” Kara A Walter. Department of Economics at Indiana State University, April 6th.
- 2015 “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Kara A Walter and Janie M Chermak. The Nature Conservancy WebEx for Western TNC staff. January 13th
- 2013 “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Kara A Walter and Janie M Chermak. The Nature Conservancy in Santa Fe, NM August 15th.
- 2013 “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Kara A Walter and Janie M Chermak. NM EPSCoR Fire and Water Town Hall Final Meeting in El Rito, NM. July 10th.

Conference Presentations

- 2017 “Difference of Opinion: How Preferences for the Environment Differ Across Observable Factors” Kara A Walter, Janie M Chermak, and Jennifer Thacher. 6th Annual NM Research Symposium, Albuquerque, NM. November 4th.
- 2017 “Differences in Energy Preferences: Examining willingness to pay for energy plans in New Mexico,” Kara A 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.” Kara A Walter, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. 5th Annual NM Research Symposium, Albuquerque, NM. November 5th.
- 2016 “Preferences on Energy Sources and Tradeoffs: Accounting for Variance Across New Mexico.” Kara A Walter, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. New Mexico Academy of Science’s Research Symposium, November 27th. Poster.
- 2016 “The Effect of Wildfires on National Park Visitation: A Historical Analysis of Intermountain Region Data.” Kara A Walter. 5th International Fire Behavior and Fuels Conference, Portland, OR. April 11-14.
- 2015 “Preferences on Energy Regulations, Tradeoffs and How They Vary Across New Mexico.” Kara A Walter, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. New Mexico Academy of Science’s Research Symposium, November 14th. Poster.
- 2015 “Optimal Forest Management: A Dynamic Analysis to Promote Healthy Forests and Economic Development.” Kara A Walter. 4th Annual Human

Dimensions of Wildfire Conference, Boise, ID, April 20-24.

- 2014 “The Cost of a Wildfire.” Kara A Walter and Janie M Chermak. Large Wildland Fires: Social, Political, & Social Effects Conference, Missoula, MT, May 19-23.
- 2014 “The Cost of a Wildfire.” Kara A Walter and Janie M Chermak. 56th Annual Western Social Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, April 2-5.
- 2013 “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Kara A Walter and Janie M Chermak. New Mexico Academy of Science’s Research Symposium, Albuquerque, NM, November 9th. Poster.
- 2013 “The Cost of a Wildfire.” Kara A Walter and Janie M Chermak. 88th Annual Western Economic Association International Conference, Seattle, WA June 28-July 2.

Other Presentations

- 2018 “Differences in Energy Preferences: Examining willingness to pay for energy”. Kara A Walter. UNM Department of Economics’ Graduate Seminar Presentations Series, January 19th.
- 2017 “Willingness to Pay to meet Clean Power Plan Requirements: Evaluating New Mexico’s Options.” Kara A Walter, 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.” Kara A Walter, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. EPSCoR NSF Site Visit, September 9th. Poster.
- 2016 “Preferences on Energy Sources and Tradeoffs: Accounting for Variance Across New Mexico.” Kara A Walter, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. EPSCoR All Hands Meeting, May 9th. Poster.
- 2015 “Preferences on Energy Sources and Tradeoffs: Accounting for Variance Across New Mexico.” Kara A Walter, Jennifer Thacher and Janie M Chermak. EPSCoR All Hands Meeting, Poster. April 17th. Poster.
- 2013 “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Kara A Walter and Janie M Chermak. Department of Economics, UNM. December 11th.
- 2013 “The Cost of Wildfires in the West.” Kara A Walter and Janie M Chermak. NM EPSCoR All Hands Meeting in Albuquerque, NM, October. Poster

Discussant

- 2013 88th Annual Western Economic Association International Conference, Seattle, WA June 28-July 2.
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and ENGAGEMENT

Workshops

- 2019 “Supporting Neurodiversity in the Classroom.” A workshop offered by the Johnson Center for Creative Teaching and Learning at Gettysburg College. January 19th
- 2019 CSWEP 2019 Mentoring Breakfast for Junior Economists at the AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting January 6th in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2018 “Inclusion by Design.” A two-day workshop hosted by UNM Center for Teaching and Learning. May 11-12

Professional Organization Membership

- 2017 - American Economic Association
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SOFTWARE

- Proficient – STATA, Opinio, Microsoft Office, Learning Management Systems (Blackboard/Learn, Moodle)
 - Introductory – QGIS, Powersim, GAMS, Matlab, R
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