Aviva Loew, PhD

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Diligent, creative, and interdisciplinary researcher. Strong written and oral communication skills, and work experience in consulting, international outreach, and project management.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Jerusalem Green Fund -- Intern

2020

• Supporting stakeholder engagement, collaboration and communications

Conservation International -- Green Infrastructure Intern

2019

• Researched existing water infrastructure in Sub-Saharan Africa and compiled data sources on distribution, capacity, water quality and quantity

Carnegie Mellon University – Research Assistant and Project Manager

2013 - 2019

- Researched energy and water topics including water conservation adaptations for thermal power plants, electricity system vulnerabilities, and brackish water desalination methods for electricity sector application
- Used various analytical methods such as techno-economic assessment, modeling with uncertainty, spatial mapping and statistical analysis
- Managed capstone project course on campus sustainability and facilitated research teams, report compilation, and student presentations
- Led recitation sessions, designed projects, and undertook administrative tasks for "Introduction to Engineering and Public Policy", class of 70 undergraduates
- Taught classes, led science demos, and supervised field trips within annual summer school program for local high school students
- Presented at national and international conferences, including the American Society of Civil Engineers, Carnegie Mellon Electricity Industry Center, International Symposium on Sustainable Systems & Technology, United States Association of Energy Economics, 7th World Water Forum

Abt Associates, Inc., Environment and Resources Division – Research Assistant

2011 - 2013

- Evaluated novel technologies for economic, health and environmental benefits for Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award
- Facilitated stakeholder participation and contributed to research on potential phthalate alternatives through an EPA government-industry partnership
- Represented EPA Office of Pollution Prevention at national conventions and on social media

Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center - International Project Manager 2010 – 2011

- Expedited survey distribution to study access-to-care disparities for cancer patients globally; supported database creation and managed IRB records
- Helped establish international public health fellowship program by assisting scientists from Latin America in communications and navigation of protocols

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

Dec. 2018

- PhD in Engineering and Public Policy
- Thesis: Tradeoffs in Energy, Water Use, and Cost at Thermoelectric Power Plants
- Semester at CMU-Africa campus in Kigali, Rwanda (Spring 2017)

Brown University, Providence, RI

May 2010

- B.S. in Chemistry with Honors
- Semifinalist for McKnight Prize in Chemistry
- Fulbright Student Research Award (declined)

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish, Hebrew

SOFTWARE

Microsoft Office Suite, Excel, R, ArcGIS, QGIS, SQL

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Loew, A., Jaramillo, P., Zhai, H. Marginal costs of water savings from cooling system retrofits: a case study for Texas power plants. *Environmental Research Letters* **2016** 11(10), 104004.
- Loew, A., Jaramillo, P., Zhai, H., Ali, R., Nijssen, B., Cheng, Y., Klima, K. Fossil Fuel-fired Power Plants Operations Under A Changing Climate. *Climatic Change* **2020**, 1-14.
- Lee, Y., Loew, A., Sun, S. Surface- and Structure-Dependent Catalytic Activity of Au Nanoparticles for Oxygen Reduction Reaction. *Chemistry of Materials* **2010** 22 (3), 755-761.
- Sergi, B., Williams, N., Babcock, M., Thornburg, J., Loew, A., Ciez, R. Institutional Influence on Power Sector Investments: A Case Study of On- and Off-Grid Energy in Kenya and Tanzania. *Energy Research and Social Science* **2018** (41), 59-70.
- Ralston, R.F., Craig, M., Jaramillo, P., Berges, M., Severnini, E., Loew, A., Zhai, H., Cheng, Y.,
 Nijssen, B., Voison, N., Yearsley, J. Climate-induced tradeoffs in planning and operating costs of a regional electricity system. Manuscript under review.
- Vörösmarty, C.J. et al. Transforming Water Security in Africa Using Green and Grey Infrastructure. Manuscript under review.

Journal Reviewer

• Environmental Research Letters