Bio

Michael Wara is a lawyer and scholar focused on climate and energy policy. Wara is Director of the Climate and Energy Policy Program and a senior research scholar at the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, where he provides fact-based, bipartisan, technical and legal assistance to policymakers engaged in the development of novel climate and energy law and regulation. He also facilitates the connection of Stanford faculty with cutting edge policy debates on climate and energy, leveraging Stanford’s energy and climate expertise to craft real world solutions to these challenges.

Wara’s legal and policy scholarship focuses on carbon pricing, energy innovation, and regulated industries. He collaborates with economists, engineers and scientists in research on the design and evaluation of technical and regulatory solutions to climate and energy challenges. He is also an expert on international environmental law with a particular focus on the ozone and climate treaty regimes.

Prior to joining Woods, Wara was an associate professor at Stanford Law School and an associate in Holland & Knight’s government practice. He received his J.D. from Stanford Law School and his Ph.D. in Ocean Sciences from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

• Sr Research Scholar, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

• Public Policy

Teaching

COURSES

2022-23

• Policy Practicum: Smoke: SUSTAIN 329 (Aut, Win, Spr)
• Policy Practicum: Buildings in the Energy Transition: Resilient, Clean and Just: LAW 808U (Aut, Win, Spr)
• Policy Practicum: Smoke: Wildfire Science and Policy Lab: LAW 808D (Aut, Win, Spr)

2021-22

• Policy Practicum: Smoke: LAW 808D (Aut, Win)
• Policy Practicum: Smoke: ENVRES 229A (Aut, Win)

2020-21

• Introduction to Resource, Energy and Environmental Economics: ENVRES 300 (Aut)
• Policy Practicum: Smoke: LAW 808D (Spr)
• Policy Practicum: Smoke: ENVRES 229A (Spr)

2019-20

• Introduction to Resource, Energy and Environmental Economics: ENVRES 300 (Aut)