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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of Michigan Law School , <i>Faculty Fellow</i> , Ann Arbor, MI	2025 – 2027
Courses: Torts	Spring 2027
Regulating by the Numbers: Benefit-Cost Analysis and OIRA Review	Spring 2026
Student Research (co-supervisor with Prof. Nicolas Cornell)	Fall 2025, Spring 2026

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School , <i>J.D., cum laude</i> , Cambridge, MA	2018 – 2021
Honors: Brooks Institute Emerging Scholar Fellowship, 2020 – 2021 (inaugural cohort)	
Animal Law & Policy Program Writing Prize	
Dean's Scholar Prize in Torts and Food Law and Policy	
Journal: <i>Harvard Journal on Legislation</i> , Executive Submissions Editor (Spring 2020 submissions cycle); Executive Technical Editor (2020 – 2021)	
Activities: Research Assistant for Prof. Kristen Stilt; Harvard Animal Law Society Co-President	
Cornell University , <i>B.S. with Honors in Industrial and Labor Relations</i> , Ithaca, NY	2011 – 2015
Minors: Global Health, Music	
Honors: Merrill Presidential Scholar (university-wide award for academics and leadership)	
Mitchell Lane Dorf Memorial Scholarship (for excellence in labor and employment law)	
Emma Helen Modlin Scholarship (for students who overcome disability)	
Class Councils' Class of 2015 Outstanding Individual (for community contributions)	
Thesis: <i>A Self-Fulfilling Fatalism: Examining Public Sector Union Endorsements During New York's 2014 Gubernatorial Elections</i>	

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Environmental law, administrative law, torts, benefit-cost analysis, legislation and regulation, animal law

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Academic Articles

Andrew Stawasz & R. Daniel Bressler, [Valuing Statistical Absences? Why Benefit-Cost Analysis Cannot Avoid Population Ethics](#), 237 ECOLOGICAL ECON. 108643 (2025).

Andrew Stawasz, [Animals in Cost-Benefit Analysis](#), 58 UNIV. MICH. J.L. REFORM 69 (2024).

Andrew Stawasz, Liping Huang, Paige Kirby & David Bloom, [Health Technology Assessment for Vaccines Against Rare, Severe Infections: Properly Accounting for Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccination's Full Social and Economic Benefits](#), 8 FRONTIERS PUB. HEALTH (2020).

David E. Bloom, Paige N. Kirby, Sarah Pugh & **Andrew Stawasz**, Commentary, [Why Has Uptake of Pneumococcal Vaccines for Children Been So Slow? The Perils of Undervaluation](#), 39 PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE J. 145 (2020).

JP Sevilla, **Andrew Stawasz**, Daria Burnes, Anubhav Agarwal, Basak Hacibedel, Kerem Helvacioğlu, Reiko Sato & David E. Bloom, *Indirect Costs of Adult Pneumococcal Disease and the Productivity-Based Rate of Return to the 13-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine for Adults in Turkey*, 16 HUM. VACCINES & IMMUNOTHERAPEUTICS 1923 (2020).

JP Sevilla, **Andrew Stawasz**, Daria Burnes, Peter Bo Poulsen, Reiko Sato & David E. Bloom, *Indirect Costs of Adult Pneumococcal Disease and Productivity-Based Rate of Return to PCV13 Vaccination for Older Adults and Elderly Diabetics in Denmark*, 14 J. ECON. AGEING 100203 (2019).

David E. Bloom & **Andrew Stawasz**, *Linking Health and Education: Commentary on “Childhood Infections and Subsequent School Achievement Among 598,553 Danish Children,”* 37 PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE J. 729 (2018).

Elizabeth T. Cafiero-Fonseca, **Andrew Stawasz**, Sydney T. Johnson, Reiko Sato & David E. Bloom, *The Full Benefits of Adult Pneumococcal Vaccination: A Systematic Review*, 12 PLoS ONE e0186903 (2017).

Andrew Stawasz & Thaddeus Talbot, *The Power of Politics for Zambia’s Public Sector Unions: A Case Study of the 2013 Nursing Strikes*, 4 ZAM. SOC. SCI. J. 35 (2013).

Book Chapters

Andrew Stawasz & Eli Fenichel, *Environmental-Economic Policy Tools for the 21st Century: Ecosystem Services, Environmental Services, and Changes in Natural Capital*, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (Daniela Miteva & Derric Pennington eds., forthcoming 2026).

Works in Progress

Andrew Stawasz, *What Benefit-Cost Analysis Does*, in progress. **Job-talk paper.**

I explore what principles underlie agency benefit-cost analysis (“BCA”). I show that, contrary to common intuition, these principles do not include welfare economics. That is because several practical compromises—leaving major effects unquantified and unanalyzed, combining different units, and omitting large populations—leave the practice totally unmoored from its supposed welfare-economic foundation. Instead, agency BCA champions a mix of good-government values I dub Pragmatic Pluralism: a focus on consequences, equality, and transparency. I detail how this insight should change discourse around BCA, especially during the next presidential administration.

Andrew Stawasz & Daniel Hemel, *The Human-Animal-Welfare Trilemma*, in progress.

The “human-animal-welfare trilemma” captures the challenge of (1) helping the worst-off humans (“humanitarianism”); (2) rejecting “speciesist” discrimination against nonhuman animals (“nonspeciesism”); and (3) adopting utilitarianism or prioritarianism (“welfarism”). We describe this trilemma’s tragic urgency and offer some principled responses.

OTHER WRITING

Selected Reports, Popular Articles, Blog Posts, and Op-Eds

Andrew Stawasz, *Slaughtering Reasoned Decisionmaking*, REGUL. REV. (forthcoming 2026).

Andrew Stawasz, *OIRA’s Bad Benefit-Cost Analysis*, YALE J. ON REGUL.: NOTICE & COMMENT (Oct. 27, 2025).

Dena Adler & **Andrew Stawasz**, *Within Its Wheelhouse: EPA's Latest Power Plant Regulations Rely on Traditional Approaches Left Available After West Virginia v. EPA*, INST. FOR POL'Y INTEGRITY (Apr. 24, 2024).

Dena Adler & **Andrew Stawasz**, *Defining "Adequately Demonstrated": EPA's Long History of Forward-Looking Regulations Under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act*, INST. FOR POL'Y INTEGRITY (Apr. 24, 2024).

Andrew Stawasz, *Regulating Fuel Efficiency in Fantasyland*, REGUL. REV. (Feb. 1, 2024).

Eli Fenichel & **Andrew Stawasz**, *Rationally Valuing Natural Resources Is Good Governance*, YALE J. ON REGUL.: NOTICE & COMMENT (Aug. 21, 2023).

Andrew Stawasz & Jeff Sebo, *Bridging Legal Longtermism and Animal Law*, VERFASSUNGSBLOG (Aug. 19, 2022).

Andrew Stawasz, *Why Electric Mail Trucks Are the Way of the Future*, POLITICO: AGENDA (Dec. 17, 2021).

Christoph Winter, Jonas Schuett, Eric Martínez, Suzanne Van Arsdale, Renan Araújo, Nick Hollman, Jeff Sebo, **Andrew Stawasz**, Cullen O'Keefe & Giuliana Rotola, *Legal Priorities Research: A Research Agenda*, LEGAL PRIORITIES PROJECT (Jan. 2021).

Selected Comment Letters

Ctr. for Pol'y & Animal Welfare, *Comments on Maximum Line Speed Under the New Swine Slaughter Inspection System and New Poultry Inspection System* (Apr. 20, 2026).

Andrew Stawasz, *Comments on Improving Transparency into Pharmacy Benefit Manager Fee Disclosure* (Apr. 15, 2026).

Inst. for Pol'y Integrity, *Comments on Ensuring Safe Accommodations for Air Travelers with Disabilities Using Wheelchairs* (May 10, 2024).

Inst. for Pol'y Integrity, *Comments on Clean Water Act Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Meat and Poultry Products Point Source Category* (Mar. 25, 2024).

Inst. for Pol'y Integrity, *Comments on Mitigation Methods for Launch Vehicle Upper Stages on the Creation of Orbital Debris* (Dec. 26, 2023).

Inst. for Pol'y Integrity, *Comments on Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks for Model Years 2027–2032 and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Heavy-Duty Pickup Trucks and Vans for Model Years 2030–2035* (Oct. 16, 2023).

Inst. for Pol'y Integrity, *Comments on National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions Phase 2* (Sept. 29, 2023).

Inst. for Pol'y Integrity et al., *Comments on Federal Acquisition Regulation: Minimizing the Risk of Climate Change in Federal Acquisition* (Jan. 13, 2022).

Inst. for Pol'y Integrity, *Comments on Valuing Emissions in the U.S. Postal Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Purchase of Next Generation Delivery Vehicles* (Oct. 15, 2021).

Amicus Briefs

[Brief for Amicus Curiae Inst. for Pol’y Integrity in Support of Respondents](#), *Utah v. Env’t Prot. Agency* (D.C. Cir. 2024) (No. 23-1157).

EXPERIENCE

Institute for Policy Integrity, NYU School of Law , <i>Legal Fellow</i> , New York, NY <i>Was on leave from 2022 – 2023 for Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs position</i>	2021 – 2024
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs , <i>Advisor</i> , Washington, DC (remote)	2022 – 2023
Humane World for Animals , <i>Law Clerk</i> , Washington, DC (remote)	Summer 2020
Richman Law & Policy , <i>Extern</i> , New York, NY	Jan. 2020
Animal Outlook , <i>Legal Advocacy Intern</i> , Washington, DC	Summer 2019
Data for Decisions, LLC , <i>Research Associate</i> , Waltham, MA	2015 – 2018

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. Veronica S. Rossman, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit , Denver, CO	2024 – 2025
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PRESENTATIONS

What Benefit-Cost Analysis Does

University of Michigan Law School Legal Theory Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI	July 2026
Case Western Reserve Environmental Law Center Junior Faculty Workshop, Cleveland, OH	June 2026
ABA Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section Papers Workshop, Washington, DC	May 2026
University of Michigan Law School Governance Lunch Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI	Mar. 2026
Institute for Policy Integrity Workshop, New York, NY	Feb. 2026
AALS New Voices in Administrative Law Workshop, New Orleans, LA	Jan. 2026
Big Ten Early Career Law Scholars Workshop, Lincoln, NE	Oct. 2025

The Human-Animal-Welfare Trilemma

University of Chicago Animal Welfare Economics Conference, Chicago, IL	June 2026
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Animals in Cost-Benefit Analysis

NYU Center for Mind, Ethics, and Policy Speaker Series, New York, NY (virtual) (recording)	Feb. 2026
Stanford Humane & Sustainable Food Seminar, Palo Alto, CA (virtual)	Jan. 2025
Society for Environmental Law and Economics Annual Meeting, Tallahassee, FL	Mar. 2024
Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis Annual Meeting, Washington, DC	Mar. 2024
Harvard Animal Law Society Lunch Presentation, Cambridge, MA	Mar. 2024
Institute for Policy Integrity Seminar, New York, NY	Nov. 2023

Bridging Legal Longtermism and Animal Law

Legal Priorities Summer Institute, Oxford, UK (virtual), with Jeff Sebo	Sept. 2022
Forum on Longtermism and the Law, Hamburg, Germany, with Jeff Sebo	June 2022

As an Invited Speaker or Participant

NYU Center for Mind, Ethics, and Policy Summit, New York, NY <i>Invited panel speaker</i>	Apr. 2026
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NYU and UCLA convening on considering disability in environmental policy, New York, NY (virtual) <i>Invited panel speaker</i>	Apr. 2026
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Brooks Institute for Animal Rights Law and Policy 2026 Congress, St. Petersburg, FL <i>Invited Delegate for Congress of animal-law academics and practitioners</i>	Mar. 2026
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NYU <i>Environmental Law Journal</i> Symposium on emerging technology and animal law, New York, NY <i>Invited panel moderator (recording) and closing speaker (recording)</i>	Feb. 2026
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Animal Welfare Valuation Working Group (virtual working group organized by USDA economist) <i>Invited introductory speaker at inaugural meeting</i>	Apr. 2024
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As a Discussant or Commentator

Michigan Law Review and Michigan Law Student Animal Legal Defense Fund lunch event, Ann Arbor, MI <i>Steffen Seitz, Conspiracy and Social Movements</i>	Apr. 2026
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GMU Law & Economics Center, Research Roundtable on Law and the Allocation of Risk, Nashville, TN <i>Arden Rowell, Efficient Catastrophe? Regulating Extreme Risks and Miraculous Upsides</i>	Oct. 2025
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Sheffield Animal Studies Research Centre paper workshop, Sheffield, UK (virtual) <i>Asher Soryl & Aksel Sterri, Taxing Farm Animal Suffering to Reduce It (recording)</i>	Nov. 2023
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PEER REVIEW

Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis; Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal (with David E. Bloom)

BAR

New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (both active)

REFERENCES

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