

Elaine F. Frey

California State University, Fullerton

elainefrey@fullerton.edu

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, George Washington University	August 2008
M.A. in Economics, George Washington University	January 2005
B.A. (magna cum laude), Salisbury University	May 2002

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Public Administration, CSU Fullerton	Aug. 2024-Present
Faculty Consultant, CSU Chancellor's Office, Academic Programs	Jun. 2026-Present
Assistant Vice President for Graduate Studies, CSU Fullerton	Jul. 2020-Mar. 2024
Professor of Economics, CSU Long Beach	Aug. 2019-Jun. 2020
Director of Graduate Studies, CSU Long Beach	Jan. 2016-Jun. 2020
Assoc. Chair of Economics, CSU Long Beach	Sept. 2016-Jun. 2020
Associate Professor of Economics, CSU Long Beach	Aug. 2014-Jul. 2019
Assistant Professor of Economics, CSU Long Beach	Aug. 2008-Jul. 2014
Economics Instructor, George Washington University	Jan. 2006-May 2008
Research Assistant, National Center for Environmental Economics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Jun. 2004-Jul. 2008
Graduate Teaching Assistant, George Washington University	Jan. 2003-May 2007
Economics Instructor, USDA Grad School	Sept. 2005-Mar. 2006

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Equity and Belonging in Teaching Practices, Applied Microeconomics

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Laura Villalobos, Jill L. Caviglia-Harris, Daniel Harris, and Elaine F. Frey. "Rural Electrification in the Brazilian Amazon: No Environment-Development Tradeoff," *accepted for publication in Land Economics*, February 2026.
<https://le.unpress.org/content/early/2026/07/16/le.103.1.020926-0023>

Frey, Elaine F. "Engaging Undergraduate Economics Students in Research using Posters," *Journal of Economics Teaching*, 10(3): 165-193, 2025.
[10.58311/jeconteach/a0fa2021149c47319067cce550fc2648c8e07c6f](https://jeconteach/a0fa2021149c47319067cce550fc2648c8e07c6f)

Frey, Elaine F., Jill L. Caviglia-Harris, and Patrick Walsh. "Increasing Participation and Access to Economic Associations and their Services" *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*, October 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1017/age.2020.21>

- Sanchez, Diana V. (undergraduate student) and Elaine F. Frey. "Where do Female Leaders Rise to Leadership Positions? A Cross-Sector Analysis," *Applied Economics Letters*, 27(15): 1252-1255, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2019.1676385>
- Frey, Elaine F. and Saba Mojtahedi (graduate student). "The Impact of Solar Subsidies on California's Non-Residential Sector," *Energy Policy* 122: 27-35, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.enpol.2018.07.020>
- Ahl, Celeste (undergraduate student), Elaine F. Frey, and Seiji Steimetz. "The Effects of Financial Incentives on Vessel Speed Reduction: Evidence from the Port of Long Beach Green Flag Incentive Program," *Maritime Economics & Logistics* 19(4), 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1057/mel.2016.12>
- Ng, Chen Feng and Elaine F. Frey. "The Recession and Truck Traffic on the Long Beach Freeway in Los Angeles," *Economics Bulletin* 33(4), 2013. <https://econpapers.repec.org/article/eblecbull/eb-13-00518.htm>
- Frey, Elaine F., Marissa B. Palin (graduate student), Patrick Walsh, and Christine Whitcraft. "Spatial Hedonic Valuation of a Multi-use Urban Wetland in Southern California," *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* 42(2), 2013. <http://doi.org/10.22004/ag.econ.155318>
- Frey, Elaine F. "Technology Diffusion and Environmental Regulation: The Adoption of Scrubbers by Coal-Fired Power Plants," *Energy Journal* 34(2), 2013. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/41969216>
- Frey, Elaine F. "Technology Diffusion and Environmental Regulation: The Adoption of Combined Cycle Generating Units," *Economics of Innovation and New Technology* 21(7), 2012. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10438599.2011.604919>
- Frey, Elaine F. "Tropical Deforestation in the Amazon: An Economic Analysis of Rondonia, Brazil," *Issues in Political Economy* 11, 2002.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "Unseeing Like a State: Administrative Erasure and Administrative Burden of Queer Identities" with David Adams, Alissa Acklin-Ackerman, Shelly Arsneault, and Brian Lovato.
- "Changing Who Belongs: Experimental Evidence from Introductory Economics Courses" with Jill Caviglia-Harris and José Fernandez.
- "Bringing Contemporary Economic Research into the Principles Classroom" Jill Caviglia-Harris and José Fernandez.

WHITE PAPERS AND REPORTS

“Strategic Plan Master of Public Administration 2024-2025” submitted for accreditation review to NASPAA, May 2025.

“CSUF Blended Programs: Guidelines and Recommendations for Moving Forward” with campus partners, May 2023.

“Interim Report for University Accreditation” with campus partners, February 2023.

“Graduate Student Success at California State University, Long Beach: Analysis of Graduate Student Exit Surveys from Spring 2015 to Fall 2016” with Ryan Trias (graduate student), June 2017.

“Graduate Student Success at California State University, Long Beach: College of Health and Human Services” with Alfredo Alegria (graduate student), November 2016.

“Using Data to Measure Graduate Student Success at CSULB” with Alfredo Alegria (graduate student), October 2016.

“Graduate Student Success at California State University, Long Beach: College of Business Administration” with Alfredo Alegria (graduate student), October 2016.

“Graduate Student Success at California State University, Long Beach: College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics” with Alfredo Alegria (graduate student), August 2016.

“Graduate Student Success at California State University, Long Beach: College of Liberal Arts” with Alfredo Alegria (graduate student), August 2016.

“Graduate Student Success at California State University, Long Beach: College of Education” with Alfredo Alegria (graduate student), July 2016.

“Graduate Student Success at California State University, Long Beach: Center for International Education” with Alfredo Alegria and Francis Mensah (graduate students), June 2016.

“Graduate Student Success at California State University, Long Beach: College of the Arts” with Alfredo Alegria and Francis Mensah (graduate students), April 2016.

“Graduate Student Success at California State University, Long Beach: College of Engineering” with Alfredo Alegria and Francis Mensah (graduate students), March 2016.

“Graduate Student Success at California State University, Long Beach: A Cross-College Analysis” with Michelangelo Landgrave and Francis Mensah (graduate students), November 2015.

“Building Industry Consolidation: Transformations of the Housing Industry,” *Housing Economics* August, 2003.

DISSERTATION

“Technology Diffusion and Environmental Regulation: Evidence from Electric Power Plants under the Clean Air Act,” Director: Arun Malik

COURSES TAUGHT

Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Managerial Economics, Applied Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (Environmental Science & Policy majors), Natural Resource Economics, Advanced Microeconomic Theory (graduate-level), Research Methods in Economics (graduate-level), Environmental Capstone Project (Environmental Science & Policy majors), Government and the Economy (Political Science and Public Administration majors), Environmental Politics and Policy (Political Science and Public Administration majors), Research in Public Management (Political Science and Public Administration majors), Administrative Research and Analysis (MPA students)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

JET Symposium on Economics Teaching: [2026](#), [2025](#)
Southern Economic Association Conference: 2019-2016, 2014, 2012-2010, 2008, 2007, 2005
AERE Summer Conference: 2016
Western Economic Association International Conference: 2012, 2011
National Urban Freight Conference: 2011
RAND Land and Population Brown Bag Seminar: 2011
CSULB Economics Seminar: 2018, 2016, 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010
GWU Microeconomics Workshop: Nov. 2007, April 2007, Nov. 2006, Nov. 2005
USAEE/IAEE North American Conference: 2007

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Uncommon Econ , NSF & SSRC Grant co-PI (with Jill Caviglia-Harris and José Fernández)	2024-present
Featured Article Series, Agriculture and Resource Economics Review	2020
Faculty Sponsor for CSULB Student Summer Research Award	2018
Editor's Choice Award, Maritime Economics & Logistics	2017
CSULB Mini-Grant Award (\$1,850)	2016
RSCA Reassigned Time Award, CSULB	2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
CSULB Scholarly Intersections Funding	2014
METRANS Transportation Center Grant, Project co-PI (with Chen Ng), Project Number 11-20 (\$40,000)	2010-2011
Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee Summer Stipend, CSULB	2009
Nominee for the Philip Amsterdam Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, George Washington University	2008
Dennis J. O'Brien United States Association for Energy Economics (USAEE) Student Paper Award	2007
Teaching Fellowship, George Washington University	2007-2008
University Fellowship, George Washington University	2003-2007

SELECT FACULTY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice (CSUF)

Member of Public Administration Curriculum & Assessment Committee, Fall 2025-present
Chair of the Division Personnel Committee (faculty retention, tenure, and promotion), Fall 2025-Spring 2026
Member of the Public Administration Faculty Hiring Committee, Fall 2025
Chair of the MPA Strategic Planning Committee, Fall 2024-Spring 2025
Member of the Division Curriculum Committee, Fall 2024- Spring 2025
Member of the Division Personnel Committee (faculty retention, tenure, and promotion), Fall 2024- Spring 2025

University and College of Liberal Arts (CSULB)

Chair of the Graduate Student Success Initiative (GSSI), Fall 2016-Spring 2020
Member of the NCUR 2021 Planning Advisory Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
Member of the Environmental Science & Policy Advisory Group, Fall 2016-Spring 2020
Member of the Program Assessment and Review Council (PARC), Fall 2017-Spring 2020
Member of CSULB Data Fellows, Fall 2017-Spring 2020
Member of the College of Liberal Arts Educational Policies & Curriculum Committee (EPCC), Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2016
Member of the Provost's Task Force on Graduate Student Success and Chair of the Survey Subcommittee, Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Economics Department (CSULB)

Chair/Founder of Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
Organizer and Founder of Annual Economics Student Research Poster Exhibit, Department of Economics, 2012-2019
Member of Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
Faculty Mentor to an Assistant Professor, Fall 2018-Spring 2020
Member of Assessment Committee, Fall 2016-Spring 2020
Advisor for Graduate Directed Studies in Economics (multiple projects), Summer 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2014, Spring 2016, Summer 2019, Fall 2019
Graduate Advisor for MA Economics, Department of Economics, Spring 2012-Spring 2015
Organizer of the CSULB Economics Research Seminar Series, 2009-2013

Economics Profession

Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) Liaison, 2018-2020
Mentor for the Career Advancement and Mentorship (CAM) Program, Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA), 2017-2018
Organizer of Association of Environmental and Resource Economists student sessions at the Southern Economic Association Conference (AERE @ SEA), 2016-2019
General Session Organizer for the Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Conferences, 2008-2018