# TRISHA SHRUM

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# **Education**

**National Merit Scholar** 

Harvard University − John F. Kennedy School of Government  ♦ Pursuing a PhD in Public Policy with a focus on Environmental & Behavioral Economics	2009-Present
Yale University − School of Forestry and Environmental Studies  ⋄ Masters of Environmental Science with a focus on Environmental Economics	2007-2009
The University of Kansas	2001-2006
<ul> <li>Duke University Organization for Tropical Studies</li> <li>♦ Studied tropical ecology, environmental policy, and Spanish at biological stations in Costa</li> <li>♦ Worked in groups to carry out two original research projects on forest fragmentation and r</li> </ul>	_
University of Notre Dame Environmental Research Center  Studied field ecology and carried out an independent original research project on amphibia Full scholarship and stipend awarded	2004 ans as bioindicators
Honors & Fellowships	
Harvard Environmental Economics Program Pre-Doctoral Fellow	2009-Present
Harvard Real Estate Academic Initiative Fellowship	2011
Tropical Resources Institute Fellow	2008
♦ Fellowship awarded for biofuel research in India	
Morris K. Udall Scholar  Awarded to 80 students nationally for demonstrated commitment to and effectiveness in e	2005 & 2006 nvironmental issues
Phi Beta Kappa Society  Nominated for academic excellence, intellectual integrity, and a broad range of academic in	2005-present nterests
Departmental Honors in Environmental Studies	2006
University of Kansas Nominee for Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships	2006
J.O. and V.H. Edson Scholarship	
<ul> <li>Awarded by the KU Biology Department to one outstanding Biology major</li> </ul>	2004

2001

## **Relevant Employment History**

## Section leader for Economics 10 with Greg Mankiw

2011-Present

♦ Provide primary instruction for 25 students by giving 2-3 full lectures per week as well as holding office hours.

## Teaching Assistant for Martin Weitzman in Economics of the Environment, Natural Resources, and Climate Change Spring 2011

**Research Assistant for Hunt Allcott at Harvard's IOSS** 

Summer 2010

Teaching Assistant for Gary Yohe in Economics of Sustainable Development

Spring 2009

Teaching Assistant for Robert Mendelsohn in Economics of Pollution

Fall 2008

Research Assistant for Governor of Kansas Mark Parkinson

2008

♦ Assisted in researching a book by the Governor on long-term policy planning

#### Research Fellow at the Kansas Energy Council

2007

- Advised the directors of the Energy Office, the Energy Council, and the Lieutenant Governor on economic, scientific, and policy issues related to climate change
- ♦ Assisted in the organizing and directing multi-stakeholder policy development meetings

## Other Contributions to Economic Policy Discourse

# A Renewable World: Energy, Ecology, Equality by H. Girardet & M. Mendoca

2009

♦ Contributed a section on carbon tax policy in a book published by the World Future Council

#### CBC As it Happens - Carbon Taxes Around the World

September 9, 2008

♦ Interviewed as a carbon tax expert prior to the Canadian national elections

### The Carbon Tax Center - www.carbontax.org

July 2007

Greenhouse gas policy white paper is published and highly recommended as a resource for understanding carbon taxes and cap-and-trade policies

#### **Kansas State Congress**

May 2008

Modeled economic impacts of national cap-and-trade policy on proposed coal plants for policymakers considering an override of state regulator's rejection of air quality permits based on carbon dioxide pollution

# Summary of Economics & Energy Research

#### **Heuristic Inferences from Energy Efficiency about Product Quality**

2011-Present

- Designed and carried out online experiments and analyzed data
- Currently designing and managing field experiments
- ♦ Co-author with Todd Rogers

#### **Energy Bills as Efficiency Disclosure: A Strong Signal or Too Much Noise?**

2010

- ♦ Worked to set up a field experiment to test the impact of historical energy costs on housing demand
- ♦ Developed a literature review for assessing the signal-to-noise in historical energy information

## Life Cycle Analysis of Biomass Electricity in Southern India

2009

 Analyzing the economic and environmental costs and benefits of electricity generation from bagasse, coconut wastes, paddy husk, and conventional coal in the framework of a life-cycle assessment

#### **Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Developing World:**

#### **Defining Explanatory Factors with Panel Regression Analysis**

2009

♦ Expanding decomposition analysis methodology and differentiating between development status to find patterns and anomalies in factors that are generally thought to strongly correlate with carbon dioxide emissions

#### **Hypothetical Revealed Preference in Water Pollution Management**

2006

Carried out a probit analysis to determine whether certain facility characteristics, such as public or private
ownership, would act as indictors of environmental management decisions in chemical manufacturing firms
during hypothetical regulation compliance scenarios under varying levels of risk and expected values