
WELCOME

Please Welcome Our New Fall 2019 FRE Faculty & Staff



Dr. Maira Reimao

An Assistant Professor for Development Economics in the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida. She holds a Bachelor of Science (2006) in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, a Master of Philosophy (2008) in Development Studies from the University of Oxford, and a Ph.D. (2016) in Agricultural & Resource Economics from the University of California – Davis. Prior to her Ph.D. studies, Dr. Reimao worked with the World Bank for several years. During her time there, she focused on the Brazil day care intervention that was the basis of her dissertation. In August 2016, Dr. Reimao became a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Yale University. Her research focused on development economics, particularly migration and gender. During the Fall 2019 term, Dr. Reimao will be teaching AEB 4282 – International Humanitarian Assistance. Please give Dr. Reimao a warm welcome!



Dr. John Lai

An Assistant Professor overlooking Agribusiness Economics in the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida. Dr. Lai is a fellow gator, earning his Bachelor of Science (2010) in Food and Resource Economics at the University of Florida. He holds a Master of Science (2012) and Ph.D. (2017) in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University. Dr. Lai has over 10 years of teaching experience, he worked as a Teaching Assistant for the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida, Research and Teaching Assistant under the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, Post-Doctoral Research Associate with the School of Forest Resources and Conservation at the University of Florida, and as an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. We're pleased to announce that during the Fall 2019 term, Dr. Lai will be teaching AEB 6183 – Agribusiness Risk Management, and during Spring 2020, he will be teaching AEB – 3341 Selling Strategically and AEB 4380 – Agricultural Marketing Strategies. Welcome back to the Gator Nation!



Dr. Olesya Savchenko

An Assistant Professor for Agricultural Economics and Policy in the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida. Dr. Savchenko earned her Bachelor of Arts degree (2006) in Environmental and International Studies and Master of Business Administration (2009) in Project Management at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, and Ph.D. (2017) in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Savchenko has served as a Graduate Research Assistant, Postdoctoral Fellow, and Postdoctoral Researcher. Her research interests include water economics, agricultural policy, consumer behavior, land use and nonmarket valuation, and energy. During the Fall 2019 term, Dr. Savchenko will teach AEB 4242 – International Trade Policy in Agriculture, and in Spring 2020, she will teach AEB 6385 – Management Strategies for Agribusiness Firms. Welcome to the FRE Department, Dr. Savchenko!



Dr. Christa Court

An Assistant Professor for Regional Economics and Director of the Economic Impacts Analysis Program for the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida. Dr. Court earned a Bachelor of Arts (2006) in Spanish and Bachelor of Science (2006) in Economics at Middle Tennessee State University, a Master of Arts (2008) and a Ph.D. (2012) in Economics at West Virginia University. She is a member of several professional organizations such as the International Society for Ecological Economics, International Input-Output Association, Regional Science Association International, North America Regional Science Council, Southern Regional Science Association, and Regional Science Association International – British and Irish Section. With a vast background in working within academics, Dr. Court has experience working for both West Virginia University and the University of Florida. Glad to have you, Dr. Court!

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Dr. Ropicki

Dr. Ropicki is an Assistant Professor of Marine Economist for the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida. Dr. Ropicki is a fellow gator, he earned his Bachelor of Science (2002) and Master of Science (2004) in Finance, Master of Science (2009) and Ph.D. (2014) in Food and Resource Economics at the University of Florida. His applied research program is wide-ranging and includes evaluation of fisheries management policy, social network analysis applied to natural resource management problems, and aquaculture economics. Dr. Ropicki's professional experience consists of Teaching/Research Assistant, Instructor, Marine Economics Specialist, Assistant Professor, etc. We're glad to have a fellow gator back in our midst!



Dr. Caleb Stair

a Lecturer of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness for the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida. Dr. Stair earned his Bachelor of Science (2013) in Quantitative Economics with a minor in Mathematics at Frostburg State University, a Master's degree (2014) and Ph.D. (2018) in Natural Resource Economics at West Virginia University. His research interests include natural resource economics (specifically related to wildlife), regional economics, and spatial econometrics. His studies aim to inform policy makers about the impacts of events and policies related to wildlife management and natural resource use. His recent research focuses on the economic contributions of the American Alligator to Florida's economy. During the Fall 2019 semester, Dr. Stair will teach AEB 3281 – Agricultural Macroeconomics and AEB 4126 – Agricultural and Natural Resource Ethics. In Spring 2020, he will teach AEB 3133 – Principles of Agribusiness Management. Happy to see that you're a part of FRE!



Rabya Hein

An Academic Assistant III for the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida. Rabya initially started her professional career working for the University of Florida's Information Technology – Academic Technology Department. There, she worked as a Technology Consultant and was promoted to Training Specialist and Operations/Training Supervisor. Over the years, Rabya worked at different professional offices across Gainesville, and returned to work at the University of Florida in 2017. She worked for UF Online's OneStop team under the Division of Enrollment Management as an Admissions Assistant and was promoted to OneStop Coordinator. Currently, Rabya is pursuing her undergraduate degree in Educational Sciences through UF Online. Please welcome our new Academic Assistant!