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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Economics, Penn State University, Dec. 2017

B.S. Economics, Frostburg State University, May 2011

B.A. Law, Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania), July 2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Environmental and natural resource economics, water management policy, ecosystem service management, adaptation to climate change.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Postdoctoral Scholar, Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute and National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, July 2019-Present

Postdoctoral Scholar, Dept. of Ecosystem Science and Management, Penn State University, May 2018-June 2019

Postdoctoral Scholar, Earth and Environmental Systems Institute, Penn State University, Spring '18

Research Assistant for Prof. Karen Fisher-Vanden, Penn State University, 2013-2017

Research Assistant (extension) for Prof. Charles Abdalla, Penn State University, 2011-2013

PUBLISHED WORK:

Rimsaite, R., 2019. Public attitudes and values about conservation. *The Conservation Current*, Summer 2019. University Park, PA: Penn State University Extension.

Rimsaite, R., and M. Kreye, 2018. “Timber harvesting on private lands: What does the public think?” *Pennsylvania Forests: Quarterly Magazine of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association*, 109(4).

Olmstead, S.M., K.A. Fisher-Vanden, and **R. Rimsaite**, 2016. “Climate change and water resources: some adaptation tools and their limits.” *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management*, 142(6).

Abdalla, C.W., **R. Rimsaite**, and B. Swistock, 2014. “Municipal officials' decisions to lease watershed lands for Marcellus shale gas exploration.” *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 4, 28-36.

Abdalla, C., **Rimsaite R.** and B. Swistock, 2012. “Understanding municipal officials' decisions to lease watershed lands for Marcellus shale gas exploration” *Final Report to the PA Water Resources Research Center*, Penn State University.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Rimsaite, R., K.A. Fisher-Vanden, and S.M. Olmstead. “How well do U.S. western water markets convey economic information?” (*Review and resubmit, Land Economics.*)

Kreye, M., **R. Rimsaite**, and D. Adams. “Public attitudes about private forest management and government involvement in the southeastern United States.” with M. Kreye and D. Adams. (*Forthcoming, Forests.*)

Rimsaite, R., and M. Kreye. “Assessing program impact on professional audiences in natural resource management.”
(*Under review, Journal of Extension.*)

“Water markets: Are gains from trade higher or lower under water stress?” with K.A. Fisher-Vanden and S.M. Olmstead.

“Social value of enhancing ecosystem services on private forest lands in the southeastern U.S.” with M. Kreye, D. Adams, and J. Soto.

“A systematic review of water market characteristics in the western U.S.”

PRESENTATIONS/SEMINARS (bold font indicates speaker):

Rimsaite, R., and M. Kreye. “Water supply benefit in private forest management.” Presentation for private forestland owners. April 9, 2019, Pensacola, FL; April 10, 2019, Hattiesburg, MS.

Kreye, M., **R. Rimsaite.**, and D.C. Adams. “Public attitudes towards timber harvesting on private lands?” Webinar, Pennsylvania Forest Webinar Series, Jan 8, 2019, Penn State University, PA.

Kreye, M. D.C., Adams, J. Soto, and R. Rimsaite. “Getting the most from private forest lands: An examination of economic and social values.” Energy and Environmental Economics and Policy Seminar, Nov 14, 2018, Penn State University, PA.

Rimsaite, R., and M. Kreye. “Non-market valuation and natural areas: Advantages and limitations.” Paper presentation, A Community on Ecosystem Services (ACES) conference, December 3-6, 2018, Washington, DC.

Kreye, M. D.C., Adams, J. Soto, and R. Rimsaite. “Social value of enhancing ecosystem services on private forest lands in the southeastern U.S.” Lecture, Forest Resources Graduate Seminar, October 30, 2018, Penn State University, PA.

Rimsaite, R., K.A. Fisher-Vanden, and S.M. Olmstead. “Water rights markets: Are welfare gains higher or lower under water stress?” Paper presentation, NAREA Annual Meeting, June 10-12, 2018, Philadelphia, PA.

Rimsaite, R., K.A. Fisher-Vanden, and S.M. Olmstead. “Water rights markets: Welfare effects from trading under the impact of climate change.” Poster presentation, The Heartland Environmental & Resource Economics Workshop at Illinois, Sept 30-Oct 1, 2017, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

Rimsaite, R., K.A. Fisher-Vanden, and S.M. Olmstead. “How efficient are U.S. water rights markets among other natural resource markets?” Paper presentation:

- AAEA Annual Meeting, July 30-August 1, 2017, Chicago, IL
- AERE Summer Conference, May 31-June 2, 2017, Pittsburgh, PA

Rimsaite, R., K.A. Fisher-Vanden, and S.M. Olmstead. “Price efficiency in U.S. water rights markets.” Paper presentations/seminars:

- PIAMDDI DOE Project Meeting, Stanford University, Dec. 2016, Palo Alto, CA
- Energy and Environmental Economics and Policy Seminar, Nov 30, 2016, Penn State University, PA
- The Heartland Environmental & Resource Economics Workshop at Illinois, Nov12-13, 2016, Urbana-Champaign, IL
- AAEA Annual Meeting, July 31-August 2, 2016, Boston, MA
- NAREA Annual Meeting, June 19-21, 2016, Bar Harbor, ME
- AERE Summer Conference, June 9-11, 2016, Breckenridge, CO

Fisher-Vanden, K.A., S.M. Olmstead, and **R. Rimsaite**. “Can water markets facilitate adaptation to the impacts of climate change on water supply?” Paper presentations:

- NAREA & CAES Joint Annual Meeting, June 27-30, 2015, Newport, RI
- AERE Summer Conference, June 3-5, 2015, San Diego, CA

Fisher-Vanden, K.A., S.M. Olmstead, and **R. Rimsaite**. “How do water rights institutions affect climate change impacts on water supply?” Paper presentation, PIAMDDI DOE Project Meeting, Stanford University, December 2014, Palo Alto, CA

Fisher-Vanden, K.A., S.M. Olmstead, and **R. Rimsaite**. “Adaptation, water resources, and IAMs.” Paper presentation, PIAMDDI DOE Project Meeting, Stanford University, December 2013, Palo Alto, CA

Rimsaite, R., C.W. Abdalla, and A.R. Collins. “The use and value of water for Marcellus Shale gas development.” Paper presentation, Penn State University Extension, Water Resource Webinars, August 28, 2013

Rimsaite, R., C.W. Abdalla, and A.R. Collins. “The value of water in the extraction of gas from the Marcellus Shale.” Paper presentation, AGU, Fall Meeting, December 11, 2013, San Francisco, CA

Abdalla, C. W., **R. Rimsaite**, and B. Swistock. “Municipal officials' decisions to lease watershed lands for Marcellus Shale gas exploration.” Paper presentation, Boom & Bust Symposium: The Impact of Energy Extraction on Local Communities; Duquesne University, November 12-13, 2012, Pittsburgh, PA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Penn State University

Instructor: Economic Analysis of Environmental and Resource Policies (CED 431), Spring '18

Co-instructor: Agribusiness in the Global Economy (AG BM 338), Fall '17

TA: Introductory Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (CED 201), Spring '17

TA: Natural Resource Economics (CED 429), Fall '16

Frostburg State University

Tutor: Elementary Statistics, and Principles of Economics, 2009-2011

Garrett College

Tutor: Mathematics, 2008-2009

AWARDS/CERTIFICATES:

Graduate Student Development Fund Award, Penn State University, 2015, 2016, 2017

Graduate Student Online Teaching Certificate, Penn State University, 2016

Heartland Environmental & Resource Economics Workshop Travel Award, 2016

NAREA Conference Scholarship Award, 2016

College of Agricultural Sciences National Travel Award, Penn State University, 2016

American Geophysical Union (AGU) Travel Grant, 2013
CRLA Tutoring Certificate: Level I, International Tutor Training Program Certificate, Frostburg State University, 2011
Economics Departmental Honors Award, Frostburg State University, 2011
Robert C. Burton Memorial Award for Econ. Dept. Service, Frostburg State University, 2011
Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key, for graduating with the highest GPA in the College of Business, Frostburg State University, 2011
Harold R. Rowe International Scholarship, Frostburg State University, 2009-2011

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS:

A Community on Ecosystem Services 2018 -
Program for Coupled Human and Earth Systems (PCHES) 2018 -
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists 2015-
Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association 2015-
Agricultural and Applied Economics Association 2013-
American Geophysical Union 2013
Gamma Sigma Delta (Honor Society for Agriculture and Agricultural Sciences) 2014-
Program on integrated assessment model development, diagnostics and inter-comparison (PIAMDDI) 2013- 2017
Beta Gamma Sigma (International Honors Society for Business) 2011-

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Referee: *Water Resources Research*

Assistant Editor: Penn State University Extension Newsletter, *The Conservation Current*

OTHER:

Technical skills: STATA, Matlab, GAMS, IMPLAN, Microsoft Office

Languages: English (full proficiency), Lithuanian (native), Spanish, German, and Russian