

TATE WATKINS



EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow and Managing Editor, Property and Environment Research Center.

Greenville, SC, and Bozeman, MT.

2016 – Present

- Carry out editing, writing, and research duties for public-policy organization focused on market-based solutions to improve environmental quality
- Write and edit policy documents, web articles, and op-eds on conservation topics
- Edit approximately a dozen major publications per year, including policy reports, public comments to government agencies, congressional testimonies, and magazine issues
- Manage production of biannual magazine sent to approximately 10,000 recipients
- Have written for various popular outlets, including The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The National Review, and many others
- Developed internal style guide for use across all published content
- Led and managed complete redesign and launch of new website

Independent Consultant and Writer. Greenville, SC.

2015 – 2016

- Performed economics research, writing, and editing work for multiple clients, including policy research centers, private companies, and non-profit organizations
- Researched and wrote op-eds for boutique communications firm in Washington, D.C.

Lead Analyst and General Manager, Haiti Coffee Academy. Haiti, West Indies.

2013 – 2015

- Researched and wrote economic assessment of Haitian coffee sector and supply chain
- Helped establish and manage training program to help coffee farmers increase the quantity and quality of coffee they produce, process, and trade
- Self-published short book, *Haitian Coffee Grows on Trees*, on coffee, history, and development in Haiti based on experience living and working in the country

Freelance Economics Journalist. Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and Washington, D.C.

2012 – 2013

- Awarded journalism fellowship to write and report on post-earthquake reconstruction in Haiti, as well as economic development and foreign aid more generally
- Writing and reporting appeared in policy journals and numerous media outlets, including Reason Magazine, TheAtlantic.com, Bloomberg Businessweek, and The American Interest

Research Associate, Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Arlington, VA.

2010 – 2011

- Assisted senior scholars with research on public policy and economics topics
- Contributed to policy briefs and op-eds

Peace Corps Volunteer, Business Development. Senegal, West Africa.

2008 – 2009

- Helped local ecotourism managers and park guides improve marketing and management practices

EDUCATION

Clemson University. Clemson, SC.

Master of Arts, Economics

August 2008

- Awarded a Graduate Fellowship to pursue economics master's degree based on undergraduate performance
- Completed master's thesis analyzing the economies of the U.S. states and creating a knowledge-economy index for the South Carolina Research Authority

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, Economics

May 2007

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Endowed Economics Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

- "A Better Way to Fund Conservation and Recreation." *Property and Environment Research Center*. Policy Brief. November 18, 2020.
- "Enhancing the Public Lands Recreation Fee System." *Property and Environment Research Center*. Policy Brief. November 18, 2020.
- "Fixing National Park Maintenance For the Long Haul." *Property and Environment Research Center*. Policy Brief. November 18, 2020.
- "Critical Habitat's Unique 'Private Land Problem.'" Jonathan Wood and Tate Watkins. *Center for Growth and Opportunity*. Working Paper. October 20, 2020.
- "How We Pay to Play: Funding Outdoor Recreation on Public Lands in the 21st Century." *Property and Environment Research Center*. Public Lands Report. May 28, 2019.

MEDIA

- "Regulations Won't Save America's Favorite Butterfly." Shawn Regan and Tate Watkins. *National Review*. December 19, 2020.
- "Listing the Monarch Butterfly as 'Endangered' Might Imperil It." *The Hill*. May 15, 2020.
- "New Endangered Species Policy Will Protect Both Property Rights and Rare Frogs." *Reason*. August 13, 2019.
- "Endangered Frog's Survival Depends on Making Landowners Friends Not Foes." *The Hill*. September 27, 2018.
- "Changing the Endangered Species Act Could Actually Help Conservation." *The Washington Post*. July 24, 2018.
- "How Dodd-Frank Led to More Mayhem in Africa." *The Wall Street Journal*. November 13, 2016.