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Disclosure for close relative or partner

Married since 2005 to Sarah Anne Kelly, a medical doctor.

Additional affiliations:

1. Lab Economist, Creative Destruction Lab (unpaid)
2. Co-Director, Energy Modelling Hub (unpaid)

Prior employment:

Prior to returning to academia in 2014 to pursue my PhD, I was an energy trader focussed on electricity, natural gas, and emissions markets. I worked at Powerex (BC Hydro) from 1999 to 2006, Lehman Brothers and Barclays Capital in NYC from 2006 to 2010, and Transalta Corporation from 2010 to 2014. I have no continuing employment relationship, nor share ownership, in any of these companies.

Asset disclosure:

I and my wife hold investments in diversified ETFs, publicly traded individual equities, and small holdings in select private ventures, of which neither I nor my wife are significant holders, officers or board members.

Political activity:

I am not a member of any political party at the municipal, provincial, or federal levels. I have occasional policy conversations with policymakers from many parties, as well as government officials at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels.

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