

# Yoram Bauman 2019

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## Summary

I have a PhD in economics (University of Washington, 2003) but I make a living doing stand-up comedy about economics and politics. I was also the founder and co-chair of the first-ever carbon tax ballot measure campaign in the United States (the I-732 effort in Washington State in 2016), and I continue to be involved in state-level carbon pricing efforts around the country. I have experience teaching economics and environmental studies at both colleges and high schools, and I have co-authored cartoon books about economics, climate change, and calculus.

## Education

**University of Washington, PhD, economics** **2003**

Dissertation: "The Effects of Environmental Policy on Technological Change in Pollution Control"

Fields: environmental economics, public finance. Other interests: health economics, game theory, economics education

**University of Washington, MA, economics** **2000**

**Reed College, BA, mathematics** **1995**

Thesis: "The Abelian Group Structure on Elliptic Curves Saved My Life!"

## Employment

**Stand-up economist ([www.standupeconomist.com](http://www.standupeconomist.com))** **2004 – Present**

Performances worldwide as "the world's first and only stand-up economist". Also the co-author of *Cartoon Introductions to Economics, Climate Change, and Calculus* and the former co-editor for Miscellany of the journal *Economic Inquiry*. Also the star of a series of internet videos for the Ford Transit Connect van in 2014.

**State-level carbon pricing activism****2019 – Present**

I am fortunate to have a grant that allows me to engage on state-level carbon pricing issues around the country.

**University of Washington, lecturer****2006 – 2012**

Part of an interdisciplinary team teaching environmental studies and environmental economics in the [UW Program on the Environment](#). Also taught at UW during graduate school (introductory and intermediate micro) and at Whitman College in 2004-05 (game theory, health economics and entitlements, micro).

**UIBE (Beijing), visiting research scholar****July – Nov 2011**

Conducted research on climate change economics and carbon taxes at the Global Institute of Low Carbon Economy, part of the School of International Trade and Economics at the [University of International Business and Economics](#).

## Books and reports

**The Cartoon Introduction to Calculus** (forthcoming, 2019)

**The Cartoon Introduction to Climate Change** (2014)

**The Cartoon Introduction to Economics, Volume Two: Macroeconomics** (2012)

**The Cartoon Introduction to Economics, Volume One: Microeconomics** (2010)

These books were all co-authored by Grady Klein and Yoram Bauman and published by FSG/Macmillan (except for *Cartoon Climate Change*, which was published by Island Press.) Excerpts can be found at <http://www.standupeconomist.com/books>, which also has details on foreign translations in over a dozen languages!

**Opportunities for Carbon Taxes at the State Level**

By Yoram Bauman and Charles Komanoff (web-published, 2017)

This evaluation of the political, economic, and legal issues surrounding carbon taxes in all 50 states (plus D.C.) is available at <https://www.carbontax.org/states/>.

**Stand-Up Economics: The Micro Textbook** (web-published, 2001)

Available at <http://www.standupeconomist.com/books>. This is an introductory microeconomics textbook (and a calculus-based intermediate microeconomics textbook) that begins by studying the individual (the “quantum” of economics) and builds up to analyses of game theory and competitive markets.

## **Impacts of Climate Change on Washington's Economy: A Preliminary Assessment of Risks and Opportunities**

By Bob Doppelt, Sarah Mazze, Edward C. Wolf, and Yoram Bauman (Washington State Departments of Ecology and CTED, Publication No. 07-01-010, Nov 2006)

This report focuses on the projected economic impacts of climate change in the first half of the 21st century in economic sectors including agriculture, forestry, hydropower, municipal water use, public health, and snow sports.

### **Tax Shift**

By Alan Durning and Yoram Bauman (Sightline Institute, 1998)

A study of environmental tax reform opportunities in the Pacific Northwest; more information and full text at [http://www.sightline.org/research\\_item/tax/](http://www.sightline.org/research_item/tax/).

## **Academic and popular press articles**

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Guillaume S. Mauger, Yoram Bauman, Eric P. Salathe Jr., and Tamilee D. Nennich, 2015. "[Impacts of Climate Change on Milk Production in the United States](#)", *Professional Geographer* 67(1):121-131.

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Yoram Bauman and Ian Siadak, 2013. "[Maintain state's transportation network with a carbon tax](#)", *Seattle Times*, Jan 2.

Gerard H. Roe and Yoram Bauman, 2012. "[Climate sensitivity: Should the climate tail wag the policy dog?](#)" *Climatic Change*, Sept. (Ungated version [here](#) or [here](#).)

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Yoram Bauman and Elaina Rose, 2011. "[Selection or indoctrination](#): Why do economics students donate less than the rest?", *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 79: 318 – 327.

Yoram Bauman, 2010. "[Comment on Nordhaus](#): Carbon Tax Calculations", *The Economists' Voice*.

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Yoram Bauman, 2004. "Shipping the Good Apples Out: A New Perspective", *Economic Inquiry* 42: 534 – 36.

Yoram Bauman, 2003. "[Mankiw's Ten Principles of Economics, Translated](#)", *Annals of Improbable Research*, March/April. (Presented at AAAS on Feb 13, 2004.)

## Community activities

**Carbon Washington** ([www.carbonWA.org](http://www.carbonWA.org) / [www.YesOn732.org](http://www.YesOn732.org))      **2010 – 2016**

Founder and co-chair of the first-ever carbon tax ballot measure in the U.S., the Initiative 732 revenue-neutral carbon tax campaign in Washington State. (Sadly, it lost at the ballot in November 2016.)

**Sightline Institute** ([www.sightline.org](http://www.sightline.org))      **1997 – 2016**

My joke is that I had every job at Sightline that didn't involve getting paid. Most recently I was a [Sightline Fellow](#), previously I was an intern and volunteer.

## **Non-Profit Comedy**

**2006 – 2011**

Founded and co-produced (with Rosalie Gale) the [Non-Profit Comedy](#) benefit show at Seattle's Comedy Underground that raised \$100,000 for local non-profits.

## **Personal**

Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah

Languages: Spanish (very good but not fluent), Mandarin (basic)