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I aim to improve society's resilience to natural and human-caused fluctuations in climate by bridging the gap between science and decision-making. I draw on the natural and social sciences to assess the vulnerability of natural and human systems to climate variability and change and to inform the development of climate adaptation strategies. I work with decision makers to develop science-based climate change planning and adaptation guidance and to assess their climate information needs in order to develop priorities for research, tool development, and outreach. I frequently advise on strategies for adapting planning and decision-making processes in light of a changing climate and collaborate with legal, economics and communications scholars to apply climate impacts science to legal analyses, economic assessments, and research on overcoming communication challenges.

I direct the Climate Impacts Group at the University of Washington, an internationally recognized research and stakeholder engagement effort that links interdisciplinary, cutting edge science with the real needs of resource managers, planners and policy makers in a changing climate. As Assistant Dean for Applied Research in the UW College of the Environment, I am leveraging the Climate Impacts Group's model for connecting science and decision making to address more of today's – and tomorrow's – pressing environmental challenges.