

# Richard L. Sweeney

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## Appointments

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| MIT, Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research, Visiting Scholar | Spring 2024 |
| Boston College, Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure) 2023 -      |             |
| Boston College, Environmental Studies, Affiliated Faculty                  | 2019 -      |
| University of Chicago, Energy Policy Institute, Visiting Scholar           | Spring 2018 |
| Boston College, Assistant Professor of Economics                           | 2015 - 2023 |

## Education

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| Ph.D. Public Policy, Harvard University   | 2015 |
| Dissertation: <i>Essays on Industry Response to Energy and Environmental Policy</i> |      |
| Committee: Joseph Aldy, Erich Muehlegger, Ariel Pakes, Robert Stavins (chair)       |      |
| B.S., Economics and Political Science, Boston College, <i>magna cum laude</i>       | 2004 |

## Publications

Aldy, Joseph, Todd D. Gerarden and Richard L. Sweeney (2023), "Investment versus Output Subsidies: Implications of Alternative Incentives for Wind Energy." *The Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*; 10 (4).

Covert, Thomas R., and Richard L. Sweeney (2023), "Relinquishing Riches: Auctions vs Informal Negotiations in Texas Oil and Gas Leasing." *The American Economic Review*; 113 (3).

Sweeney, Richard L., "Environmental Regulation, Imperfect Competition and Market Spillovers: The Impact of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments on the US Oil Refining Industry."

### **Grants and Awards**

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| BC Schiller Institute "Wind Uncertainty and Capacity Planning During the Energy Transition"<br>(Co-PI, \$50,000) | 2023 |
| EPA-RFF "Retrospective Analysis of Federal Environmental Regulation"   | 2021 |
| NBER-Sloan "Economics of Innovation in the Energy Sector" conference   | 2020 |

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Macro*, *Energy Economics*, *Energy Journal*, *International Economic Review*, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, *Journal of Energy Engineering*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Housing Economics*, *Journal of the Industrial Economics*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Management Science*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Science*

## **Other Experience**

Resources for the Future, Research Assistant  
Cornerstone Research, Analyst

2007 - 2009  
2005 - 2007

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