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Academic Employment:

Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Virginia Tech (current)
Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Virginia Tech (2011-2015)
Associate Professor, Department of Resource Economics, University of Nevada, Reno (2006 –2010)
Assistant Professor, Department of Resource Economics, University of Nevada, Reno (2000 - 2006)

Other Professional Experience:

Visiting Scholar, Luskin Center for Innovation, School of Public Affairs, UCLA (Aug-Dec. 2010)
Visiting Instructor, Free University, Amsterdam (Dec. 2009)
Visiting Instructor, University of Innsbruck (June 2008, 2009)

Education:

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Washington (2000)
M.A. in Economics, University of Washington (1998)
M.A. in International Policy Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies (1994)
M.S. in Environmental Planning & Engineering,
University of Agriculture and Forestry, Vienna, Austria (1990)

Languages:

German (native), French (fluent), Spanish (working knowledge)

Journal Publications

Moeltner, K., C. Blinn,, T. Holmes (forthcoming). Forest Pests and Home Values: The Importance of Accuracy in Damage Assessment and Geocoding of Properties, *Journal of Forest Economics*

Cohen, J., K. Moeltner, J. Reichl, M. Schmidthaler (forthcoming). Linking the Value of Energy Reliability to the Acceptance of Energy Infrastructure: Evidence from the EU, *Resource and Energy Economics*

Cohen, J., K. Moeltner, J. Reichl, M. Schmidthaler (forthcoming). An Empirical Analysis of Local Opposition to new Transmission Lines across the EU-27, *Energy Journal*, 37(3)

Cohen, J., C. Blinn, K. Boyle, T. Holmes, K. Moeltner (2016). Hedonic Valuation with Translating Commodities: Mountain Pine Beetles and Host Trees in the Colorado Front Range. *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 63(3), 613-642

Vinoles, V., K. Moeltner, S. Stoddard (2015). Length of Residency and Water Use in an Arid Urban Environment, *Water Resources and Economics*, 12(Oct.), 52-66

Yu , L., S. B. Ball, C. E. Blinn, K. Moeltner, S. Peery, V.A. Thomas, R. H. Wynne (2015). Cloud-Sourcing: Using an Online Labor Force to Detect Clouds and Cloud Shadows in Landsat Images. *Remote Sensing*, 7(3), 2334-2351

Castledine, A., K. Moeltner, M.K. Price, S. Stoddard (2014), Free to Choose: Promoting Conservation by Relaxing Outdoor Watering Restrictions. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 107(A), 324-343

Johnston, R., K. Moeltner, (2014). Meta-Modeling and Benefit Transfer: The Empirical Relevance of Source-Consistency in Welfare Measures. *Environmental and Resource Economics*. 59, 337-361

Moeltner, K, R.S. Rosenberger, (2014). Cross-Context Benefit Transfer: A Bayesian Search for Information Pools. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 96(2), 469-488

Moeltner, K, M.K. Kim, E. Zhu, W. Yang, (2013). Wildfire Smoke and Health Impacts: A Closer Look at Fire Attributes and their Marginal Effects. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 66(3), 476--496

Kobayashi, M., K. Moeltner, K. Rollins, (2012). Latent Thresholds Analysis of Choice Data under Value Uncertainty. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 94(1), p. 189-208

Moeltner K., R. von Haefen, (2011). Microeconomic Strategies for Dealing with Unobservables and Endogenous Variables in Recreation Demand Models. *Annual Review of Resource Economics*, 3, p.375-396

Dekker T., R. Brouwer, M. Hofkes, K. Moeltner, (2011). The Effect of Risk Context on the Value of a Statistical Life: A Bayesian Meta-model. *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 49, p.597-624

Moeltner K., J. S. Shonkwiler, (2010). Intercept and Recall: Examining Avidity Carryover in On-Site Collected Trip Reports. *Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment*, 15(7), p.418-427

Davis A., K. Moeltner, (2010). Valuing the Prevention of an Infestation: The Threat of the New Zealand Mud Snail in Northern Nevada. *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*, 39 (1), p.56-74.

Moeltner K., R. Johnston, R. S. Rosenberger, J. M. Duke, (2009). Benefit Transfer from Multiple Contingent Experiments: A Flexible Two-Step Model Combining Individual Choice Data with Community Characteristics. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 91 (5), p. 1335-42.

Moeltner, K., R. Woodward (2009). Meta-Functional Benefit Transfer for Wetland Valuation: Making the Most of Small Samples. *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 42 (1), p. 89-109.

Moeltner K., R. S. Rosenberger (2008), Meta-Regression and Benefit Transfer: Data Space, Model Space, and the Quest for 'Optimal Scope'. *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 8 (1), *Contributions*. <http://www.bepress.com/bejeap/vol8/iss1/art31/>

Moeltner, K., K.J. Boyle, R. W. Paterson (2007). Meta-Analysis and Benefit-Transfer for Resource Valuation: Addressing Classical Challenges with Bayesian Modeling. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 53 (2), p.250 – 269.

Curtis, K. R., K. Moeltner, (2007). Consumer Risk Perception and Purchase Propensity for Genetically Modified Foods in Romania. *Agribusiness*. 23 (2), p. 263-278.

Curtis, K. R., K. Moeltner, (2006). Genetically Modified Food Market Participation and Consumer Risk Perceptions: A Cross-Country Comparison. *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 54(2), p. 289-310.

Englin, J. E., J. McDonald, K. Moeltner, (2006). Valuing Ancient Forest Ecosystems: An Analysis of Backcountry Hiking in Jasper National Park. *Ecological Economics*. 57, (4), p. 665-678.

Moeltner, K., J. S. Shonkwiler, (2005). Correcting for On-Site Sampling in Random Utility Models. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 87(2), p. 327-339.

Hagerty, D., K. Moeltner, (2005). Specification of Driving Costs in Models of Recreation Demand. *Land Economics*, 81(1), p.127-143.

Manley, J., G. C. van Kooten, K. Moeltner, D. W. Johnson (2005) Creating Carbon Offsets in Agriculture through Zero Tillage: A Meta-Analysis of Costs and Carbon Benefits. *Climatic Change*, 68, 41-65.

Englin, J. E., K. Moeltner, (2004). The Recreational Value of Snowfall to Skiers and Boarders. *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 29(1), p. 123-136..

Moeltner, K., J. E. Englin (2004). Choice Behavior Under Time-Variant Quality: State Dependence Versus 'Play-It-By-Ear' in Selecting Ski Resorts. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 22(2), p. 214-224.

Moeltner, K, S. Stoddard. (2004) A Panel Data Analysis of Non-Residential Customers' Water Price Responsiveness Under Block Rates, *Water Resources Research*, 40(1).

Moeltner, K. (2003) Addressing Aggregation Bias in Zonal Recreation Models. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 45(1), p.128-144.

Moeltner, K., C.G. van Kooten (2003). Voluntary Environmental Action and the Profit Motive: The Case of Forest Certification. *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 28(2),p. 302-315.

Moeltner, K., D. F. Layton. (2002). A Censored Random Coefficients Model for Pooled Survey Data with Application to the Estimation of Power Outage Costs. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 84 (3), p. 552-561.

Book Chapters:

Cohen, J., K. Moeltner, J. Reichl, M. Schmidthaler (2016). Electricity Supply Security, Service Valuation and Public Perception of Energy Infrastructures, in *Protecting Electricity Networks from Natural Hazards*, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), p.36-44.

K. Moeltner (2015). Optimal Scope and Bayesian Model Search in Benefit Transfer, in *Benefit Transfer of Environmental and Resource Values: A Handbook for Researchers and Practitioners*, R. J. Johnston, J. Rolfe, R. S. Rosenberger, and R. Brouwer, eds., Springer Publishing.

K. Moeltner, J. J. Murphy, J. K. Stranlund, and M.A. Velez (2013). Institutional Heterogeneity in Social Dilemma Games: A Bayesian Examination, in *Handbook on Experimental Economics and the Environment*, J. List and M. Price, eds., Edward Elgar Publishing.

Layton, D. F., K. Moeltner (2005). The Cost of Power Outages to Heterogeneous Households - An Application of the Gamma-Lognormal Distribution, in *Applications of Simulation Methods in Environmental and Resource Economics*, R. Scarpa and A. Alberini, eds., Springer Publishing, Dordrecht, The Netherlands.

Research in Progress:

Breakfast at School: The Role of Time and Location for Participation and Nutritional Intake (with L. Yu and K. Spears); in review

Valuing Electricity-Dependent Infrastructure: An Essential-Input Approach (with J. Cohen, J. Reichl, M. Schmidthaler); in review.

Controlling for Unobserved Spatial and Temporal Effects in Hedonic Matching (with J. Cohen and T. Holmes); in review.

Global Warming and the Value of Uninterrupted Electricity Supply (with J. Cohen, J. Reichl, M. Schmidthaler); in review.

Enforcing the Rules in Timber Concessions: Performance Bonding in the Presence of Corruption Risk (with O.-P. Kuusela, G. Amacher); in review.

Becker Versus the Behavioralist: Using Targeted Messages to Promote Compliance with Outdoor Water Restrictions (with M. Price and C. Wichman); in progress.

Contract Duration and Extraction with Hydraulic Fracturing (with G. Amacher); in progress.

Humans versus Automated Algorithms for Cloud Interpretation in Landsat Images (with L. Yu); in progress.

Coastal versus Interior Flood Hazard Zones and Home Values (with C. Blinn and R. Johnston); in progress.

Air Pollution and Respiratory Health: The Importance of Controlling for Pollen Counts (with O. Bagheri); in progress.

Presentations (last 3 years):

“Coastal hazard zones and home values: (1) Overview / (2) Analysis / (3) The role of hardened shoreline,” presented at the stakeholder workshop “The Economics of Natural and Nature Based Coastal Adaptation,” Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Greenland, NH, March 29, 2017

“Watershed restoration and housing markets: A first look at downstream effects,” presented at the stakeholder workshop “25 Years of Johnson Creek Watershed Restoration: A Synthesis of Scientific and Economic Impacts,” Reed College, Portland, OR, March 17, 2017

"Coastal hazard zones and home values: The quest for an unbiased treatment effect," presented at the W3133 Regional Project Meetings, Carlsbad, CA, Feb. 22 - 24, 2017

"Adaptive matching estimators for property valuation with application to urban stream restoration," presented at the USDA-NIFA AFRI project directors meeting, AAEA post-conference workshop Boston, MA, Aug. 3, 2016

"Valuing electricity-dependent infrastructure: An essential-input approach," presented at:

- (i) University of Nevada, Reno, Sep. 12, 2016
- (ii) Montana State University, Sep. 9, 2016
- (iii) The Virginia Association of Economists' 43rd Annual Meeting, Mar. 31 – Apr. 1, 2016

"Power outages, electricity-dependent infrastructure, and NIMBY: Evidence from the EU," presented at Penn State University, Dec. 3, 2015

"Nonparametric matching to pre-process housing data: Estimating coastal hazard effects in New England communities," presented at the AAEA & WAEA joint annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, July 26-28

"Making hedonic data look more like experimental data: Pre-processing the sample via matching," presented at the W3133 Regional Project Meetings, Pensacola Beach, FL, Feb. 25 - 27, 2015

"Length of residency and urban water use," presented at the 3rd Urban Water Roundtable, Global Institute of Sustainability, Arizona State University, Feb. 9-10, 2015.

Keynote speaker: Symposium on the "Public acceptance of electricity infrastructure," Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria, June 3, 2014.

"Accuracy of forest damage assessment and geo-coding of residences: Impact on hedonic estimation", presented at:

- (i) Clark University, Worcester, MA, October 9, 2014
- (ii) The W3133 Regional Project Meetings, Orange Beach, AL, February 19 - 21, 2014

Grant Activities as PI / Co-PI

\$799,940. Johnston, R., K. Moeltner, W. Wollheim. "Estimation of Spatially Explicit Water Quality Benefits throughout River Systems: Developing of Next Generation Stated Preference Methods Using National Probability Samples and Online Labor Pools." U.S. EPA, STAR grant, 01/16-01/19.

\$26,000. Moeltner, K. "Weather Events, Climate Change, and the Cost of Power Outages to Austrian Households." Energy Institute, Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria, 05/15 - 12/15.

\$314,000. Moeltner, K., N. Netusil. "Adaptive Matching Estimators for Property Valuation with Application to Urban Stream Restoration." National Institute for Food and Agriculture – Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, 01/15 – 01/17.

\$46,000. Moeltner, K., T. Holmes. "Watershed Restoration: Downstream Benefits to Home Owners." U.S. Forest Service, 08/14 – 07/15.

\$175,000. Johnston, R., C. Blinn, K. Moeltner. "Coastal Hazards and Northeast Housing Values: Comparative Implications for Climate Change Adaptation and Community Resilience." Northeast Sea Grant Consortium, 02/14 – 01/16.

\$34,960. Moeltner, K. "Promoting Public Support for Energy-Related Infrastructure Projects". Energy Institute, Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria, 06/13 - 11/14

\$800,000. Wynne, R.H., C.E. Blinn, K.J. Boyle, E.B. Brooks, H.E. Burkhart, J.W. Coulston, T.R. Fox, K. Moeltner, V.A. Thomas, "Making Multitemporal Work". USGS, 12/12 – 11/16.

\$81,667. Boyle, K., K. Moeltner, R.H. Wynne, "Large Scale Hedonic Property Value Analysis of Forest Pests, Phase II". USDA, Forest Service, 08/12 – 09/13.

\$28,800. Boyle, K., K. Moeltner, E. Wiseman, R.H. Wynne, "Meta-Analysis of Forest-Based Hedonic Property Value Studies". USDA, Forest Service, 06/11 – 07/12.

\$69,500. Boyle, K., K. Moeltner, E. Wiseman, R.H. Wynne, "Large Scale Hedonic Property Value Analysis of Forest Pests". USDA, Forest Service, 06/11 – 07/12.

\$163,300. Alwang J.R., K. Moeltner, G. Norton, "Measuring and Assessing Poverty Impacts of Beans and Sweet Potato Varieties in Africa". International Potato Center, 02/11 – 12/12.

\$253,000. Moeltner K., Karen Spears, " Breakfast At School: The Effect Of Price, Location, and Timing on Economic Costs And Nutritional Outcomes", Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station, 07/10 - 07/12.

\$14,000. Moeltner K., Tahoe Non-Motorized Boating Survey, California Department of Boating and Waterways, 7/08 – 9/08.

\$198,000. Moeltner K., Robert J. Johnston, Randall S. Rosenberger, "Meta-Analysis and Benefit Transfer at Different Levels of Aggregation: Comparing Group-Averaged and Individual-Level Models Using Hierarchical Bayesian Methods", U.S. EPA, STAR grant, 09/07 - 04/09.

\$20,000. Moeltner, K. "Assessment of angler awareness, contamination risk, and economic implications of a New Zealand mud snail infestation of the Truckee / Carson / Walker watersheds", Matching Grant, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10/05 - 7/06.

\$15,000. Moeltner, K. "Assessment of angler awareness, contamination risk, and economic implications of a New Zealand mud snail infestation of the Truckee / Carson / Walker watersheds", University of Nevada Junior Faculty Research Grant, 7/05 - 6/06.

\$107,000. Rollins, K., T. Harris, K. Moeltner, M. Haverkamp. "Economic Impacts of Changes in NV Elk Populations Across Multiple User Groups and Counties", Nevada Arid Rangeland Initiative, 7/05 - 6/08.

\$16,000. Moeltner, K. "Tahoe Recreation Frequency and Duration Survey", Tahoe Coalition of Recreation Providers, 7/04-9/04.

\$320,000. Shaw, D., Jakus, P. Moeltner, K., Riddell, M., Walker, M., "Perceptions and Exposure to Arsenic in private and Public Drinking Water", U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 7/05 - 6/07.

\$60,000. Englin, J., K. Moeltner, S. Shonkwiler. "Strategic Development of a Competitive Grape Industry in Nevada", Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station, 7/02 - 7/04.

\$40,000. Englin, J., K. Moeltner, S. Shonkwiler. "Personal Watercraft Use in the Tahoe Area," Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station, 7/00 - 7/02.

Teaching and Advising:

Undergraduate Courses:

Introduction to Environmental and Resource Economics (UNR)

Introduction to Statistical Methods (UNR)

Valuation of Non-Market Goods (UNR)

Graduate Courses:

Bayesian Data Analysis (UNR)

Bayesian Econometric Analysis (VT)

Econometrics I (UNR)

Econometrics II (UNR)

Environmental Economic Theory and Policy (VT)

Graduate Econometrics II ("Empirical Economics", VT)

Microeconomic Theory II (UNR)

Valuation of Non-Market Goods (UNR)

Courses and Workshops outside of UNR and VT:

An Introduction to Bayesian Econometrics with Applications in Non-market Valuation, Free University of Amsterdam, Dec. 2009 (1 week)

Workshop on Bayesian Estimation Methods in Meta-Analysis, Oregon State University, Oct. 1, 2009

Modern Micro-Econometric Methods, University of Innsbruck, Austria, June 2008 and 2009 (2-3 weeks)

Current advising:

8 PhD students (Chair or Co-Chair for 3); 2 MS students

Service Activities

Departmental (VT)

Graduate Committee, Jan. 2011 - present

PhD Qualifying Exam committee, Fall 2011 - present

Refereeing:

Agricultural and Resource Economics Review

American Journal of Agricultural Economics

Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Conservation and Society

Economic Inquiry

Energy Economics

Energy Journal

Environment and Development Economics

Environmental and Resource Economics

Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics

Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

Journal of Econometrics
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management
Journal of Forest Economics
Journal of Leisure Research
Land Economics
Marine Resource Economics
Scandinavian Journal of Economics
Tourism Management
Resource and Energy Economics
Review of Economics and Statistics
Water Resources Research

Other Service Activities

Co-Editor, *Environmental and Resource Economics* (2013 - current)
Editorial Board, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists* (2014 – current)
President, W1133 Association "Benefits and Costs of Resource Policies Affecting Public and Private Lands", March 2005 - Feb. 2006

Honors and Awards

Best paper published in *Environmental and Resource Economics* during 2014,
European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE)

Advisor, best Master's Thesis 2014 (by Jed Cohen),
Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources (CABNR) Outstanding Instructor 2004
James O. York Fellowship, University of Washington, 1996
Scholarship for Graduate Studies Abroad, Austrian Ministry for Science and Research, 1994-1996