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Joe Nation

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Bio

BIO

Joe Nation is a Professor of the Practice of Public Policy at Stanford University, where he co-directs the graduate student Practicum in public policy and teaches policy courses on climate change, health care, and California state issues.

His current research is focused on carbon markets and improving data-driven decisions by state governments. Nation is a Faculty Affiliate at Stanford's Center on Longevity. He has consulted for RAND for more than 30 years since his graduation from the Pardee RAND Graduate School (PRGS) in 1989. Nation continues to direct State Statistics, a collection of socioeconomic statistical databases that was created at RAND in 1997.

From 1992-2000, he served on the Marin Water Board, including two terms as President. From 2000-2006, he represented Marin and Southern Sonoma Counties in the California State Assembly. He was the principal co-author of AB 32, California's Global Warmings Solutions Act and was selected as Legislator of the Year by a number of organizations.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor of the Practice, Public Policy

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Professor of the Practice, Public Policy, (2009- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Undergraduate Teaching Award (Northern California), Phi Beta Kappa (2025)
- Undergraduate Teaching Award (Stanford), Phi Beta Kappa (2023)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Economic Advisory Board, Bay Area Council (2013 - present)
- Faculty Affiliate, Stanford Center on Longevity (2013 - present)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Health Care Policy and Reform: HUMBIO 122A, PUBLPOL 156 (Aut)
- Politics and Policy in California: PUBLPOL 154 (Win)

- Public Policy Graduate Practicum: PUBLPOL 309 (Aut, Win)

2025-26

- Health Care Policy and Reform: HUMBIO 122A, PUBLPOL 156 (Aut)
- Politics and Policy in California: PUBLPOL 154 (Win)
- Public Policy Graduate Practicum: PUBLPOL 309 (Aut, Win)

2024-25

- Climate Perspectives: Climate Science, Impacts, Carbon Markets, Decarbonization Models and Projects: EARTHSYS 116A, EARTHSYS 216A, HUMBIO 116, PUBLPOL 116, PUBLPOL 216 (Aut)
- Health Care Policy and Reform: HUMBIO 122A, PUBLPOL 156 (Aut)
- Politics and Policy in California: PUBLPOL 154 (Win)
- Public Policy Graduate Practicum: PUBLPOL 309 (Aut, Win)
- State Health Policy: Making (or Breaking) Healthcare: PUBLPOL 31SI (Spr)

2023-24

- Environmental and Health Policy Analysis: HUMBIO 3B (Win)
- Health Care Policy and Reform: HUMBIO 122A, PUBLPOL 156 (Aut)
- Politics and Policy in California: PUBLPOL 154 (Win)
- Public Policy Graduate Practicum: PUBLPOL 309 (Aut, Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Master's Program Advisor

Althea Hudson, Zora Hudson

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **The California Breast Density Information Group: A Collaborative Response to the Issues of Breast Density, Breast Cancer Risk, and Breast Density Notification Legislation** *RADIOLOGY*

  Price, E. R., Hargreaves, J., Lipson, J. A., Sickles, E. A., Brenner, R. J., Lindfors, K. K., Joe, B. N., Leung, J. W., Feig, S. A., Bassett, L. W., Daniel, B. L., Kurian, A. W., Love, et al

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