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ABOUT ME

Mission-driven climate research leader with over 15 years of experience bridging the gap between rigorous academic science and high-impact policy advocacy.

- Expert in quantitative policy-focused research, including **geospatial analysis, economic and statistical modeling, environmental justice analysis and survey research.**
- An experienced Trustee and senior leader committed to using quantitative research and technology responsibly to achieve a more climate just world.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

present March 2026	Director, EVIDENCE FOR EQUITY LIMITED, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Offering research and advisory services to support evidence-based action for just transitions.
January 2024 August 2025	Head of Data Investigations, GLOBAL WITNESS, London <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Re-established and scaled the Data Investigations Team from 2 to 5 members, embedding a culture of learning through weekly skills sessions and structured professional development.➤ Directed cross-functional research projects to expose financial and environmental risks, resulting in evidence cited by the BBC, <i>The Guardian</i>, and the <i>Financial Times</i>, and informing EU parliamentary debate.➤ Collaborated with six campaign teams to align Data Investigations Team's research capacity with organisational priorities.➤ Coordinated research projects with international partners such as Milieudefensie (Netherlands) in support of their 2025 lawsuit against Shell and Kalikasan (Philippines).➤ Led the design of a funding proposal for a £1M spatial data investigation on abandoned oil and gas wells, shortlisted for funding at Dutch Postcode Lottery.
August 2022 January 2024	Senior Fellow in Climate Change and AI, ADA LOVELACE INSTITUTE, London <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Designed and led a Generation Foundation-funded research programme on climate justice and AI-for-climate technologies, analysing equity impacts in data-driven innovation and investment.➤ Produced influential outputs including a review of the climate-AI debate (link) and an report of original research on how climate tech funders and founders think about climate justice in developing proposed climate technologies (link).➤ Created and led a cross-organisation research network, meeting regularly to exchange ideas, problems and learnings we were experiencing with our projects.
August 2009 August 2022	Senior Lecturer/Lecturer, NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY, Newcastle upon Tyne <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Led quantitative and mixed-methods scientific research on environmental justice and Sustainable Development Goals, producing highly cited scientific publications (400+ citations) — see list.➤ Served as Programme Director (2019–2021) for 8 MA programmes, leading a transition to digital learning for 80 students and 7 staff at the onset of the pandemic.➤ Supervised 3 PhD students, including one funded by the Economic and Social Research Council's Advanced Quantitative Methods stream.➤ Taught and designed undergraduate and postgraduate courses in research methods, including econometric analysis and survey design.➤ Co-led a £100,000 British Academy grant on just transitions in forestry and climate policy integration, overseeing data collection and analysis.

- April 2021 | **Visiting Lecturer in Environmental Politics, SCIENCES-PO LYON, Lyon, France–remote**
- Created and taught new 4-week intensive class in English on Environmental Politics to 20 international undergraduates.

CONSULTANCIES

- September 2020 | **Consultant on Stakeholder Engagement with SDGs, UNITED NATIONS DEPT OF ECON AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, NYC**
- March 2021
- Lead for writing and deploying two global surveys in three languages about the impact of COVID-19 on SDG engagement, with approximately 600 responses in total
 - Cleaned and analysed resulting data using R to produce appropriate and accessible data visualisations
 - Co-wrote final report "The Impacts of COVID-19 on Stakeholder Engagement for the SDGs" for UN-DESA (Available here), and presented results at UN DESA 2021 Partnership Accelerator (Available here)
- October 2019 | **Consultant on Developing a Sustainable Development Goals Framework for London, LONDON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY, London**
- March 2020
- Co-developed an indicator set for London's progress towards the SDGs, particularly emphasising the principle of Leave No One Behind.
 - Co-wrote final report "London's Progress Towards Meeting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals" (Available here)
- October 2018 | **Consultant on Partnerships for the SDGs, UNITED NATIONS DEPT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, NYC**
- February 2019
- Lead for developing and deploying survey in three languages to UN SDG Partners listed on the UN's Partnerships Platform with almost 1000 respondents
 - Cleaned and analysed data from the survey, along with data the UN SDGs Partnerships Platform, to produce appropriate analysis and data visualisations for our final report
 - Co-wrote final report "A Study of Partnerships and Initiatives Registered on the UN SDG Partnerships Platform", which served as a key document for the ECOSOC Partnerships Forum at the UN in April 2019 (Available here)

DEGREES

- 2004 | PhD in Political Science, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA
- 1997 | BA in Political Science and Mathematics, New College of Florida, Sarasota, Florida USA

VOLUNTARY AND BOARD EXPERIENCE

- September 2023
Present | **Board of Trustees, RAINFOREST FOUNDATION UK, London**
- Serving on Board of Trustees for Rainforest Foundation UK, an organisation with a mission to support indigenous peoples and traditional populations of the world's rainforest in their efforts to protect their environment and fulfil their rights to land, life and livelihood.
 - Serve on Finance and Risk Committee, providing advice to the organisation leadership on potential risks and opportunities.
 - Working with the Director of Operations to develop a responsible AI use policy for RFUK.
- April 2023
Present | **Board of Trustees, SCOTSWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN, Newcastle upon Tyne**
- Serving on Board of Trustees for Scotswood Community Garden, a charity that provides nature-based social services and mental health and well-being support for the West End of Newcastle upon Tyne, one of the most underserved communities in the UK.
- September 2025
December 2025 | **Researcher, FLOODED PEOPLE, United Kingdom**
- Produced data research project and mapping tool for Flooded People, a UK based non profit, to help them identify communities that were particularly vulnerable to the risks of flooding and assist their community organisers to locate those communities.