

# Influential Women Profiles Emma Louise Carson: Senior Operations Research Analyst at Bonneville Power Administration

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Emma Louise Carson is a Senior Operations Research Analyst at the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), where she applies advanced mathematical modeling, data analysis, and systems thinking to optimize hydroelectric power generation and support reliable energy distribution across the Pacific Northwest. In her role, Emma contributes to some of the most complex and impactful initiatives in the energy sector, including work related to the Columbia River Treaty between the United States and Canada, Environmental Impact Statement studies for Columbia River System Operations, and the Energy Imbalance Market Settlements

Project. Her work requires frequent collaboration with multidisciplinary teams of PhDs, engineers, and policy experts, as well as regular travel to dams throughout the U.S. and Canada to model reservoirs, regulate water flows, and strengthen international water management partnerships.

Emma's academic foundation reflects her deep commitment to analytical rigor and problem-solving. She holds a Master of Science in Mathematics from Emporia State University and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire. Prior to joining BPA, she served honorably in the United States Navy as a Petty Officer Second Class, where she managed logistics for the Supply Department of the 8th Division and supervised a team of 16 sailors during deployments across the Middle East and Asia. Her military experience instilled in her a strong sense of discipline, leadership, and service—qualities that continue to shape her professional approach today. In addition to her military service, Emma spent time in education,



teaching college-level mathematics at Western Technical College and supporting students in interdisciplinary programs, further demonstrating her passion for mentorship and knowledge sharing.

Beyond her primary role at BPA, Emma is dedicated to expanding access to STEM education. She volunteers as a Chemistry Lab Educator at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), where she helps spark curiosity and confidence in learners of all ages. Known for her analytical precision, coding expertise, and commitment to process optimization, Emma consistently uses data-driven decision-making to improve operational efficiency and deliver measurable impact in the energy sector. Her work supports BPA's broader mission of providing reliable, affordable, and clean power to communities throughout the region.

Emma attributes her success to an unwavering belief in her ability to achieve her goals—a belief that has sustained her through some of the most challenging moments of her life. She credits persistence as the most valuable lesson she has learned, guided by simple yet powerful advice: don't give up. "For example, I write down my favorite inspiring quotes and put them on the wall, on the mirror, or in my pocket so I can see them all the time to remind me not to quit," Emma shares. "My favorite quote in my earlier years was, 'Where there is a will, there is a way.' Later, I adopted my Navy Boot Camp mantra, 'Easy day, every day!' When life felt very hard, I would say it out loud and feel better immediately. I just kept going, day after day, year after year."

Professionally, Emma recognizes that the energy industry is defined by constant change and complexity. Volatility in power markets—driven by supply and demand fluctuations, extreme weather events, and evolving policy frameworks—creates ongoing challenges for forecasting, planning, and market participation. Rather than viewing uncertainty as an obstacle, Emma sees it as an opportunity to innovate. By combining adaptability, analytical thinking, and long-term vision, she helps organizations navigate uncertainty while maintaining resilience and reliability in critical energy systems.

At the heart of Emma's life and career is a commitment to serving a purpose larger than herself. That mission has guided her journey from military service to advanced STEM education, teaching, public-sector work, and community engagement. In recent years, she has felt a strong calling to serve humanity more broadly, drawing on a lifetime of knowledge, wisdom, skills, and creative talents. Emma is driven by a desire to bring love, hope, joy, peace, elegance, and beauty into the world and to uplift and inspire others through unconditional compassion.

Outside of her professional responsibilities, Emma expresses her values through writing and authoring books, dancing, and music as an artist, songwriter, and fashion designer. Across every chapter of her life, her guiding principle remains constant: to inspire, to serve, and to contribute meaningfully to a brighter future for humanity.

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