# James Mitchell

#### **EXPERIENCE**

2014-Pres.

**Associate**, Shipping Operation, Carbon War Room | December 2014 - Present

- Strategic development of market-based solutions to effectively reduce carbon in shipping sector
- Direct engagement with senior shipping industry including representatives both public and private
- Project management research strand with the University of College London and the University of Oxford
- Working closely with UK- and US-based PR teams to communicate the successes of the low-carbon shipping sector and shape global dialogue

2014-Pres.

**Researcher and Author**, Stranded Assets Programme, Smith School for Enterprise and Environment | June 2014 - Present

- Contribute to / oversee research on stranded assets: the nexus of financial risk, compensation, and environmental policy
- Research has received global acclaim including coverage in the Guardian, Reuters, Business Green, Economic Times of India, ABC, the International Business Times and others
- Research is being used globally to pressure companies, governments, and development agencies to prepare for and contribute to the low-carbon transition

2014

Project Researcher, Oxford Microfinance Initiative | February - May

- Worked as Geographic Information Systems specialist and developed multi-country GIS implementation program for FINCA
- Led successful implementation with FINCA Tanzania in Dar es Salaam
- Remotely managed successful implementation with FINCA Zambia

2013

Researcher & Performer, Public Service Announcement – KC Endangered

• Hybrid methodology project combined public art, urban planning and documentary film to develop counter-narrative of vacant properties in Kansas City, MO

2012

**Project Manager,** City of Columbia, Missouri | June - August

- Completed 2010 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
- 2010-2012

**Project Manager and Initiator,** *Using Desiccants and Solar Radiation to Create Drinking water from Atmospheric Humidity* 

• Led team of four, invented and provisionally patented novel device from original research on chemical desiccant characteristics to create drinking water from atmospheric moisture

#### RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- Premature Retirement of Sub-critical Coal Assets: The Potential Role of Compensation and the Implications for International Climate Policy (Accepted/revisions complete, Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations, May 2015)
- Stranded Assets and Subcritical Coal: Risks for Companies and Investors (Smith School, University of Oxford, March 2015)
- Stranded Generation Assets in Australia: Risks for Companies and Investors (Smith School, University of Oxford, March 2015)

- Generating Implications for Climate Policy: The Premature Retirement of Subcritical Coal-Fired Generation and the Potential Role of Compensation (Smith School, University of Oxford, forthcoming June 2015)
- U.S. Carbon Tax: Practical, Ethical and Effective Within the Context of Global Climate Policy. (LUCERNA, Jan. 2014)

#### **EDUCATION**

## 2013-2014 Linacre College, University of Oxford

MSc Nature, Society & Environmental Policy

**Dissertation:** Generating implications of/for climate policy: compensation for stranded sub-critical coal assets (Distinction)

## 2008-2013 University of Missouri - Kansas City

BA Environmental Studies, First Class Honours eq. (3.9/4.0)

**Thesis:** U.S. Carbon Tax: Practical, Ethical and Effective Within the Context of Global Climate Policy.

### 2012 University of Missouri - Columbia

Pollution Prevention Program (4.0/4.0)

• Engineering-level approach for efficiency & waste optimisation of commercial and industrial enterprises

## 2011 Kingston University, London

Urban Planning and Environmental Science, Study Abroad, First Class

## 2008-2013 UMKC Conservatory of Music

BM Cello Performance, First Class eq. (3.9/4.0)

#### ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND INTERESTS

**Public Speaking** – Experienced at presenting to volunteer groups, corporate executives, local government, and national governments

**Networking and Engagement** – Experienced networking and engaging with business executives, researchers, governments, civil society, and community groups

**Interests** – James is a classical cellist and member of the folk band The Infamous Flapjack Affair. He is also an active cycling and runner.