

# Megan Egler

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## PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

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- Ecological economics
- Political economy of energy and mining
- Critical social sciences

## EDUCATION

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### University of Vermont, USA

#### Ph.D. Natural Resources, 2024

Rubenstein School of Environment & Natural Resources

Dissertation: *Power, Narrative, and Energy Transitions in the fossil Fuel Landscapes of North America*

Advisor: Joshua Farley, Committee: C. Morse, B. Panikkar, A. Zia,

### University of Vermont, USA

#### Graduate Certificate in Ecological Economics, 2020

Rubenstein School of Environment & Natural Resources

Advisor: Jon Erickson

### University of Guelph, Canada

#### M.Sc. Food, Agriculture and Resource Economics, 2015

Dept. Food Agriculture & Resource Economics

Thesis: *The effects of emergency and non-emergency food aid flows on poverty in sub-Saharan Africa*

Advisor: Rakhal Sarker, Committee: G. Fox, J. Cranfield

### University of Alberta, Canada

B.Sc. Environmental and Conservation Sciences, 2012

Dept. Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology

Major: *Environmental Economics and Policy*

## RESEARCH

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### Institute for Integrated Energy Systems, University of Victoria

Postdoctoral Fellow, Accelerating Clean Energy Transformation Initiative (2024 - present)

- Community engaged research on public perceptions of energy transition within rural and medium-sized communities in Western Canada and the effective and inclusive design of policies advancing both climate and justice goals.

### Gund Institute for Environment, University of Vermont

Leadership for the Ecozoic, Gund Institute Graduate Fellow (2018 - 2024)

- Dissertation research around narrative, power and energy transitions within fossil fuel producing regions using computational text analysis, critical policy analysis and qualitative interviews.

NSF Navigating the New Arctic: Sustainable Transitions through Arctic Redevelopment (2023)

- Research around Arctic mine closures and redevelopment in Alaska, USA.

Ecozoic Policy Project (2021)

- Policy research and strategic communication on just transitions and job guarantees in the United States and Vermont.

### Research Consultant

David Suzuki Foundation (2023)

- Research in preparation for public comment on Ksi Lisims Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Project in British Columbia.

Parkland Institute (2021 - 2023)

- Research publication in partnership with Environmental Defence Canada - Climate change and environmental liabilities in the Canadian fossil fuel industry.
- Research publication in partnership with Oxfam Canada - Equity dimensions of environmental liabilities in the Canadian fossil fuel industry.

### **United Nations Research Institute for Social Development**

Junior Consultant (2021 - 2022)

- Contracted quantitative research assistant on the UNRISD Flagship Report 2022 on Inequalities and a New Eco-Social Contract.

### **CUSO International, Nicaragua**

Volunteer Researcher with Nicaragüense para las Mujeres Productora, (2018)

-Participatory Action Research for agricultural value chain development.

Value Chain Analyst with the Association of Producers and Exporters of Nicaragua (2017 - 2018)

-Project lead for a pro-poor value chain assessment of coconut production in South Caribbean Coast Autonomous Region of Nicaragua.

### **University of Guelph**

Dept. of Food Agriculture and Resource Economics (2013 - 2015)

-Econometric modeling of food aid program efficacy in sub-Saharan Africa.

### **Fundación PROINPA, Bolivia**

Sustainable Agricultural Research and Development Intern (2013)

-Statistical Analyst for a project developing mycorrhizal seed treatments for small-scale farming in the Andean high-lands.

## **AWARDS**

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### **Academic Prizes**

- Association of American Geographers Travel Award, 2024
- Most Outstanding Masters Thesis in Agricultural Economics, Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, 2015

### **Research Grants**

- SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2022
- NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award, National Science Foundation, 2022
- Board of Graduate Studies Research Scholarship, University of Guelph, 2014
- NSERC Undergraduate Research Award, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, 2012
- NSERC Undergraduate Research Award, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, 2011

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Instructor: Community Development Economics** (Spring, 2022)

Community Development and Applied Economics, University of Vermont

**Co-Instructor: Human Ecology and Health in the Arctic** (Fall, 2020)

Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, University of Vermont

**Guest Lectures in Ecological Economics** (Fall, 2021, 2022, 2023)

School of Social Innovation, Champlain College

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, University of Vermont

- Ecology, Ecosystems and Environment (Fall, 2019)

- Problem Solving and Impact Assessment (Spring, 2019)
- Social Processes and the Environment (Fall, 2018)

Department of Food, Agriculture and Resource Economics, University of Guelph

- Environmental Law and Regulation (Fall, 2014)
- Business Operations Management (Spring 2014)
- Natural Resource Economics (Fall 2013)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE**

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### **Leadership**

- Canadian Society for Ecological Economics, Director of Research (2023-present)
- International Society for Ecological Economics, Board Member (2022 - 2023)
- University of Vermont Graduate Students United, Organizing Member (2020 - 2022)
- Anthropocene to the Eozoic, Steering Committee (2020 - 2021)

### **Conference Organizing**

- 2021 Biennial Canadian Society for Ecological Economics Conference
- 2020 Burlington Degrowth Fest
- 2019 Biennial Canadian Society for Ecological Economics Conference
- 2019 Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources Power and Privilege Speaker Series

### **Professional Affiliations**

- UNRISD Network of Collaborating Researchers
- UN Harmony with Nature Knowledge Network
- Leadership for the Ecozoic
- Petrocultures Research Group
- Canadian Society for Ecological Economics
- American Association of Geographers

## **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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Farley, J., Melgar, R., Burke, M., Danielsen, J., **Egler, M.**, et. al. (Forthcoming -2024) 'Rethinking Ecosystem Services from the Anthropocene to the Ecozoic: Nature's Benefits to the Biotic Community'. *Ecosystem Services*.

**Egler, M.** (2021). 'Not Well Spent: A review of \$1-billion federal funding to clean up Alberta's inactive oil and gas wells'. *Parkland Institute and Oxfam Canada*. Edmonton, Canada.

Diwekar, U., Amekudzi-kennedy, A., Bakshi, B., Baumgartner, R., Boumans, R., Burger, P., **Egler, M.**, ... Theis, T. (2021). 'Resources, Conservation & Recycling A perspective on the role of uncertainty in sustainability science and engineering'. *Resources, Conservation & Recycling*, 164, 105140.

Bliss, S., & **Egler, M.** (2020). 'Ecological Economics Beyond Markets'. *Ecological Economics*, 178, 106806.

Vargas Roncancio, I., Temper, L., Sterlin, J., Smolyar, N.L., Sellers, S., Moore, M., Melgar-Melgar, R., Larson, J., Horner, C., Erickson, J.D., **Egler, M.**, Brown, P.G., Boulot, E., Beigi, T., Babcock, M., (2019). 'From the Anthropocene to mutual thriving: An agenda for higher education in the Ecozoic'. *Sustainability*, 11, 3312.

## **BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**Egler, M.** (2023). Egalitarian, Egalitarianism. In Dictionary of Ecological Economics: Terms for the New Millennium. Haddad, B.M., Solomon, B.D. (Eds.). Edward Elgar Publishing Limited

Farley, J. & **Egler, M.** (2021). Panarchy and the Economy. In Applied Panarchy: Applications and Diffusions Across Disciplines. Alan, C., Gunderson, L., Garmestani, A. Island Press.

Koliba, C., **Egler, M.**, Posner, S. (2020). Governing for sustainable development: rethinking governance and

ecological economics. In *Sustainable Wellbeing Futures: A Research and Action Agenda for Ecological Economics*. Costanza, R., Erickson, J., Farley, J., Kubiszewski. Edward Elgar Publishing Limited.

## **MANUSCRIPTS ON PROGRESS**

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**Egler, M.,** Barbieri, L. 'Prefiguring energy futures: hybrid energy initiatives and just transitions in fossil fuel regions'. In review at *Energy Research & Social Sciences*

**Egler, M.,** Morse, C. 'Power, narrative, and the oil and gas worker: Meaning making and the maintenance of extractive subjectivities'. In review at *Antipode*

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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**American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting.** 'Power, narrative, and the oil and gas worker: Meaning making and the maintenance of extractive subjectivities,' 2024

**The Great Transitions Conference.** 'Narrative, power, and alienation in fossil fuel labour,' 2023

**American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting.** 'Hybrid energy initiatives and the mediation of energy futures,' 2023

**Eleventh Interactive Dialogue of the General Assembly on Harmony with Nature (Invited Talk).** 'Ecological Economics and Rights of Nature,' 2022

**The Big Cleanup: How Canadians are paying to reclaim polluters' wells (Invited Talk).** 'Not well spent: A review of \$1-billion federal funding to clean up Alberta's inactive oil and gas wells,' 2021

**Publish What You Pay US/Canada Webinar (Invited Talk).** 'Informing the energy transition: Deep dive into methane emissions and reserve disclosures,' 2021

**International Society of Ecological Economics Conference (Session organizer and presenter).** 'The decommodification of essential resources,' 2021

**Long Talks in the Woods.** 'The stories capitalism tells us, and how they would be rewritten by a snail,' 2021

**International Society of Ecological Economics Symposium.** 'Art and Degrowth: Reflecting on DegrowthFest, a community art exploration,' 2020

**Anthropocene to the Ecozoic Webinar (Invited Talk).** 'Degrowth and Agroecology: Complimentarity in Utopian Futures,' 2020

**Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative Annual Conference (Invited Panelist).** 'Degrowth in movements,' 2020

**Trans-Atlantic Research and Development Interchange on Sustainability (Invited Talk).** 'Models as agents of social reification,' 2019

**Canadian Society for Ecological Economics Conference (Session organizer and presenter).** "Welcome to the Ecozoic," 2019

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS**

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**The Irving Institute for Energy & Society New Energy Summit, Dartmouth (2024)**

- A summit bringing together early-stage energy and climate researchers to collaborate and share ideas in an interdisciplinary setting.

**Canadian Society for Ecological Economics Academy Fellow (2022)**

**Decolonial and Non-Hierarchical Research Methods Workshop (2020)**

- Workshop on theory and praxis of diverse economies, feminist and decolonial economics and