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She brings nearly twenty years of experience working on US climate and clean energy policies. She is also an expert on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process and has been attending international climate negotiations since 2009.

Prior to joining UCS, she worked as a consultant for the World Wildlife Fund, conducting policy-focused research on the links between sustainable development, trade, and ecosystems in Asia and Africa. She also worked for Tellus Institute in the energy and environment program, doing research on climate change, energy efficiency, industrial energy use and clean transportation, with a focus on economics and policy analysis.

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