

CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop 2026

Host and Organizer

Daniel Kaffine (University of Colorado Boulder)

Friday, September 11

7:00 – 8:00

Breakfast and Introductions

8:00 – 10:00

“Inspections as Soft Signals: Enforcement Credibility, Learning, and Pollution Control,”

Mengying Wu (Harvard University)

“Beta and switch: contamination bias and changing target populations in environmental impact estimates,” **Steve Miller** (University of Colorado Boulder)

“The Value of Information for Environmental Targeting: Theory and Evidence from Orphaned Oil and Gas Wells,” **Mark Agerton** (Colorado School of Mines),
Gregory Upton Jr. (Louisiana State University)

“The Price of Staying In: Estimating Pollution Avoidance Costs Using Comprehensive US Mobility and Consumption Data,” **Brooke Fitzgerald**, Jude Bayham,
Alexandra Hill, Jesse Burkhardt (Colorado State University)

10:00 – 10:15

Coffee Break

10:15 – 12:15

“Seller Commitment to Reserve Prices: Revenue Implications for Federal Mineral Auctions,” Mark Agerton (Colorado School of Mines), Diógenes Cruz
(University of California, Davis), **Eric Lewis** (Brigham Young University)

“The economics of methane measurement,” **Ben Gilbert** (Colorado School of Mines)

“Teach a Man (Where) to Fish: Unintended Information Provision through Marine Protected Areas,” **Tai Lohrer** (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

“The Human Cost of Conservation: Evidence from Protected Areas in Africa,” **Sushant Banjara** (University of Chicago)

12:15 – 1:45

Lunch

1:45 – 4:15

“Do Ownership Changes Improve Renewable Power Plant Performance? Evidence from U.S. Wind and Solar Facilities,” Harrison Fell (North Carolina State University), **Casey Rozowski** (University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire)

“Site and Scale: Data Centers, Electricity Prices, and Welfare,” Jamal Mamkhezri (New Mexico State), **Xiaochen Sun** (New Mexico State), Yuting Yang (University of New Mexico)

“Reassessing the Reduce-Reuse-Recycle Hierarchy: Circular Economy Policies and Rebound Effects,” **Chi Ta** (University of Texas, Austin), Nguyen Dinh Tuan Vuong (University of Tsukuba)

“Reconceptualizing the Life Satisfaction Measure,” **Richard Carson** (University of California, San Diego)

“Are environmental values cyclical?” **Casey Wichman** (Georgia Tech)

4:15 – 5:00

Break

5:15 – 7:00

Reception

Dinner on Your Own

Saturday, September 12

7:30 – 8:30

Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00

“Technology Adoption, Capital Reallocation, and Environmental Standards in the Commercial Truck Market,” **Stephanie Weber** (University of Colorado Boulder), Ron Yang (University of British Columbia)

“Worker Incentives and Occupational Safety: Evidence from Weather-Induced Truck Crashes,” **Paul Stainier** (University of Pennsylvania)

“And you may find yourself behind the wheel of a large automobile: Upsized vehicles, safety ratings, and fuel efficiency,” **Cody Nehiba** (EPA), Justin Tyndall (University of Hawaii, Manoa)

10:00 – 10:15

Coffee Break

10:15 – 12:15

“A river in need of irrigating: Optimal allocation of an evanescent resource,” **Pierce Donovan** (University of Nevada, Reno), Charles Yackulic (USGS), Thomas Archdeacon (FWS)

“Dynamic Land Use in Critically Overdrafted Basins in California,” **Katherine Hauck** (University of California, Davis), Siddharth Kishore (University of California, Merced)

“Shifting Hazard, Shifting Demand? Flood Insurance Take-Up After Wildfire,” **Hannah Hennighausen** (University of Alaska Anchorage)

“Policy Spillovers to Biodiversity: The Impact of Clean Water Act Investment on Bird Diversity and Abundance,” **Anthony Ponce** (Cornell University)

12:15 – 1:45 Lunch

1:45 – 3:45

“Political Orientation and Household Climate Adaptation: Evidence from Building Permits,” **Tania Diaz-Bozan** (Yale University)

“Heat Adaptation in Distance Running,” **Patrick Baylis** (University of British Columbia)

“Priced Out of Safety? Insurance Reform, Residential Sorting, and Climate Gentrification,” **Sherry Tang** (Harvard University)

“Insurance, Disaster Exposure, and Household Migration as Climate Adaptation,” **Ella Obeng** (University of Colorado Boulder)
