

TABITHA FLORENCE SHIKUKU, CPA, MBA, MPA

San Francisco, California

Research Interests

• Renewable energy governance; comparative public policy; sustainable investment transitions; energy justice; environmental governance; Social-Ecological-Technical-Political (SETP) systems; geothermal energy; grid governance; climate policy; international development.

Education

- **School for International Training (SIT)**, Ph.D. in Sustainability, 2025-Present
- **Indiana University Indianapolis**, Master of Public Affairs (MPA), Policy Analysis, 2024
- **Holy Names University**, Master of Business Administration (MBA), Marketing, 2022
- **Moi University**, Bachelor of Business Management, Finance and Banking, 2017
- **Certified Public Accountant**

Research in Progress

- Ongoing Ph.D.: Governing Renewable Energy Transitions
- Manuscript under review: *Financial Performance and Distress Risk in Venture Capital Firms: Evidence from Kenya Prior to Market Expansion* (Taylor & Francis)

Research Experience

- Research Collaborator, University of California, Davis (2024) - sustainable wind turbine blade research with a public policy focus
- Research Associate, Indiana University Indianapolis (2022-2024) - Policy Analysis
- Graduate Research, Holy Names University - renewable energy finance in Kenya
- Researcher, University for Foreigners of Perugia / Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (2020) - Indonesia energy transition and investment

Teaching Experience

- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Indiana University Indianapolis (2022-2024), supporting courses in:
- Public Policy Process, SPEA-V 512 (graduate)
- Public Policy Analysis, SPEA-V 633 (graduate)
- Environmental Policy Analysis, SPEA-V 520 (graduate)
- Environmental Justice, SPEA-V 310 (undergraduate)
- Seminar in Environmental Policy, SPEA-V 519 / SPEA-V 450

Professional Appointments

- Small Business Analyst, San Francisco International Airport (Present)
- Strategy and Social Impact, San Francisco International Airport
- Peterson Fellow, Indiana University Indianapolis - work with the Mayor's Office, Indianapolis Airport Authority, and IndyGo
- Partnership Policy and Communications, United Nations Capital Development Fund
- Global Development Consultant, Climate Spheres
- Resource Development Officer, Aga Khan Academies
- Small & Growing Business Investment Fellow, Kiva

Conference Presentations

- International Leadership Association Global Conference (2026), Toronto - Round Table: Governing Renewable Energy Transitions in a Fragmented World
- International Women's Day Panelist, Financial Women of San Francisco
- Global Social Economy Forum, Mexico
- Atlas Corps Leadership Summit
- Mandela Washington Fellowship Conference, South Africa
- University of San Diego Guest Speaker

Awards and Fellowships

- Peterson Fellow, Indiana University Indianapolis
- Clinton Global Initiative University Fellow
- Atlas Corps Fellow
- Mandela Washington Fellow, U.S. Department of State

Professional Service

- Board Member, Programs and Fundraising Committee, Financial Women of San Francisco
- Board Member, Climate Spheres USA and UK
- Application Reader, Mandela Washington Fellowship
- Financial Management Trainer, IREX/USAID
- Engagement Committee, Atlas Corps

Professional Memberships

- Financial Women of San Francisco
- Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya

Languages

- English • Swahili • French

International Experience

- Professional, research, and development experience across Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Mozambique, South Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic, France, Italy, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and the United States.