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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Synapse Energy Economics Inc., Cambridge, MA. *Associate* April 2023 – Present; *Research Associate*, July 2022 – April 2023

- Consults on energy-sector issues, including building decarbonization, electric utility resource planning, state and local climate policy, and the future of gas
- Supports the development of comments and testimony in integrated resource planning dockets across the country
- Conducts analysis using Synapse’s Building Decarbonization Calculator (BDC), a stock turnover model that calculates the emissions and energy impacts of heat pump adoption
- Produces data visualization tools in R, including interactive webtool of U.S. industrial emitters
- Assists with power sector dispatch modeling using EnCompass
- Co-developer of Synapse spreadsheet model comparing the lifetime cost and performance of district geothermal systems and air-source heat pumps across a variety of climate zones

Laboratory of Dr. Alexander Barron, Department of Environmental Science and Policy, Smith College, Northampton, MA. *Research Assistant*, June 2020 – May 2022

- Co-authored paper on carbon neutrality initiatives in higher education
- Designed data visualization and analysis for USREP-ReEDS modeling of Clean Air Act policy
- Calculated CO₂ emissions reductions achievable under Massachusetts climate legislation and drafted white paper with results

Co-Equal, Washington, D.C. *Policy Intern*, February 2021 – March 2022.

- Performed analysis on a wide range of policy topics requested by members of Congress
- Finalized economic modeling study for public release and presented results
- Coordinated with research team at MIT and Co-Equal to meet policy-relevant deadlines

EDUCATION

Smith College, Northampton, MA

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science, *Magna Cum Laude with Highest Honors*, 2022

SKILLS

Computer: Excel, R, EnCompass, MATLAB, Mathematica, ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager

Languages: Spanish (proficient)

PUBLICATIONS

Eash-Gates, P., **L. Metz**, K. Schultz, S. Kwok, A. Hopkins. *Connecticut Comprehensive Energy Strategy: Buildings White Paper*. Prepared by Synapse Energy Economics for Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Forthcoming.

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Longnecker, E., **L. Metz**, R. Miller, and A. Berke. 2021. "Probing Liquid–Liquid Phase Separation in Secondary Organic Aerosol Mimicking Solutions Using Articulated Straws." *ACS Omega* 6 (49): 33436–33442.

Figuroa, L., M. Blinder, C. Grincavitch, A. Jelinek, E. Mann, L. Merva, **L. Metz**, A. Zhao, R. Irwin, S. McArt, and L. Adler. 2019. "Bee pathogen transmission dynamics: Deposition, persistence and acquisition on flowers." *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, 286: 20190603.

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