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Employment:

July 2022 to present: David and Jane Flowerree Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Environmental Studies
Department of Political Science, Tulane University

August 2020 to June 2022: Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

Education:

2020: Ph.D., Sociology
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2017: M.A., Sociology
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2012: B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Sociology and Political Science
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Refereed Journal Articles:

Galen Hall, **Joshua A. Basseches**, Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo and Trevor Culhane (2024). "CHORUS: A New Dataset of State Interest Group Policy Positions in the United States." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*.

Joshua A. Basseches, Michael C. Campbell, and Heather Schoenfeld (2024). "Leveraging the Insights of Depth: A Staged Strategy for Building Qualitative Case Studies of American State-Level Policy." *Social Science Quarterly* 105(2).

Joshua A. Basseches (2023). "Who Pays for Environmental Policy? Business Power and the Design of State-Level Climate Policies." *Politics and Society* 52(3).

- Covered by *Route Fifty* in a 9/25/23 news article, "Why Some Power Companies Support Climate Laws, But Others Don't."

Joshua A. Basseches, Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo, Maxwell T. Boykoff, Trevor Culhane, Galen Hall, Noel Healy, David J. Hess, David Hsu, Rachel M. Krause, Harland Prechel, J. Timmons Roberts, and Jennie C. Stephens (2022). "Climate Conflict in the U.S. States: A Critical Review and Way Forward." *Climatic Change* 170(3).

Joshua A. Basseches, Kaitlyn Rubinstein, and Sarah Kulaga (2021). "Coalitions that Clash: California's Climate Leadership and the Perpetuation of Environmental Inequality." *Research in Political Sociology* 28.

Joshua A. Basseches (2019). "It Happened Behind Closed Doors: Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 24(3).

Manuscripts Under Review:

Joshua A. Basseches. “Owning The Green Grid: The Political Economy of Renewable Energy Policy Design in the U.S. States.” *Under Review at The MIT Press.*

Joshua A. Basseches, Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo, Kayla Gurganus, and Leigh Raymond. “Comparing Public Support for Alternative Climate Policy Designs: A Survey Experiment.” *Under Review at Review of Policy Research.*

Manuscripts in Preparation:

Galen Hall, **Joshua A. Basseches,** Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo and Trevor Culhane. “Exploring the Obstacles to U.S. Climate Policy in High-Barrier vs. Low-Barrier State Regimes.” *Article Manuscript in Preparation.*

Joshua A. Basseches, Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo, Marcela Lopez-Vallejo and Simone Lucatello. “Subnational Climate Policy Obstruction.” *Book Chapter in Preparation.*

Joshua A. Basseches. “State and Provincial-Level Climate Action in the United States and Canada: When Subnational Climate Policy Succeeds and Why It Will No Longer Suffice.” *In Preparation for Inclusion in the Oxford Handbook of Climate Action.*

Encyclopedia Entries:

Joshua A. Basseches (2024). “Renewable Portfolio/Clean Energy Standards.” *Elgar Encyclopedia of Climate Policy.*

Book Reviews:

Joshua A. Basseches (2023). Review of Srinivas C. Parinandi, *Following in Footsteps or Marching Alone? How Institutional Differences Influence Renewable Energy Policy* (University of Michigan Press, 2023) in *Publius: Journal of Federalism.*

Joshua A. Basseches (2021). Review of Emine Fidan Elcioglu, *Divided by The Wall: Progressive and Conservative Immigration Politics at the U.S.-Mexico Border* (University of California Press, 2020) in *Contemporary Sociology.*

Research Grants:

- Summer 2023: **Lavin Bernick Research Grant (\$5,000)**
Tulane University, Office of Academic Affairs and Provost
- Summer 2021: **CSSN Research Grant (\$38,000)**
Climate Social Science Network, Brown University
- Summer 2021: **REPI Research Grant (\$15,000)**
Renewable Energy Policy Initiative, Ford School of Public Policy,
University of Michigan
- Summer 2021: **CSSN Research Grant (\$26,000)***
Climate Social Science Network, Brown University
*Co-Investigator, with Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo (Christopher
Newport University) and Galen Hall (Brown University)
- Summer 2019: **Small Research Grant for Problem-Solving Sociology (\$1,000)**

- Problem-Solving Sociology Workshop, Northwestern University
- Summer 2018: **William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies (\$2,500)**
Centennial Center Grant, American Political Science Association
- Spring 2017: **Graduate Research Grant (\$3,000)**
The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- Spring 2017: **Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Grant (\$1,000)**
Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University
- Fall 2015: **Dispute Resolution Research Center Grant (\$1,500)**
Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

Other Writings:

- September 7, 2023: “Regardless of Pine Tree Power’s Fate, Maine Utilities Will Retain ‘Green’ Focus.” *Portland Press Herald*.
- August 8, 2022: “The Senate Climate Deal is Huge, But The Harder Work Is Happening in the States, Including The Red Ones.” *The Advocate*.
- April 1, 2022: “The U.S.-Canada (Clean) Electricity Relationship: Challenges and Opportunities in Policy Design and Coordination,” with Nwamaka Ikenze. *North American Colloquium on Climate Policy Invited Paper Series*.
- April 29, 2021: “Washington Will become Second State to Adopt Cap-and-Trade Law. But What Happens Next Really Matters.” *The Washington Wire*.
- March 2, 2021: “The Key to Passing Climate Policy? Rein in (or win over) Utility Monopolies.” *Grist Magazine*.
- Dec. 17, 2020: “Conducting Research ‘Behind Closed Doors.’” *States, Power and Societies* (ASA Political Sociology Section Newsletter).
- Jan. 4, 2020: “David Pettinicchio’s Book Illustrates the Interplay between Activists and Institutional Actors.” *Mobilizing Ideas* Blog.
- Dec. 7, 2018: “How Investor-Owned Utilities Can Be Induced to Support Reforms to Mitigate Climate Change.” *Scholars Strategy Network*.

Awards:

- Fall 2022: **Faculty Research Award (\$5,000)**
School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University
- Fall 2021: **University of Michigan Postdoctoral Association Conference Award (\$500)**
- Fall 2019: **Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Lecturer (\$500)**
Sociology Department, Northwestern University
- Winter 2019: **Sociology Department Nominee, Presidential Fellowship**
The Graduate School, Northwestern University

Invited Talks and Presentations

“Political Economy of State-Level Renewable Energy Policy.”

- October 2024: Inaugural Flowerree Symposium, Tulane University

“The Future of Renewables in Louisiana.”

- September 2024: Young Professionals in Energy, New Orleans Chapter, The Garden District Book Shop.

“Owning the Green Grid: The Importance of Electric Utility Sector Structure in State-Level Renewable Energy Policymaking.”

- February 2024: School of Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan

“Understanding Maine Question #3: The Political Economy of the Electric Utility Sector.”

- November 2023: Guest Lecture in Geoffrey Henderson’s Environmental Policy Practicum, Colby College, Waterville, Maine

“Can We Solve Climate Change Without Cost-Shifting? Insights from a U.S. Policy Perspective.”

- October 2022: Problem-Solving Sociology Initiative, Northwestern University

“State Legislators’ Quarterly Climate Solutions Call.” *Climate XChange*.

- September 2022: Climate XChange invited presentation for state legislators and legislative staff, focused on investor-owned utilities’ role in policymaking.

“Climate Obstruction at the State Level as the Inflation Reduction Act Moves to Implementation.”

- September 2022: Climate Social Science Network, Brown University

“North American Electricity and Energy Security.” North American Colloquium (NAC) on Climate Policy Series.

- March 2022: Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

“Environmental Justice.” Public Policy and Institutional Discrimination Series.

- March 2022: Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

Early-Career Researcher Panel - Panelist

- February 2022: Michigan University-wide Sustainability and Environment Conference

“Whither American Climate Policy? Lessons from the Trump Presidency and State Policy Engagement.”

- December 2020: Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

“Legislative Institutions and Political Inequality” - Guest Lecture

- March 2020: “Institutions and Society,” Prof. Jean Clipperton, Northwestern University

“Climate Change: Why Should You Care?” - Panelist

- January 2020: Residential College Board, Northwestern University

“Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies.”

- May 2019: Young Scholars Conference, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

Early Draft of Dissertation Prospectus

- June 2017: The Tobin Project's Prospectus Development Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

“Informal Mechanisms for Legislative Control”

- April 2017: Law and Democracy Graduate Student Conference, Brown Legal Studies Program, Brown University, Providence, RI

Conference and Workshop Participation:

“Exploring the Obstacles to U.S. Climate Policy in High-Barrier vs. Low-Barrier State Regimes.”

- June 2024: State Politics and Policy Conference, American Political Science Association (APSA), Charlottesville, VA

“Utility Sector Structure as a Poorly Understood Factor in U.S. State-Level Renewable Energy Policy Design.”

- September 2024: Political Economy of Climate and the Environment (PECE) Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- May 2024: Conference on Policy Process Research (COPPR), Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

“Evaluating the Potential Impact of the IRA on the Balance Between Monopoly Utility-Owned and Competitively-Owned Electricity Infrastructure”

- February 2024, Part 2: The 2035 Initiative, University of California-Santa Barbara [via Zoom]
- April 2023, Part 1: The 2035 Initiative, University of California-Santa Barbara [via Zoom]

“The Limits of Partisanship in Explaining State-Level Renewable Energy Policy Design.”

- January 2024: Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

“Owning the Green Grid: The Political Economy of Renewable Energy Policy Design in the U.S. States.”

- November 2023: Climate Social Science Network State Politics Working Group (via Zoom)
- November 2023: Consortium on the American Political Economy (CAPE) Junior Working Group (via Zoom)

“Leveraging the Insights of Depth: A Staged Method of Conducting Qualitative Case Studies of American State-Level Policy.” With Heather Schoenfeld and Michael C. Campbell.

- August 2023: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

“Unveiling Interest Group Preferences in the American States: New Evidence from Lobbying Disclosures and Legislative Testimony.” With Galen Hall, Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo and Trevor Culhane.

- January 2023: Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting, St. Pete's Beach, FL

- April 2022: State Politics and Policy Conference, American Political Science Association (APSA), Tallahassee, FL

“Who Pays for Environmental Policy? Private Actors and the Design of State-Level Climate Policies.”

- January 2022: Economic Sociology and Organizations Workshop, University of Michigan Sociology Department, Ann Arbor, MI
- November 2021: Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- October 2021: Sociology Department Colloquium Series, Northwestern University
- August 2021: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (Held Virtually, Due to COVID-19), Environmental Policy Regular Session
- June 2021: 2nd Annual American Political Economy Summer School, Yale University (Held Virtually, Due to COVID-19)
- April 2021: Economic Sociology and Organizations Workshop, University of Michigan Sociology Department, Ann Arbor, MI
- January 2021: Social Movements/Political Sociology Workshop, University of Michigan Sociology Department, Ann Arbor, MI

“Canadian Hydro Imports and the Role of Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) Policy Design in the Northeast U.S. States.”

- June 2021: North American Colloquium on Climate Policy Authors’ Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

“Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies.” [Various Drafts]

- August 2020: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (Held Virtually, Due to COVID-19), Political Sociology Section Session on “The Politics of Climate Change”
- January 2020: Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- November 2019: Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2019: Political Sociology Mini-Conference, New York, NY
- April 2019: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Coalitions that Clash: California’s Climate Leadership and the Perpetuation of Environmental Inequality.” First Author, with Kaitlyn Rubinstein and Sarah M. Kulaga.

- May 2020: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Power to the People? Theorizing the Challenges to Social Movement Influence in the Legislative Process,” with Brayden G. King [Various Drafts]

- April 2019: Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2018: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Social Movements Regular Session
- May 2017: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

- May 2017: First Annual *Mobilization* Conference, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

“The Devil Is in the Details: Accounting for Variation in the Quality of State-Level Climate Policy”

- June 2018: State Politics and Policy Conference, American Political Science Association (APSA), Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

“‘It Happened Behind Closed Doors:’ Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation.”

- May 2017: “Law in Motion” Conference, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- February 2017: Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Workshop, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- November 2016: Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2016: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, Environmental Policy Regular Session
- March 2016: Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- February 2016: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Environmental Policymaking in Massachusetts”

- April 2015: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Conference Panels Organized:

March 2024: “Second Annual Solving Climate Change Panel,” Problem-Solving Sociology Initiative, Johns Hopkins University.

August 2023: “Regular Session on Environmental Policy,” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

November 2021: “Environmental Policy in Subnational Contexts,” Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Media Mentions (Selected):

- August 27, 2024: I appeared on Newell Normand’s WWL Radio Show to discuss lost gas tax revenue resulting from the electric vehicle transition.
- August 21, 2024: I appeared on WWL-TV’s morning news show to discuss the energy and climate-related aspects of Project 2025.
- July 13, 2024: I was quoted in an *NBC News* story about the growth of wind power and the future of the offshore wind industry in the U.S.
- May 28, 2024: I was quoted in a *Louisiana Illuminator* story about the future of offshore wind in the Gulf of Mexico and the role of the incumbent oil and gas industries.
- November 6, 2023: I was quoted in an *E&E News* story about the major climate legislation that passed in Michigan.

- November 6, 2023: I was quoted in an *Axios* story about Governor-elect Landry’s plans to form a transition committee focused on New Orleans.
- October 17, 2023: I was quoted in an *E&E News* story about the implications of the Louisiana gubernatorial election on the clean energy transition.
- September 28, 2023: I was quoted in a *Vox* story about how the U.S. power grid fared during the record-breaking heat of the past summer.
- September 25, 2023: *Route Fifty* published a story based on the findings of my *Politics and Society* article, “Who Pays for Environmental Policy?”
- August 9, 2023: I was quoted in an *E&E News* story about a Duke Energy earnings call, and specifically what may be behind the company’s decision to sell off its unregulated businesses.
- June 3, 2023: I was quoted in a *CNET* story about the pros and cons of so-called “energy deregulation” in the U.S. states.
- May 9, 2023: I was quoted in a *Washington State Standard* story about how the state will manage the influx of “climate cash” from the federal Inflation Reduction Act and Washington state’s cap-and-trade program.
- March 24, 2023: I was interviewed for a *Colorado Public Radio* story about Xcel Energy’s high electricity rates and their relation to the utility business model and climate and renewable energy.
- March 8, 2023: I was quoted in a *Boston Globe* story on a recent report showing that Texas and other “red states” lead the nation in renewable energy generation.
- March 1, 2023: I was quoted in a *Louisville Public Media* story on Republican anti-ESG investing efforts, particularly as they pertain to the Kentucky gubernatorial race.
- January 24, 2023: I was interviewed by *Possibly Podcast* (Rhode Island Public Radio, 89.3FM) about how states can take advantage of the funds available from the federal Inflation Reduction Act.
- December 1, 2022: I was interviewed by *WWL-TV* for a story about French President Macron’s state visit and what was on the agenda for he and Biden climate policy-wise.
- September 27, 2022: I was quoted in a story published by *Business Insider*, “Families in Over 20 States are Scrambling to Place a Bet on What Their Energy Bills Will Be in the Future. A Wrong Decision Could Cost Them Hundreds of Dollars.”
- September 23, 2022: *Climate XChange* interviewed me to inform their “policy primer” entitled, “The Grid Isn’t Broken, But Still Needs Fixing.”
- September 21, 2022: I was quoted in a story in the *Louisiana Illuminator*, entitled “What Hinders Louisiana’s Shift Toward Renewable Energy? Voters Say Their Congressional Leaders.”

- September 14, 2022: I was quoted in a *Bloomberg Law* story on the rollout of the Inflation Reduction Act and the role of state and local officials in implementation.
- September 14, 2022: I was interviewed about the Inflation Reduction Act on *Louisiana Considered*, a program of Louisiana Public Radio.
- August 23, 2022: I was quoted in a *New England Climate Dispatch* story on a ballot campaign in Maine for a measure aiming to establish a statewide consumer-owned utility.
- August 14, 2022: I was quoted in a *The Advocate* story about investor-owned utilities' resource planning process, and impacts on electricity customers.
- August 13, 2022: I was quoted in a *Business Insider* story about the fossil fuel friendly provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act.
- August 8, 2022: "The Senate Climate Deal is Huge, But The Harder Work Is Happening in the States, Including The Red Ones." *The Advocate*.
- August 2, 2022: I was quoted in a *New England Climate Dispatch* story on utility campaign contributions.
- July 15, 2022: I was quoted in an *E&E News* story on the changing nature of the electric utility business.
- March 31, 2022: I was quoted in a *Renewable Energy World* story on the solar industry's public criticism of Biden over tariffs.
- June 10, 2021: *State and Hill Magazine* interviewed me about the Texas electricity crisis for a story about trust in government.
- April 29, 2021: *The Washington Wire* published my commentary on that state's recently passed climate law.
- March 2, 2021: *Grist Magazine* published my opinion on the political power of investor-owned utilities.
- July 18, 2020: *Environment Massachusetts* cited my research in a blog post entitled, "100% Renewable Is What's Needed for Massachusetts."

Teaching:

- Fall 2024: **"State and Local Politics" (POLA 3110); "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Climate Change?" (EVST 4410) [Tulane University]**
- Spring 2023: **"Activism and Lawmaking in the U.S." (POLA 4010); "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Climate Change?" (EVST 4410) [Tulane University]**
- Fall 2023: **"State and Local Politics" (POLA 3110); "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Climate Change?" (EVST 4410) [Tulane University]**
- Fall 2022: **"Activism and Lawmaking in the U.S." (POLA 4010); "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Climate Change?" (EVST 4410) [Tulane University]**

Fall 2021: **“Environmental Politics and Policy” (PUBPOL 312/POLISCI 380/ENIVRON 312)**
[University of Michigan]

Spring 2019: **“Activism and Lawmaking in the U.S.” (SOC 392/LEGAL ST 376)**
[Northwestern University]

Other Service to the Disciplines:

Spring 2024: **Discussant, Environmental Politics and Policy Section**
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans

Spring 2022: **Committee Member, Olsen Best Student Paper Award**
Environmental Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

University & Departmental Service [Tulane University]:

Summer 2024-present: **Advisory Board Member, Tulane Science Policy and Communication Graduate Fellows Program, School of Science and Engineering**

Spring 2024: **Member, Professor of the Practice in American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science**

Fall 2023: **Member (Environmental Studies Rep.), Joint Environmental Studies-Sociology Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee**

Fall 2022: **Secretary, Department of Political Science**
Syllabus Reviewer, CIEE Study Abroad Program

Student Supervision:

John Lockwood [Tulane University], Political Science and Environmental Studies, Undergraduate Thesis, First Reader

Margo Kern [Tulane University], Political Science and Economics, Undergraduate Thesis, First Reader

Maya Shields [Tulane University], History, Undergraduate Thesis, Second Reader

Noah Bartlett [Tulane University], History, Undergraduate Thesis, Second Reader

Michael Barnes [University of Michigan], Program in the Environment (PITE), Undergraduate Thesis, 2nd Reader (Sara Soderstrom, Chair)

Professional Affiliations & Activities:

Editorial Boards:

Theory and Social Inquiry, Associate Editor

2020-present: **Co-Chair, U.S. State Politics Working Group, Climate Social Science Network**

2019-present: **Contributing Editor, *Mobilizing Ideas Blog*, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame**

2018-present: **Member, Scholars Strategy Network**

American Political Science Association

Section Memberships:

American Political Economy; Public Policy; State Politics & Policy; Science, Technology & Environmental Politics

American Sociological Association

Section Memberships:

Political Sociology; Environmental Sociology; Collective Behavior & Social Movements; Comparative-Historical Sociology; Sociology of Law

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

American Society for Public Administration

Social Science History Association

Southern Political Science Association

Periodic Reviewer For: *Energy Research and Social Science, Nature Communications, Climatic Change, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Environmental Politics, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Regulation and Governance, Review of Policy Research, Social Forces, Social Problems, Contemporary Sociology, Sociological Forum, Sociological Perspectives, The Sociological Quarterly, Joule, State and Local Government Review, Governance, Mobilization: An International Quarterly, Global Environmental Change, Energy Policy, Climate Policy, Global Environmental Politics.*

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