

# CARA CLASE

ENERGY POLICY RESEARCHER & DATA ANALYST

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## PROFILE

Public Policy Ph.D. holder with an M.A. in Economics. I am an energy policy expert looking to bridge the gap between the pursuit of knowledge and impact. Interested in policy-driven work, my goal is to use my quantitative and econometric background to help energy and sustainability-centered organizations improve the environmental outcomes of underserved communities. I have experience working in both academic and non-academic spaces: I have worked in fast-paced policy research labs, and I have also done grant, partnership development, and community outreach work for nonprofit and initiative-driven organizations. Areas of expertise include energy insecurity, renewable energy, and environmental justice.

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## LANGUAGES

English Native  
Spanish Classroom Study/Reading

## PROGRAMS/SOFTWARE

Advanced STATA, Excel, Canva, Qualtrics  
Proficient SAS, ArcGIS Pro

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## EDUCATION

### Urban Affairs and Public Policy, Ph.D.

June 2023

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

### Economics, M.A.

Dec. 2017

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

### Economics, B.A. - Mathematics Minor

Dec. 2015

Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Lancaster, PA

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Last 5 Years)

### 2023-Present Professional Specialist - C-PREE, Princeton's School of Public and International Affairs

Professional Specialist at Princeton University's Center for Policy Research on Energy and the Environment (C-PREE). I lead and supervise MPA research projects, research communications, and community outreach.

### 2018-2023 Policy Research Assistant - Biden School of Public Policy, University of Delaware

Research Assistant for the Center of Community Research and Service at the Biden School of Public Policy. Worked on projects concerning unsheltered homelessness, the opioid epidemic, and post-COVID financial hardship. Conducted literature reviews, policy brief writing, survey design and dissemination, data cleaning, and econometric/regression analysis.

### 2020-Present Outreach and Communications Assistant - Foundation for a Healthier Senegal (*pro bono*)

Volunteer communications and outreach assistant for FOHSEN: a health-centered, Senegalese nonprofit. Co-led the 2020 COVID fundraiser campaign and maternal health initiatives. Designer and author of the annual impact brief (2022 brief can be seen [here](#)).

- 2020-2022*      **Sustainability Council Graduate Fellow - University of Delaware**  
Worked directly under the Chair of the university's Sustainability Council. Collected campus-wide sustainability data/metrics and drafted white papers on relevant sustainability topics for consumption by upper University administration. Was the lead author of the University of Delaware's Sustainability Plan (report can be seen [here](#)).
- 2019*            **Yale University Environmental Fellow - Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis**  
2019 Fellow working under Yale University's Environmental Fellowship Program (EFP). The program assigned each fellow a nonprofit/organization to work for during the summer. Placement was with the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis in Cleveland, Ohio, where I conducted research on the Puerto Rican energy crisis and coal-powered electricity in the Midwest.
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## **PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS**

- Clase, C., et al. (2022). University of Delaware Sustainability Plan. Newark, DE: University of Delaware.
- Clase, C. (2020). Energy Insecurity in the United States. Newark, DE: University of Delaware.
- Metraux, S., Poppe, B., Clase, C. & Rayl, M. (2020). Local Responses to Unsheltered Homelessness: A Landscape Scan and Review of the Literature. Washington DC: Arnold Ventures, LLC.
- Clase, C. (2019). Making a Difference in Energy Equity and Investment. Environmental Grant Makers Association Journal, 30th Anniversary Issue.
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## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Clase, C., A Tale of Energy-Burdened Cities: Connecting the Low Income Housing Tax Credit to Energy Insecurity. New Horizons in Conservation Conference, Yale University, May 2023.
- Clase, C., A Fork in the Road: The Diverging Policy Pathways to Rural vs. Urban Energy Security in the U.S. Freddie Mac Rural Research Symposium, Virtual, November 2022.
- Clase, C., A State of Darkness: Analyzing Contributing Factors to the 2021 Power Outage of Texas. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Austin, TX, November 2021.
- Clase, C., Red Fish, Blue Fish?: Working on Energy Issues in a Swing State. Environmental Grantmakers Association's Fall Retreat Conference, Napa Valley, CA, September 2019.
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## **AWARDS**

- Ford Dissertation Fellowship Alternate & Honorable Mention (Ford Foundation) *2021*
- Raffel Endowment for Excellence and Opportunity Award (Univ. of Delaware) *2019*