

# CESA Members Meeting 2022 – Participant Bios



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Anna Adamsson (she/her) is a Project Assistant for Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA). She works on the Energy Storage Technology Advancement Partnership (ESTAP) and co-leads CESA's Energy Storage Working Group (ESWG). Her work also supports the Solar with Justice: Connecting States and Communities project, which focuses on how state agencies can collaborate with community-based organizations to develop impactful solar policies for underserved communities. Anna holds a bachelor's degree in Global Studies and Environmental Policy from Purdue University.

**Work Interests:** Community Solar, LMI Solar, Solar+Storage, Energy Storage, Microgrids, Energy Justice.



**Emily Basham**  
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Emily Basham is the Senior Manager of Partnership Development at the Connecticut Green Bank. She manages various strategic partnerships that further the implementation and development of Green Bank programs. Emily manages the Solar Municipal Assistance Program, providing technical assistance and project development support for underserved municipalities. She led the partnerships for single family solar programs, specifically, the Solar for All program to increase LMI solar and energy efficiency adoption in CT. Emily has extensive experience with stakeholder engagement around soft cost issues and low-income solar. Emily holds a B.A. in Environmental Science and Political Science from the University of Michigan (Go Blue!).

**Work Interests:** LMI solar, solar for underserved, solar + storage, energy equity, stakeholder engagement, energy burden reduction



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Erin Beddingfield is the Associate Director for Codes and Policy with the New Buildings Institute (NBI), where she supports jurisdictions across the U.S. in their efforts to advance codes, standards, policies and programs to decarbonize buildings. She has over a dozen year of experience working on greenhouse gas mitigation policies and programs in support of governments at all levels of jurisdiction and clients in the private sector. Prior to joining NBI, Erin was a Senior Associate with the U.S.

Climate Alliance Secretariat at the United Nations Foundation, where she led the organization's work supporting states in building decarbonization, appliance efficiency standards, and lead by example initiatives. She has previously worked in the nonprofit and private sectors in roles focusing on greenhouse gas emissions accounting and reduction strategies for commercial clients and at the local, state, and federal government levels.

**Work Interests:** Zero emissions buildings policies and programs, advanced building design and operation, energy codes, building performance standards.



**Whitney Berry**  
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Whitney Berry is a Senior Manager of Climate Policy at the Ocean Conservancy, a nonprofit environmental advocacy organization that creates science-based solutions for a healthy ocean. Whitney helps research, formulate, and advocate ocean-climate policy at the international, federal and state levels. Her portfolio includes ocean-based mitigation and adaption solutions to combat climate change. Previously, Whitney worked for the State of California's Natural Resources Agency as a cabinet-level climate policy manager within the Ocean Protection Council. She graduated from Middlebury College with a master's degree in International Environmental Policy focusing on Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.



**Taryn Boland**  
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Taryn joined the Board in November 2020 as the Deputy Chief of Staff and assumed the COS position in November 2021. In this new role, Taryn oversees the day-to-day operations of the agency, manages agency staffing and personnel matters, and advises the President of the NJBPU on policy related to achieving Governor Murphy's goal of 100% Clean Energy by 2050 and utility regulation. In her time at NJBPU she has worked on several key initiatives including the NJBPU Pandemic Response Proceeding, the roll out of New Jersey's Community Solar Pilot Program Year 2 and the launch of new electric vehicle charging infrastructure grant programs. Taryn is a lifelong New Jersey resident and earned a Bachelor in Government and Law at Lafayette College and a Master in Public Affairs and Politics at the Rutgers University Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy.

**Work Interests:** Clean energy equity, energy storage and grid modernization.



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Daniel Borneo is an Engineering Program/Project Lead at Sandia National Laboratory (SNL) where he leads a projects team that is part of Sandia's Grid-Tied Electrical Energy Storage Program. The main emphasis of Dan's work is to collaborate with utilities, industry partners, academia, and State Energy offices to develop Energy Storage (ES) projects and bring innovative electrical energy storage

technologies to commercialization. He also specializes in the commissioning of ES systems, and does work both Nationally and Internationally. Dan earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of New Mexico, focusing on power and controls. He holds a professional engineering license in the state of New Mexico.

**Vero Bourg-Meyer**

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Vero Bourg-Meyer (she/her) serves as the Project Director for Solar Initiatives at the Clean Energy States Alliance, where she supports the organization's effort to develop impactful programs with U.S. states and the Department of Energy as part of the Scaling Up Solar for Under-Resourced Communities project and the Offshore Wind Accelerator project. Prior to CESA, Vero worked in various capacities at Yale University, including as Program Director for Clean Energy at the Center for Business and the Environment. Vero practiced law, successively at international law firms Gide Loyrette Nouel and Hogan Lovells, in their project finance teams. Vero has advised clients on structuring roughly \$5.5 billion worth of infrastructure investments throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, and North-East Asia. She holds a Master of Environmental Management (environmental policy) from Yale University, a French JD from the Universite de Droit de Montpellier, and a joint US/Chinese LL.M from Tsinghua Law School in Beijing, China. Vero is a member of the New York bar and the Paris bar.

**Work Interests:** LMI Solar, Solar Business Models, Offshore Wind Cooperation and Regional Coordination, Clean Energy Finance, Green Banks, Human Dignity.

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Brandon Bowser is the Energy Resilience Manager for the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA). He manages a suite of energy resilience-focused incentive programs that help Maryland organizations develop and install microgrids and other distributed energy resource (DER) systems. Specifically, these include the Resilient Maryland planning program, Resilient Maryland Capital Development program, Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Grant Program, and Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program. Brandon is also a member of the Maryland Public Service Commission Distribution System Planning Workgroup, where he leads the DER and Non-wires Alternatives (NWA) subpanel. Additionally, he serves as MEA's ESF-12 Emergency Management Coordinator during natural disasters and other events that threaten the integrity of the State's power grid and fuel supplies. Brandon previously worked for an energy consulting firm for REIT properties where he managed a team of energy analysts in utility redistribution and demand response. He holds a Master's Degree in Finance and Bachelor's Degree in Energy Business & Finance, both from Penn State University.

**Work interests:** Energy Resilience, Energy Equity & Energy Justice, Microgrids & DERs, Distribution System Planning, Grid Modernization, Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Energy Education & Stakeholder Engagement.

**Jennifer Bumgarner**

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Jennifer Bumgarner was most recently Senior Regional Director for the Southeast with Energy Foundation, where she led a team working to advance equitable climate and clean energy solutions across a 14-state region. Prior to her tenure at Energy Foundation, Jennifer was Assistant Secretary for Energy with the North Carolina Department of Commerce, where she administered more than \$275 million in federal funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and led efforts to integrate clean energy into the state's economic development strategy. She also served as a Policy Advisor to Governor Michael F. Easley and as a Policy Advisor and Deputy Policy Director to Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue. A native North Carolinian, Jennifer holds a B.A. in Politics from Wake Forest University and a Master of Science in Social Policy from the University of Oxford in Oxford, United Kingdom, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar.

**Deana Carrillo (CESA Board Member)**

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Deana Carrillo serves as the Deputy Director of the Renewable Energy Division at the California Energy Commission. Prior to this role, she was the manager of the Local Assistance and Financing Office. Deana brings over 16 years of experience in leadership, public administration, clean energy policy, and finance to the position. Prior to joining the CEC, Deana was the Executive Director of the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA), serving under three different State Treasurers. At CAEATFA, she worked to develop and oversee various financing programs to support California's climate, economic development, and social equity goals. Deana has a Master of Public Policy degree from UCLA, with a focus in regional economic development and urban poverty, and a bachelor's degree from UC Santa Cruz in political science.

**Sergio Carrillo (CESA Board Member)**

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Sergio Carrillo is Director of Incentive Programs with the Connecticut Green Bank, where he oversees all programs designed to deploy clean energy through incentives by the Green Bank.

The Bank's current programs include the Residential Solar Investment Program (RSIP), the Smart-E Loan, the Solar for All Program, and the Energy Storage Solutions Program launched in 2022. Before joining the Connecticut Green Bank, Sergio worked with Chesapeake Utilities Corporation where he held several positions, including Manager of Rates, Contracts and Regulatory Affairs, and most recently acted as Director of Corporate Strategy and Development, overseeing strategy development and implementation. Sergio also has extensive experience leading retail electricity pricing to residential, commercial, and industrial customers, as well as wholesale pricing procurement processes. He holds a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering, a M.Sc. in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering from Penn State University, and an MBA from Duke University – The Fuqua School of Business.

**Allison Clements**

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Commissioner Allison Clements has two decades of public and private sector experience in energy regulation and policy, representing utilities, independent power producers, developers and lenders, nonprofits and philanthropies on grid policy issues. Prior to her time at FERC, she spent two years as director of the energy markets program at Energy Foundation. Earlier, she founded Goodgrid, LLC, an energy policy and strategy consulting firm. She also spent a decade at the Natural Resources Defense Council in New York, as the organization's corporate counsel and then as director of the Sustainable FERC Project. Before that, she spent several years in private legal practice. Commissioner Clements has served as a federal energy expert in several capacities, including as a member of a National Academies of Sciences committee on grid resilience and as a clinical visiting lecturer at Yale Law School. She grew up in Dayton, Ohio and now lives in Washington, DC, with her husband and two children.

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As Chief Investment Officer, Musa is a core member of IPC's leadership team, oversees execution of all investment transactions, and plays a critical role in determining the strategic direction of the organization. Previously, Musa was a Senior Officer with the World Bank and Global Environment Facility and held several executive roles for U.S.-based clean energy ventures and environmental finance organizations. Apart from his professional career interests, Musa is an avid reader and traveler, former NCAA athlete (having been involved with competitive athletics through college and beyond), and proponent of human rights causes (including in the context of international human rights and religious freedom advocacy groups). The proud father of four children, he and his wife Humma (a dedicated professional teacher) share a lifelong commitment to education, knowledge, and making a contribution towards the betterment of society.

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David serves as a Senior Energy Program Manager at the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA). His focus areas include solar energy, energy storage, nuclear energy and grid resilience. Prior to working at the Maryland Energy Administration, he helped the Department of Energy develop their first Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan and supported the Federal Energy Management Program in the areas of renewable energy and technology deployment. David's formal education includes a B.S.

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**Work Interests:** Large-scale integration of variable renewables into the grid, microgrid and resilience.



**Ryan Cook**  
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Ryan Cook is a Senior Program Manager in the Renewables team at Energy Trust of Oregon.

His primary role is managing Energy Trust's work on the Oregon Community Solar program, working with developers, community groups, and stakeholders to identify and develop new projects with an emphasis on low-income customer benefits and community-led projects. Ryan also contributes to Energy Trust's efforts to identify and pursue sources of funding that are complementary to the organization's traditional funding sources and that would multiply the impact of Energy Trust programming. When he's not talking about solar, Ryan is hopefully off gravel biking somewhere in the Cascade range.

**Work interests:** Community Solar, LMI Solar, Funding Opportunities.



**Maria Blais Costello**  
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Maria Blais Costello is Manager of Program Administration for Clean Energy Group (CEG) and CESA; she is responsible for managing grants and communications for CESA and CEG projects.

Maria directs CESA's State Leadership in Clean Energy awards. Over the past 18 years, she has managed the development activities and special events for both organizations. She also serves as CEG's corporate secretary. Maria previously worked at Conservation Law Foundation, where she served as the office manager for the Vermont office. She graduated cum laude from the University of New Hampshire with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Economics.

**Work Interests:** Multi-State Funding Opportunities, State Policy Best Practices, Meeting and Special Events.



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Austin Counts is the Rural and Industrial Clean Energy Program Manager with the Virginia Department of Energy. In this new role, Austin works to make clean energy technologies accessible in rural and disadvantaged communities across Virginia. Before working with Virginia Energy, Austin worked for an economic and environmental advocacy non-profit in Norton, Virginia, to bring solar energy and associated job opportunities to the coalfield region. He is an alumnus of The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

**Emily Dean**

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Emily Dean is Director of Housing Decarbonization for NYSERDA where she leads the development and execution of strategies and partnerships to accelerate efficiency and electrification adoption in New York's residential and multifamily buildings, with a focus on serving low-to-moderate income residents and affordable housing, to advance the climate and equity targets in New York's Climate Act. Emily also leads the Governor's 2022 State of the State initiative to develop an action plan to achieve Two Million Climate-Friendly Homes by 2030. Prior to this role, Emily served as Director of Market Development, leading NYSERDA's work in Communities & Local Governments, Workforce Development, and Industrial & Agriculture. Before joining NYSERDA in 2016, Emily was Deputy Assistant Commissioner for New York City's DCAS Energy Management, where she developed strategies and programs to reduce emissions across the City's 4,000+ public buildings. Emily earned a BA in Urban Design from NYU and MPA from Columbia University.

**Danielle Deane-Ryan (CESA Board Member)**  
Director of Equitable Climate Solutions  
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Danielle Deane-Ryan has devoted her career to her passion for advancing strategic, equitable climate crisis solutions. She is the inaugural Director of Equitable Climate Solutions at the Bezos Earth Fund. Prior, Danielle was a senior advisor to foundations including the Libra Foundation, the Donors of Color Network, and the Heising-Simons Foundation. Danielle has held executive roles at The Nathan Cummings Foundation; within the Obama Administration at the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy; Green 2.0; the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies; and the Hewlett Foundation.

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Mark is Chief Financial Officer for Inclusive Prosperity Capital, where he oversees the asset management, financial reporting, human resources, tax compliance, and treasury functions. He is a CPA in Connecticut with over 15 years of combined public and private accounting experience. Prior to joining IPC, Mark worked in fund administration for Landmark Partners (a division of Ares Management), an investment advisor specializing in private equity and real estate secondaries funds with over \$27 billion in commitments, where he was responsible for the fund operations, cash management, and financial reporting for over 20 private equity funds. Prior to that, he spent eight years in public accounting auditing higher education and not for profit organizations, as well as public and private companies. He has bachelor's and master's degrees in Accounting from Western New England University.

**Work Interests:** Commercial and community solar, residential solar, multi-family and nonprofit clean energy lending, financial reporting, and tax compliance.



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Greg has worked extensively with state and local governments on clean energy and transportation policy. He has a proven track record building interdisciplinary teams to develop and deploy clean energy projects. Greg has experience working with states in various capacities at the nonprofit and association level, advising governors, air agencies, and state energy officials. At the US Department of Energy, he currently supports the roll out of key infrastructure programs that will benefit all communities.



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Samantha serves as the Communications Coordinator for Clean Energy Group and the Clean Energy States Alliance. Samantha manages webinars, newsletters, social media, and press outreach. She serves as webmaster for both organizations and assists with publications and events. Samantha previously worked as an administrator at Fairewinds Energy Education, a nuclear safety advocacy non-profit in Burlington, Vermont. She has also worked as a research assistant in the environmental studies department at Brown University, where she researched fisheries projects in West Africa and compiled historic climate and fisheries data from southern New England. Samantha graduated cum laude from Mount Holyoke College with a B.A. in Environmental Studies and a minor in French.

**Work Interests:** Webinars, Social Media, Website Development, Press Outreach.

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**Tony Gonçalves** (CESA Board Member)  
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As the nation's sixth-largest community-owned electric service provider, SMUD's vision is to partner with its customers and community, provide innovative solutions to ensure energy affordability and reliability, improve the environment, and reduce the region's carbon footprint. Tony has been with SMUD since 2015, and is responsible for assessing RPS and carbon implications, development of SMUD's Integrated Resource Plan, and conducting economic analysis for proposed projects and programs. He previously worked at two other publicly owned utilities in California and started his career at the California Energy Commission, where he spent over 20 years working on renewable energy issues, and was manager of the renewable energy office from 2009 – 2013. He holds a B.S. in Civil and Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Davis.

**Work Interest:** Renewable energy; resource planning; zero carbon by 2030; local carbon benefits.



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Rob Gramlich is President of Grid Strategies LLC, a consultancy focused on transmission and power market reforms for a low carbon grid. He is also Executive Director of Americans for a Clean Energy Grid and of Working for Advanced Transmission Technologies (WATT Coalition). Rob previously oversaw transmission and power market policy for the American Wind Energy Association as SVP and Interim CEO, served as Economic Advisor to FERC Chairman Pat Wood III, and was Senior Economist at PJM Interconnection. Rob has a Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree from UC Berkeley and a BA with Honors in Economics from Colby College. He enjoys ultra-marathons and has coached 70 seasons of youth sports.



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Brian Granahan is the Chief Legal Counsel of the Illinois Power Agency, an independent state agency tasked with developing procurement plans and conducting energy, capacity, and renewables procurement events for the State of Illinois and its electric utilities. Brian began his career as an associate with Sidley Austin LLP and worked as clean energy advocate and staff attorney with Environment Illinois before shifting to the public sector, serving as a policy advisor to Acting Chairman Manuel Flores and Chairman Douglas Scott at the Illinois Commerce Commission. Prior to joining the IPA, Brian was a Vice President with the strategic consulting firm of Tur Partners LLC working to incubate a startup L3C focused on cleantech adoption by municipal governments. Brian holds a B.S. from the University of Iowa and a J.D. from New York University and is a former board member of the Illinois Environmental Council and Green Economy Chicago.

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Imre Gyuk directs the energy storage research program at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), which funds work on a wide variety of technologies such as advanced batteries,

flywheels, super-capacitors, and compressed air energy storage. Applications include seamless continuity of power supply for high-tech industry during outages, making renewables dispatchable, and helping to increase the capacity factor and ease congested distribution lines. Dr. Gyuk has a B.S. from Fordham University, and he did graduate work at Brown University where he was a research assistant to Nobel Laureate Leon Cooper. He has a Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics from Purdue University and became a research associate at Syracuse. Dr. Gyuk has taught Physics, Civil Engineering, and Architecture at the University of Wisconsin and Kuwait University.

**Jeni Hall**

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Jeni Hall is a Program Manager in the Renewables team at Energy Trust of Oregon. Her focus is working with Oregon communities and utility partners on projects that balance customer benefits and energy resilience with the future of the electric grid. As the technical lead she is responsible for the program's solar ready new construction programs, solar installation requirements and contractor quality management to ensure that all projects receiving incentive funds will be durable and high performing grid assets. Prior to joining Energy Trust Jeni served as co-owner and director of operations for Synchro Solar, a residential and small commercial solar installer based in Portland. She holds a graduate degree in Aerospace Engineering and before following her passion into working with solar was employed by Sikorsky Aircraft to evaluate the handling qualities of Blackhawk helicopters.

**Work Interests:** Environmental Justice, Solar+Storage, Renewable Microgrids, Energy Resilience, Smart Inverters, Funding Opportunities, Workforce Development.

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Sara Harari is the Associate Director of Innovation and Strategic Advisor to the President & CEO at the Connecticut Green Bank, where she designs new programs to deploy green infrastructure throughout the state. Prior to this role, she worked with utilities to accelerate the deployment and integration of DERs to the grid. Her career started designing energy-efficient buildings and thermal power plants for international clients as an energy engineer. Sara holds an MBA from the Yale School of Management, a Master of Environmental Management from the Yale School of the Environment, and a BS in Civil Engineering from Tufts University. She is the Chapter Global Relations Director for the Boston Chapter of the Women's Energy Network and the head of the College Outreach Committee.

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Abbie Hasenfus began working for the Office of Energy Resources in February 2022. Abbie was an intern at Office of Energy Resources (OER) through the URI Energy Fellowship Program in 2019, where she was responsible for conducting outreach work with Farmers to promote the RI Agricultural Energy Grant Program (RI AgEP). Abbie returned to URI during the pandemic in 2020 to get her master's degree in Environmental Economics and graduated with an MS in August 2021. Abbie is now the Program Manager for the RI AgEP, in addition to the Clean Energy Internship Program, which pairs college students with positions in the clean energy industry for a 12-week paid internship.

**Work Interests:** Energy Equity – most importantly incorporating it into program design, Environmental Justice , Energy Storage, All things solar!

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Lynn Heller is the Founder and CEO of the [Climate Access Fund](#). She is a social entrepreneur with extensive experience in the nonprofit sector. Prior to launching the Climate Access Fund, Lynn served as Vice President of the Abell Foundation, where she oversaw the foundation's operations and managed the Foundation's environmental grants portfolio. Lynn has worked as a nonprofit strategic planning and management consultant, and has launched political and economic development programs in Baltimore, California and Indonesia. Lynn is Board Chair of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters, a past member of the Maryland Climate Change Commission, and a founding member of the Baltimore Sustainability Commission. Lynn earned an M.A. in Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a B.A. from Princeton University, magna cum laude.

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Dale Hoffmeyer is the Residential Modeling and Analysis Technology Manager in the Residential Buildings Integration (RBI) program of the Building Technologies Office in the

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**Work Interests:** renewable energy, innovation, infrastructure finance, equity, environmental justice.

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Jennifer Johnston, Energy Program Specialist for the District Department of Energy and Environment, supports the implementation of energy efficiency, utility affordability, and home remediation programs at DOEE (Weatherization Assistance Program, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Utility Discount Program, Solar for All Program). Jennifer worked with Pendragwn Productions to

produce the Emmy nominated #DCSolarStories documentary and is working to deploy solar within the District. This summer Jennifer will help lead the development of Clean Energy DC 2.0, the District's next iteration of the city's comprehensive energy and climate action plan.

**Work interests:** subscriber acquisition, policy, planning, interconnection & deployment.



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Betsy Kauffman heads up Energy Trust of Oregon's renewable energy sector, which provides cash incentives and technical assistance to solar, hydro, biopower, and geothermal projects in Oregon. The program has funded more than 20,000 commercial, residential, and large-scale solar projects and more than 20 hydro, bio, and geothermal projects. Along with a local neighborhood organization, Energy Trust operated the first Solarize effort in the nation. Prior to joining Energy Trust, Betsy worked at For the Sake of the Salmon where she managed the Salmon-Friendly Power program, one of Oregon's first programs to allow utility customers to choose a renewable power option. Betsy has bachelor's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.



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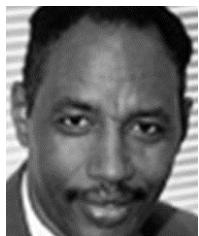


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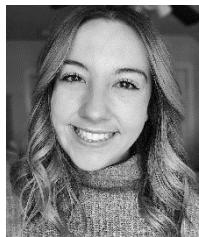
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**Work interests:** portfolio standards, renewable energy incentive program design, clean heating and cooling technologies (air and ground source heat pumps, solar thermal), district geothermal systems, biogenic fuels, and building decarbonization.

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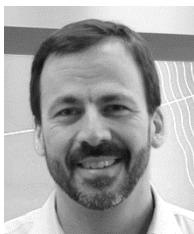
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**Work Interests:** Community solar, solar+storage, hydrogen policy, environmental justice, energy justice.



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**Work Interests:** engaging environmental justice communities in energy decision-making and projects, examples of energy programs that are working for other states, legislative affairs.



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