
THOMAS D. PETERSON

Professional Background

- 2004-Present President & CEO, Center for Climate Strategies.
- 2010-Present Adjunct Professor, George Mason University Institute for Conflict Analysis & Resolution
- 2009-Present Adjunct Professor/Teaching Fellow, Johns Hopkins University Global Security Center
- 2004-2008 Adjunct Professor, Penn State Dickinson School of Law (Instructor, Climate Law & Policy)
- 2001-2004 Domestic Policy Director, Center For Clean Air Policy, Washington, DC.
- 1999-2001 Economist, U.S. EPA Offices of Policy/Transportation & Air Quality, Washington, DC.
- 1997-1998 Senior Advisor, White House Climate Change Task Force, Washington, DC.
- 1995-1996 Brookings Legislative Fellow, Environment & Natural Resources, U.S. EPA Fellow, Senator Joe Lieberman, Washington, DC
- 1991–1995 Economist, U.S. EPA, Office of Policy Analysis, Washington, DC
- 1990 Vice President, Marketing and Management Support, DSL Capital Corp., Washington, DC
- 1988–1989 Marketing Specialist, Law Offices of Brown Maroney & Oaks Hartline, Austin, TX
- 1983–1987 Chief, Information & Education, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, Little Rock, AR
- 1982–1983 Assistant Director, Arkansas Nature Conservancy, Little Rock, AR
- 1980–1982 Economics Research Assistant, Duke University – USDA/Forest Service, Washington, DC

Summary of Professional Experience

- Founder, Strategy and Program Developer, Project Director – Center for Climate Strategies, Inc. Conducted comprehensive climate action plans in 22 U.S. states,

provided technical and policy assistance to over 40 U.S. states, three U.S. regions, six Mexico Border states and Provinces of China, built a team of over 50 field and headquarter staff, led and coordinated the mobilization of \$20 million in private donor and government funds to support climate action programs, (2004 – present)

- Project Director, U.S. State Climate Action Plans, including Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Connecticut, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Southern California, South Carolina, Vermont, Washington, (2004 – present)
- Facilitator, North American Inventory and Forecast Comparison, Commission for Environmental Cooperation (2010)
- Project Study Director, “Impacts of Comprehensive Climate and Energy Policy on the U.S. Economy” (2010)
- Project Director, State Climate Adaptation Action Plan Development Guidance (2010)
- Project Director, U.S. DOE Climate Action Policy Development Using Existing Agency Authorities and State Climate Action Plans (2010)
- Project Director, Governor Tim Kaine’s Climate Change Initiative for the Southern Governors Association (2009)
- Project Director, Mexico Border State Climate Action Plans, including six northern states of Mexico (2008 – present)
- Facilitator and Policy Advisor, Startup and Goal Setting, Western Climate Initiative, (2008)
- Project Director, Western States Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories and Forecasts, Western Regional Air Partnership (2007)
- Work Group Facilitator and Policy Consultant, Maine Climate Action Plan, Puget Sound Climate Action Plan, (2004)
- Policy Consultant, Development of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Standards for the Pennsylvania Advanced Energy Portfolio Standard, The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (August 2004)
- Policy Consultant, Development of A Pennsylvania Climate Change Roadmap, The Pennsylvania Environmental Council (July 2004)
- White House Congressional Liaison and Lead Contact, Agriculture and Forestry Sectors, White House Climate Change Task Force (1997-1999)
- Representative, UNFCCC Negotiations, for U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman (1996-1997)

Academic Background

The College of William and Mary, Biology/Economics, B.S, 1980.

Duke University, Economics/Policy, M.E.M, 1982. Union Camp Industry Fellowship.

University of Texas at Austin, Finance/Marketing, M.B.A, 1988. Coca Cola Foods Marketing Fellowship.

Awards and Distinctions

- U.S. EPA: Two Gold Medals For Exceptional Service, US EPA, Northern Spotted Owl/ Endangered Species Committee 1992 and The President's 1993 Northwest Forestry Plan, 1993.
- Arkansas Game & Fish Commission: Conservation Educator of the Year, Sears Corporation/Arkansas Wildlife Federation, 1985; Bronze Medal, New York Film and Television Festival, Feature Documentary, 1985; Ohio State Award, Conservation Television, 1985; Numerous National Awards by the Outdoor Writers Association of America and Association for Conservation Educators, 1984-87; Co-Host, Arkansas Educational Television Annual Telethons, 1984-86.
- College of William & Mary: President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, College of William & Mary, 1975-76.

Publications

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- Peterson, T, and Branagan M. “Analysis Of Land Consumption Rates And Impacts, The State Of The Cities 2000,” Fourth Annual 2000. US HUD, The White House And US Department Of Housing And Urban Development. Washington, DC, pp. 93-94. June 22, 2000.
- Peterson, T, and Branagan M. “Findings From The American Housing Survey: The Impact Of Lot Size On Land Development In The US.” The Lincoln Land Institute. Cambridge, MA, December 3, 1999.

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- “Energy Implications of National Climate Change Legislation,” National Association of Counties, Washington, DC, March 6, 2010.
- “Prospering in a Carbon-Constrained Economy,” Climate Change and America's Energy Coast, Mobile, Alabama February 24, 2010.
- “A Regional Economic Assessment of Climate Change Actions in the South,” Center for Climate Strategies, Commissioned by the Southern Governors Association, Washington, DC, November 2009.
- “A Meta Analysis of Climate Mitigation Economic Impact Studies,” Center for Climate Strategies, Commissioned by the Southern Governors Association, Washington, DC, November 2009.
- “A Comprehensive Template for Climate Strategy and Policy Development,” Center for Climate Strategies, Washington, DC, August, 2009.
- “Climate Action Planning, Process and Results,” Special Session: The Role of Collaborative Process for Climate Change Policy Development, Association for Conflict Resolution Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, June 11, 2009.
- “The North American Policy Landscape for Climate Change,” Commission for Environmental Cooperation, Joint Policy Action Committee, Conference for North American Policy Coherence, June 22, 2009.
- “Climate Action Planning, Process and Results,” Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, DC, June 19, 2009.
- “Comments By The Center For Climate Strategies On Advance Notice Of Proposed Rule Making To Regulate Emissions Of Greenhouse Gases Under The Federal Clean Air Act Before The United States Environmental Protection Agency,” Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0318, by The Center For Climate Strategies, November 26, 2008.
- “Economic Stimulus, Recovery, and Climate Mitigation: Policy and Program Opportunities from the States,” The Center for Climate Strategies, White Paper for Discussion, Washington, DC, December 2008.
- “Climate Change Policy as Economic Stimulus: Evidence and Opportunities from the States,” The Center for Climate Strategies, White Paper for Discussion, Washington, DC, November 2008.
- “Integrating State and Federal Action in National Climate Policy: A Case for Partnership,” Yale University School of the Environment 100th Anniversary Commemoration, April 2008.
- “Climate Change Mitigation: Process and Policy Options for State Greenhouse Gas Plans,” Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Harrisburg, PA, 2005.
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