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#### Personal

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#### Employment

Columbia Business School	New York, NY
<i>Faculty Director, Climate Knowledge Initiative</i>	2023 – present
<i>Senior Lecturer, Economics Division</i>	2022 – present
<i>Visiting Associate Professor, Finance Division</i>	Spring 2022
New York University	New York, NY
<i>Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Studies</i>	2019 – 2022
<i>Associated Clinical Professor, NYU Wagner School of Public Service</i>	2019 – 2022
Harvard University	Cambridge, MA
<i>Executive Director, Harvard’s Solar Geoengineering Research Program</i>	2017 – 2019
<i>Research Associate and Lecturer</i>	2016 – 2019
Helped raise \$12 million in effort to co-found and co-lead Harvard’s SGRP with Prof. David Keith.	
Environmental Defense Fund	New York, NY and Boston, MA
<i>Consultant</i>	2016 – 2019
<i>Lead Senior Economist</i>	2014 – 2016
<i>Senior Economist</i>	2013 – 2014
<i>Economist</i>	2008 – 2013
Co-led Office of Economic Policy and Analysis, member of EDF Leadership Council (2015 – 2016).	
The Boston Consulting Group	New York, NY
<i>Consultant</i>	2007-2008
Advised utility and financial-sector clients on energy and environmental issues in United States, Europe, and Asia.	
Financial Times	London, UK
<i>Peter Martin Fellow, Leader Writer Team</i>	2007
Wrote editorials on energy, environment, and economics.	

## Education

Harvard University <i>Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government</i>	Cambridge, MA 2007
Harvard University <i>M.A. in Political Economy and Government</i>	Cambridge, MA 2006
Stanford University <i>M.A. in Economics</i>	Stanford, CA 2003
Harvard University <i>Joint A.B. magna cum laude with highest honors in Environmental Science and Public Policy, and Economics</i>	Cambridge, MA 2002

## Working papers → [gwagner.com/source/working-paper](http://gwagner.com/source/working-paper)

“[Climate shift uncertainty and economic damages](#)” (with Romain Fillon & Manuel Linsenmeier, 9 December 2025); presentations: [CESifo Area Conference](#), Munich (15 March 2025); [AERE Summer Conference](#), Albuquerque (29 May 2025); [University of Innsbruck](#) Faculty of Economics and Statistics Research Seminar (9 October 2025); [Tinbergen Institute](#) Spatial Economics Seminar, Amsterdam (6 November 2025); [EIEE/CMCC](#), Milan (4 December 2025); [ASSA/AERE](#), Philadelphia (5 January 2026); [AURÖ](#) (9 May 2026); [TMEC](#) (25 June 2026).

“[Co-production as an Economically Feasible Pathway to Economy-Wide Electrification](#)” (with Cody E. Finke, Theodore G. Albertson, Ian McKay, Aravindh Rajan, Eric McFarland, Annelise Gill-Wiehl, and Daniel M. Kammen; R&R at *Nature Communications*, 10 September 2025).

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“[Economic Damages of Delayed Climate Action](#)” (with Kent D. Daniel, Robert B. Litterman, 21 December 2025); presentation: [Dialogues in Complexity Workshop](#), Princeton, NJ (20-21 November 2025).

“The Power of Learning” (with Theo Moers and Davide Fioriti; *Mimeo*, 21 April 2026); keynote presentation: [SURED](#), Switzerland (31 May-4 June 2026).

“SUVs and Phones kill: Safety inequality in and out of the vehicle” (with Hayeon Jeong and Stuti Saria; *Mimeo*, 24 April 2026).

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Wagner, Gernot. [\*Stadt, Land, Klima\*](#) (Chr. Brandstätter Verlag, 8 February 2021; written in German; English: *City, Country, Climate*).

Wagner, Gernot and Martin L. Weitzman. [\*Climate Shock: The Economic Consequences of a Hotter Planet\*](#) (Princeton University Press; 2015; paperback, 2016); Top 15 *Financial Times* McKinsey Business Book of the Year 2015; Austria's Natural Science Book of the Year 2017.

Wagner, Gernot. [\*But Will the Planet Notice? How Smart Economics Can Save the World\*](#) (Hill & Wang/Farrar Strauss & Giroux, 2011; paperback, 2012).

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ENVST-UA 450.005 Policy Analysis, NYU Department of Environmental Studies (Fall 2019, 2021).

PADM-GP 2472 [Climate Economics](#), NYU Wagner (Spring 2020, 2021)

ENVST-UA 900 Environmental Studies senior seminar, NYU Department of Environmental Studies (Fall 2020).

PADM-GP 2442 [Economic Policy Analysis](#), NYU Wagner (Spring 2020)

[Climate Policy—Past, Present, and Future](#), Harvard University Environmental Science and Public Policy Junior Seminar, lecturer (Fall 2016, 2017, 2018; Harvard University Certificate of Teaching Excellence all three years).

Energy and Environment, NYU Stern School of Business; adjunct associate professor (Spring 2016).

U6065 The Economics of Energy, Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs; adjunct assistant professor (Spring 2011; Fall 2011), adjunct associate professor (Fall 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015).

API-109 Advanced Microeconomic Analysis I, Kennedy School of Government; teaching fellow for Nolan H. Miller (Fall 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 [Harvard Kennedy School Dean’s Award for Excellence in Student Teaching]).

Ec 1025 Theory of Capital and Income, Harvard University; teaching fellow for Martin L. Weitzman (Fall 2004 and 2005).-

Ec 1661/ENR-201 Environmental and Resource Economics and Policy, Harvard University; teaching fellow for Robert N. Stavins (Spring 2004 and 2006 [Harvard Kennedy School Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching]), guest lecturer (Spring 2005 and 2006).

Non-resident tutor in Political Economy and Government, Quincy House, Harvard University (2004 to 2007).

## **Professional Affiliations, Awards, Honors**

### ***Present***

ORF-Umwelt- und Nachhaltigkeitsbeirat (Austrian National Television Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Board; 2025 – present)

Research Fellow, [Climate Change and Environment](#), Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR; 2024 – present)

[Ausschuss für Umwelt- und Ressourcenökonomie](#) [Standing Field Committee on Environmental & Resource Economics], Verein für Socialpolitik (AURÖ; 2024 – present)

Advisory Board Wissenschaft, [Wiener Klimarat](#) (Scientific Advisory Board, Climate Council Vienna; 2024 – 2028)

Advisor, [SparkChange](#) (2024 – present)

Climate Committee, European Forum Alpbach (2004 – present)

Advisory board, International Center for Future Generations (ICFG; 2023 – present)

Advisory board, [Climate Law](#) (German: “Initiative für Klimarecht”; 2022 – present)

Advisory board, [Another Come Up, Inc.](#) (Student-founded sustainable fashion startup; 2023 – present)

Faculty Affiliate, Columbia [Center for Environmental Economics and Policy](#) (2022 – present)

[Project Syndicate columnist](#) (2022 – present)

Associate Editor, [npj Climate Action](#) (2022 – present)

Fellow, [CESifo Research Network](#) (2022 – present)

Board Member, [CarbonPlan](#) (2021 – present)

Editorial Advisory Board, [Climate Policy](#) (2021 – present)

[Co-op Board President](#), 21-23 Bleecker Street Owners Corporation (2020 – present)

## *Past*

Coordinating Lead Author, Austrian Panel on Climate Change (APCC; 2022 – 2025)

Associate Editor, *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications* (2020 – 2025)

Universität Innsbruck (UIBK) „Förderkreis 1669 - Wissenschaftl. Gesellschaft“ Guest Professorship (September – October 2025)

Member, Technical Working Group, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol Corporate Standards (2024 – 2025)

Associate Editor, Special Issue of *Management Science*: “Business and Climate Change” (2020 – 2024)

Advisory board, Inter-American Development Bank’s (IDB) Development in the Americas (DIA) 2024 (2023 – 2024)

[New York City Panel on Climate Change](#) (NPCC; 2020 – 2024)

Jury, *Project Syndicate Sustainability Book Award* (2023)

Member, [Peer Review Panel](#) for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s “Report on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases: Estimates Incorporating Recent Scientific Advances” (2022 – 2023)

Senior Fellow, Climate, [Jain Family Institute](#) (2022 – 2023)

“[Austrian of the Year](#),” category international (2022)

[Visiting researcher](#), CESifo, Munich (2022)

[Visiting Scholar, Kleinman Center for Energy Policy](#), University of Pennsylvania (2021 – 2022)

[Bloomberg Green Columnist](#) (2020 – 2022)

Steering Committee, NYU [Climate Change Initiative](#) (2021 – 2022)

Affiliated Faculty, NYU Center for Data Science (2021 – 2022)

Wallace E. Oates Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award committee, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, AERE (2019 – 2021)

Harvard University Certificate of Teaching Excellence (Fall 2016, 2017, and 2018)

[Co-Chair, Scientific Program Committee](#), 6th World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists, Gothenburg, Sweden (2018)

Associate, Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program (STPP), Robert and Renée Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School (2017 – 2019)

Consultant, Environmental Defense Fund (2016 – 2019)

Associate, Harvard University Center for the Environment (2016 – 2019)

Visiting Research Associate, University of Oxford's Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment (2015 – 2016)

Research Associate, Harvard Kennedy School of Government (2013 – 2016)

Conservation research panel, WWF's Luc Hoffmann Institute (2013 – 2015)

Term member, Council on Foreign Relations (2012 – 2017)

DOC-Stipend of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (2005 – 2007)

Humane Studies Fellowship (2006 – 2007)

Pre-Doctoral Repsol YPF-Harvard Kennedy School Fellowship in energy policy (2005 – 2006)

Harvard Kennedy School Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching (2006)

Harvard University Presidential Scholars Grant (Fall 2005)

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Spring 2004 and 2006)

Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences fellowship (2003 – 2007)

Stanford University Department of Economics graduate fellowship (2002 – 2003)

Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for senior thesis, Harvard University (2002)

Joint A.B. *magna cum laude* with highest honors in field (2002)

**Presentations, Talks, Media** → [gwagner.com/speaking](http://gwagner.com/speaking) & [gwagner.com/news](http://gwagner.com/news)

*Academic presentations:* Arizona State University, Bates College, Beijing Foreign Studies University (北外学生处), Beloit, Bristol, Caltech, Columbia, Duke, East Carolina University, ETH Zürich, European Central Bank, Harvard, Hunter College, Jain Family Institute, Jönköping University, London School of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Max-Planck-Institut, MIT Media Lab, North Carolina State University, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), New York Fed (FRBNY), New York University, NYU Abu Dhabi, Norwegian School of Economics, Österreichische Nationalbank (OeNB), Oxford, Peking University (北京大学), Pennsylvania State University, Princeton, San Francisco Fed (FRBSF), Simons Foundation, Stanford, Trinity College Dublin, Tsinghua University (清华大学), Tufts, University of Bergen, University of British Columbia, University of California (Berkeley, Davis, Santa Barbara), University of Chicago, University of Colorado (Boulder), University of Gothenburg, University of Graz, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Innsbruck (UIBK), University of Konstanz, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh, University of Toronto, University of Vienna, University of Virginia, University of Washington, Wesleyan University, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien (Vienna University of Economics and Business), Universität Zürich, Yale; Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (Italian

National Academy of Sciences), American Economic Association (AEA/ASSA), Association Française de Science Economique (AFSE), Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE), Ausschuss für Umwelt- und Ressourcenökonomie (AURÖ), Center for Economic Studies (CESifo), European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE), Gordon Research Conference, I.S.E.O Summer School, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists, among others.

*Keynote talks, panels, debates:* Amerika Haus (Vienna), Aquarium of the Pacific, Arab Fiscal Forum, Aspen Environment Forum, Aspen Ideas Festival, Aspen Institute Energy Policy Forum, Aspern Seestadt, Atlantic Monthly, Austrian Wind Energy Symposium, Behavior, Energy & Climate Change (BECC), Bloomberg, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Chinese Academy of Sciences (中国科学院), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (中国社会科学院), Center for Equitable Growth, Climate One, Climate Ride, Columbia University Earth Summit, Convoco!, Council on Foreign Relations, Economist, Environment for Development (Kampala, Uganda), European Forum Alpbach, European Parliament, European University Institute, Fachhochschule Wien, Festival of Economics (Trento, Italy), Garrison Institute, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipation, Glacier Climate Week, Global ARC Boston, Global Clean Energy Action Forum, Global Risk Institute, Göttinger Literaturherbst, Gratitude Railroad Annual Investor Retreat, Harvard Club of New York, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Medical School, High School of Economics Moscow, International Monetary Fund, International Mountain Conference (University of Innsbruck), Institute for New Economic Thinking, KentPresents, Kunst Haus Wien/Museum Hundertwasser, Manhattan Institute, Middlebury College, MIT Media Lab, National Academy of Sciences, National Institute of Health, Net Zero Nuclear (Dubai), New York Academy of Sciences, New York Life Insurance, Nova Scotia Pension Services Corporation, NYC Climate Week, OPEC Fund, ORF, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Stiftung Kunst und Nature Nantesbuch, Symposium Dürnstein, TEDx, UNICEF, United Nations, United World College, Universität für Bodenkultur (BOKU), U.S. Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State, Theater im Park, Transparency International, University of Pennsylvania's Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, Vienna Tourism Conference, Wirtschaftskammer Österreich (WKO), World Affairs Council, World Bank, World Wildlife Fund; Audubon Society board meeting, BP executive team meeting, Environmental Defense Fund board meeting, Fund for the Environment and Urban Life board meeting, Morgan Stanley Climate Change University, voestalpine; Annapolis Book Festival, Harvard Book Store, Harvard Coop, Politics & Prose (Washington, D.C.), among others.

*Media:* *The Atlantic*, *Bloomberg*, [The Economist](#), *European Financial Review*, *Financial Times*, *Forbes*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Kronenzeitung*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, *New York Magazine*, *New York Times*, *Die Presse*, *Salon*, *Der Standard*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *TIME*, *Vox*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Wiener Zeitung*, *Yale Environment 360*, *ZEIT*; ABC, BBC (Business Matters, World News), CNBC, C-Span BookTV, Deutsche Welle, Deutschlandfunk, FOX, KBS (한국방송공사), NBC, NPR (Living on Earth, Leonard Lopate show, Kathleen Dunn show, Marketplace, [Person Place Thing](#) with Randy Cohen), ORF (Ö1, Ö2, Ö3 „Frühstück bei mir“; ECO, Philosophisches Forum, [Thema](#), Zeit im Bild, ZIB Magazin), NDR, PBS NewsHour, rbbKultur, SRF, Wake Up with Al, WDR, Yahoo! Business News, How to Fix It podcast, among others.

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