

Education

B.A. Barnard College of
Columbia University

Years in Industry: 1

Areas of Expertise

Natural Resources

Environmental Economics

Outdoor Recreation

Parmis Taraghi, Analyst

Parmis joined ECONorthwest as a research analyst in 2023. She specializes in natural resource economics, data analysis, and socio-historical research. Prior to joining ECO, she served as a research assistant to faculty in the Barnard Economics Department and as a writing fellow at the Barnard Writing Center. Parmis completed her thesis in economics on the prospects for collaborative and sustainable water management in the Klamath Basin, and her thesis in English on human-nature reciprocity and the recovery of a non-colonizing language in David Malouf's *Remembering Babylon*.

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

Parmis has served as Analyst on the following projects, unless otherwise noted:

- **Bear River Economic Contributions – Statewide, UT; Statewide, WY; Statewide, ID (2023 ongoing).** For the Bear River System Economic Steering Committee, detailing and mapping Bear River consumptive and non-consumptive uses to understand the marketed economic values derived from each use as well the non-market values held for passive use.
- **Cle Elum Ridge Economic Assessment – Kittitas County, WA (2023).** For The Nature Conservancy, evaluating the potential tradeoffs involved in a transfer of ownership of the Cle Elum Ridge forestlands. Assessing how a potential transfer of ownership could be structured to create the highest net benefit for the region.
- **Solar Project Economic Analysis – Fresno County, CA (2023).** For IP Darden I, LLC, conducted a socio-economic analysis of a proposal to construct, operate, and eventually repower or decommission a clean energy project on approximately 9,500 acres of land in western Fresno County, CA.
- **TNC Oregon Research Equity Support – Statewide, OR (2023).** For the Oregon chapter of The Nature Conservancy, developing sociodemographic profiles of communities that impact and are impacted by conservation strategies. Recommending datasets that will allow them to monitor progress on equitable human well-being metrics.
- **Environmental, Economic, and Social Value of Compost – Washington, DC (2023).** For the U.S. EPA, performed a literature review on the economic value of the environmental benefits of composting and the benefits of composting at-scale.
- **PP&R Fee Market Analysis – Portland, OR (2023).** For Portland Parks and Recreation, assisting with the development of various bodies of work including a cost recovery policy for rates and fees, as well as a fee and rate benchmarking study.

- **Economic Evaluation of PSE Investments—Bellevue, WA (2023).** For Puget Sound Energy Trust, assisting with USDOE grant applications. Evaluating the impacts of PSE’s infrastructure spending.
- **Tri-County Portland Homeless Service Expenditure Mapping—Portland, OR (2023).** For HSI, conducting a sources and uses analysis to characterize the resources currently allocated across Portland’s existing homeless service systems.
- **Eugene Chamber Homelessness Study—Eugene, OR (2023).** For the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, conducting a sources and uses analysis to characterize the resources currently allocated across Lane County and the Cities of Eugene and Springfield’s existing homeless service systems. Assessing the direct and indirect costs of homelessness and describing cost-effective solutions for addressing homelessness identified in the research literature.
- **Solar Project Economic Analysis—Morrow County, OR (2023).** For Pine Gate Renewables LLC (PGR), preparing an economic analysis in support of the proposed Echo Solar Project. Assessing Regional economic and fiscal impacts as well as potential impacts on the local agricultural economy. Evaluating workforce availability, housing availability, and potential housing impacts.
- **Community College Programming—Clackamas County, OR (2023).** For Clackamas Community College (CCC), providing data and analysis to inform future CCC for-credit and non-credit program revision and development. Understanding current and anticipated alignment of CCC programming with student, employer, and community needs as well as the potential implications of program design decisions for equitable access to opportunity.

PRE-ECONORTHWEST EXPERIENCE

- **Barnard College Economics Department—New York City, NY (2021-22).** Research Assistant. Analyzed data from over 300 participants; examined whether biases identified in the behavioral-economics literature apply in decision-making for others (DMfO); studied gender differences in preferences for competition in DMfO. Coordinated and communicated with publishers to gather materials for a textual analysis of biases and faulty assumptions present in commonly used Microeconomics textbooks; created a research survey to assess these assumptions and the attitudes they engender in textbook readers.
- **Barnard College Writing Center—New York City, NY (2021-22).** Writing Fellow. Provided one-on-one peer support and mentorship to students across various disciplines in all stages of the writing process; conferenced with students about written assignments to help clarify, organize, and strengthen content; Corresponded regularly with center faculty and administrators on improvements to the program. Served as a summer writing fellow to Higher Education Opportunities Program (HEOP) students transitioning from high school to college.
- **350pdx—Portland, OR (2019).** Climate Justice Development Intern. Assisted with the planning and coordination of fundraising events and donor campaigns; tracked contributions and communications while managing and updating donor data. Assisted with grant management and proposal writing.