A photograph of a brick building with a person walking on a path in autumn. The scene is filled with vibrant yellow and orange foliage, suggesting a fall setting. The building is a multi-story brick structure with several windows. A person with a backpack is walking away from the camera on a paved path in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is bright and scenic.

# Graduate Studies View Book

## Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology



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# Top 3 Reasons to choose REES

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and Environmental Sociology



1

REES is the top ranked agricultural economics program in Canada\*\*, and 17<sup>th</sup> worldwide\*\*\*

2

Our department receives annual research grants of \$2-3 million dollars, which help fund graduate students.

3

The University of Alberta is one of the Top 5 Research Universities in Canada\*, and one of the top 100 in the world

\*source: researchinfosource.com

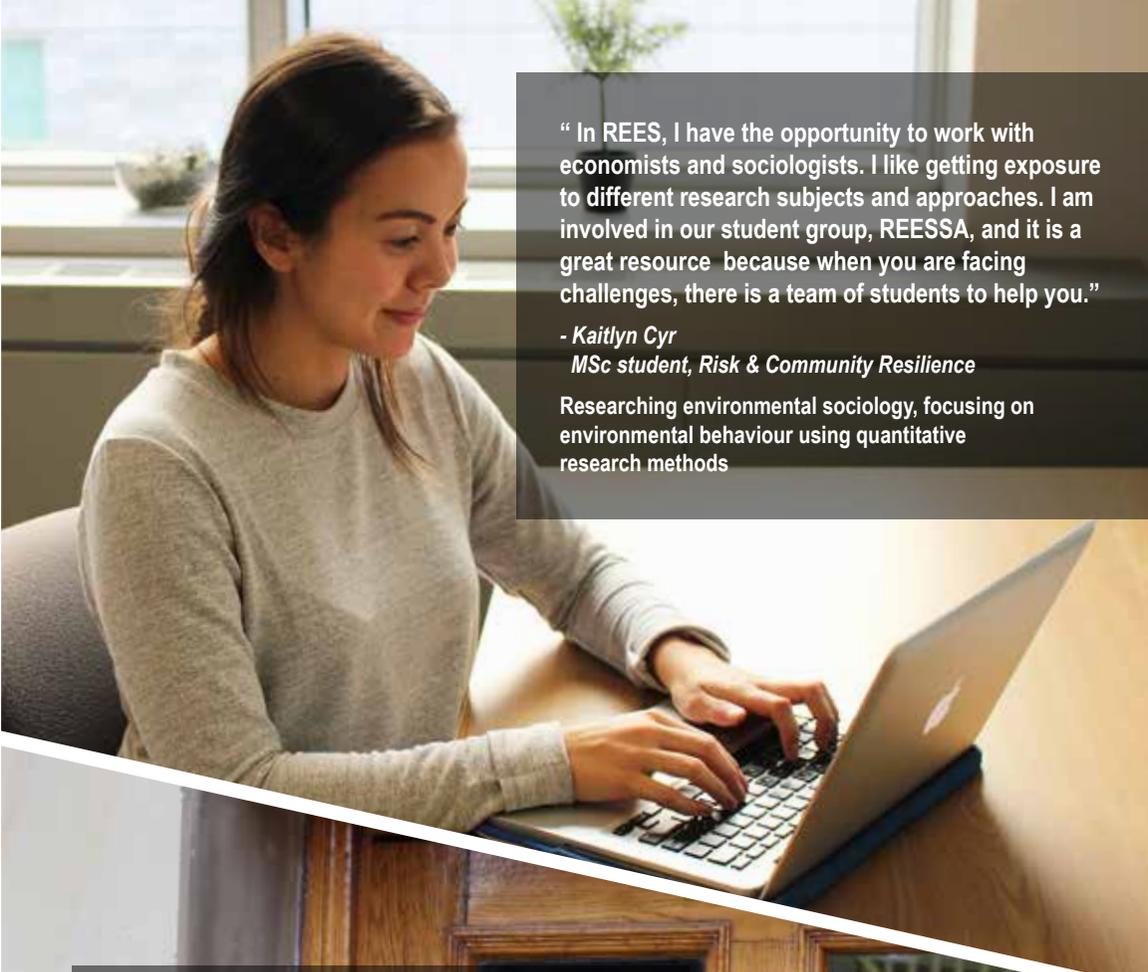
\*\*source: Research Division of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

\*\*\*source: ideas.repec.org/top/top.agecon.html



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“ In REES, I have the opportunity to work with economists and sociologists. I like getting exposure to different research subjects and approaches. I am involved in our student group, REESSA, and it is a great resource because when you are facing challenges, there is a team of students to help you.”

- *Kaitlyn Cyr*

*MSc student, Risk & Community Resilience*

Researching environmental sociology, focusing on environmental behaviour using quantitative research methods



“ I came to REES because of it’s reputation as the best place in Canada to study Environmental & Resource Economics, as well as the quality and reputation of the professors. There is a collegial atmosphere in the Department, highly engaged professors, and flexibility in the program.”

- *Patrick Lloyd-Smith*

*PhD student, Agricultural and Resource Economics*

Researching environmental & resource economics, non-market valuation, and applied econometrics.

# Degree Programs

## At a Glance

### Master of Science (MSc)

- Full time, 2 year program
- Thesis-based
- Areas of Specialization:
  - ▶ Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREC)
  - ▶ Forest Economics
  - ▶ Rural Sociology
  - ▶ Risk & Community Resilience

### Master of Agriculture (MAg)

- Full time, 2 year program
- Course-based Masters (no thesis requirement)
- Areas of specialization:
  - ▶ Agricultural Economics
  - ▶ Rural Sociology

### MBA / MAg

- Full time, 2 year program
- Course-based Masters (no thesis requirement)
- Jointly offered with the Alberta School of Business
- Intended for professionals with 3+ years of work experience

### Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- Full time, 4 year program
- Thesis-based
- Areas of Specialization:
  - ▶ Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREC)
  - ▶ Forest Economics
  - ▶ Rural Sociology

# Career Opportunities

## Prepare for a career in policy, consulting, or academia

Graduate studies in REES prepares students for careers in a variety of institutions including government, consulting firms, international organizations, NGO's, and universities.

### Government

- Environment Canada
- Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development
- Agriculture & Agrifood Canada

### Consulting Firms and Businesses

- Cargill
- Advanis
- Stantec

### NGO's / International Organizations

- World Bank
- World Wildlife Fund
- International Development Research Centre

### Universities

- Purdue University
- Universities of Guelph and Ottawa
- Western University
- University of Western Australia



# Faculty Members

Our twenty faculty members are leaders in economic and sociological research, and well connected to local, national, and international policy makers.



## Professor Vic Adamowicz

Vice-Dean, Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences  
Royal Society of Canada Fellow, Distinguished University Professor,  
J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research

Dr. Adamowicz is the Director of the Alberta Land Institute (ALI), and studies environmental valuation, integrating the environment into economic analysis, consumer choice & behaviors, forest economics and management, and the use of market based instruments for conservation.

## Professor Debra Davidson

McCalla Professorship, Faculty "Teacher of the Year" ('02, '03, '06)  
Research & Innovation Award - Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences

Dr. Davidson is the Director of the Resilient Urban Food Systems Network and a participant in the Land Reclamation International Graduate School (LRIGS). She studies climate change impacts and adaptation, transitions in energy and food systems, and natural resource politics and governance.



Our faculty members have been recognized with a number of prestigious awards including:

- Distinguished University Professor
- Canada Research Chairs
- Killam & McCalla Professorships
- Killam Award for Excellence in Mentoring

# Our Alumni

## Shaping the decision makers of tomorrow

We have placed over 500 Masters and PhD graduates in 40+ countries, in leading positions with industry, government, NGO's, and post-secondary institutions

### Dr. Getu Hailu

*Associate Professor  
University of Guelph - Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics*

Getu Hailu came from Ethiopia in September 2000 to join the University of Alberta. He completed his PhD ('05) in Agricultural and Resource Economics. Getu joined the University of Guelph in May 2005. He is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE) at the University of Guelph. Dr. Hailu conducts research on efficiency and productivity analysis, price risk management, food demand analysis, and the economics of co-operatives. Getu maintains connections with colleagues at REES through collaborative research. He notes that his time in REES was both challenging and rewarding.



### Lukas Matejovsky

*Senior Economist,  
Alberta Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour*

Lukas is from the Czech Republic. He moved to Canada in 2008 to pursue his MSc. in Agricultural and Environmental Economics, also serving as President of the REES graduate student association. After graduation, he worked as the manager of policy and research for the British Columbia Egg Marketing Board. Lukas has conducted projects in East Africa with the Africa Community Technical Services (ACTS), focusing on sustainable economic development with small scale farmers. He is the current President of the Alberta Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA).

### Catalina Solano Rivera

*Industry Analyst,  
Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency (ALMA)*

Catalina is from Bogota, Colombia. She moved to Canada in the fall of 2006 to pursue her MSc. in Agricultural and Environmental Economics. After Catalina completed her program in the summer of 2009, she worked in knowledge extension, research, research network management, and market and policy analysis for various industries including forestry, fisheries and oceans, and agriculture.



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