

# UR ECON NEWSLETTER

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*The Department of Economics would like to acknowledge that the University of Regina is situated on Treaty 4 lands with a presence in Treaty 6. These are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšīnāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation. Today, these lands continue to be the shared Territory of many diverse peoples from near and far.*

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## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Tenure and Promotions

Congratulations to Dr. Omid Mirzaei on receiving tenure and promotion



Congratulations to Dr. Viktoriya Galushko who has been assigned as undergraduate/graduate program coordinator



### Special appointments

Congratulations to Dr. Noha Razek for being appointed a Board Member of the Canadian Association for Energy Economics (CAEE)



Congratulations to Dr. Harminder Guliani for being appointed an Academic Director for Regina RDC for a five-year term



### Research grants and awards

Congratulations to Dr. Noha Razek on receiving the Dean's Research Award



Congratulations to Dr. Omid Mirzaei on securing the MITACS Accelerate Fellowship to investigate agricultural production of on-reserve "census farm: operations in Canada



## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

### Publications in peer-reviewed journals

**Dr. Monika Çule** paper on State and social power in post-communist countries.

Çule, M., Fulton, M.E. "State and social power in post-communist countries: 1996-2022". *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*. volume 12, 461 (2025).

<https://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-025-04736-9>



**Dr. Jason Child** and Alex Siebert (BA Hons-class of 2015) published an article in the *Journal of Behavioral Economics for Policy* titled "Preferences for and Productivity Consequences of Different Fairness Paradigms of Income Distribution: An Experimental Investigation into Productive Effort and Income Distribution"



**Dr. Noha Razek** published her work on Saudi Arabia's international competitiveness.

Razek, N. A., Galvani, V., McQuinn, B., and Rajan, S. (2025) "Does Saudi Arabia's International Competitiveness Improve due to Sanctions Imposed on Competitors? The Case of Two Wars". *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, volume 74, 457-482.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.strueco.2025.04.011>



**Dr. Brett Dolter** published his work on zero-emission vehicle adoption.

Chow, A. O., Dolter, B. Hurlbert, M. and Zapata, O. (2025) "Electric vehicles do not work in the winter': Exploring the role of misperceptions and socio-psychological factors in zero-emission vehicle adoption." *Energy Research & Social Science*. 130: 104450. DOI: [10.1016/j.erss.2025.104450](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2025.104450)



Chow, A. O., Hurlbert, M., Dolter, B. and Zapata, O. (2025) "Baby steps or a leap of faith: Multiple stakeholders' perspectives of zero-emission vehicle adoption in Saskatchewan, Canada." *Case Studies on Transport Policy*. 21.

[10.1016/j.cstp.2025.101504](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cstp.2025.101504)

**Dr. Omid Mirzaei** has published work on indigenous communities.

Matthew, E. L., Liebenehm, S., Natcher, D., Lloyd-Smith, P., and Mirzaei, O. (2025). Food prices before and during the Covid-19 pandemic: Evidence from a remote Indigenous community in Northern Alberta. *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1-14.



## Working Papers

**Dr. Noha Razek** published two working papers.

Galvani, V. and **Razek, N.A.** (2025). *The U.S. shale energy sector navigating domestic policies in a fragmenting global economy* (USAEE Working Paper No. 25-661).



Galvani, V. and **Razek, N.A.** (2025). *Both Green and Brown Matter, and Both Copper and Oil are Essential: A Portfolio Diversification Approach* (Pre-print). Available at: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=5402817](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5402817)

**Dr. Brett Dolter** published a report for the Regina Energy Futures Project

Dolter, B. and Smith, J. (2025) *Regina Energy Futures Survey 2025: Measuring support for the City of Regina's Energy and Sustainability Framework Goals and Supportive Policies*. Available at: <https://hdl.handle.net/10294/16870>



## ECONOMICS SEMINARS & EVENTS

In 2025, the department hosted the following seminars and events:

**Event:** TARIFFS: The US Trumps Canada

**Panelists:** Dr. Viktoriya Galushko, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Mr. Ron Styles, Lecturer, Department of Economics, Dr. Jim Farney, Professor and Director, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS)

**Topic:** Expected Trump's tariffs, the ensuing trade wars and the economic and political impacts on the global economy Canada & Saskatchewan



**Event:** ECON NIGHT

An engaging and fun-filled ECON NIGHT on Tuesday April 3, 2025, from 5:00-6:30 pm in CL110.

- Participate in fun activities for a chance to win a gift card!
- Learn about our programs and courses
- Engage with Faculty and discover potential career paths
- Connect with fellow students



**Event:** ECON NIGHT

November 14, 2025 From 6:00-7:30 pm in CL 125



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## OUR HONOURS STUDENTS' SUCCESSES

Big shoutout to our recently graduated Honours student, **Milto Mekonen**, who has been accepted into McGill University's Master's program in Agricultural Economics — with FULL FUNDING for the entire duration of the program!

Milto graduated in Fall 2024 from the University of Regina with a BA Honours in Economics and a Certificate in International Studies. 🎓

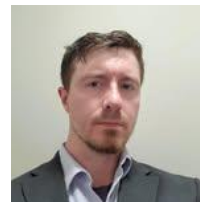
Congratulations, Milto! We're incredibly proud of your achievements and can't wait to see what comes next. 🙌



We are very pleased to celebrate our honours student, **Bradley Beecher**, for receiving graduate school offers from some of the most prestigious universities in the country including the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia. Both schools offered him the Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS-M) to support his graduate studies.

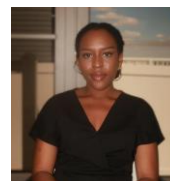
Brad graduated from the University of Regina in spring 2025 with BSc honours in Economics and a minor in Computer Science. 🎓

Brad headed to the UBC in Fall 2025 to pursue MA in Economics and Computational Stream. We all wish you the best in your graduate studies!



We are so pleased to share that our honours Student, **Deborah Uwagboi**, will be pursuing a Juris Doctor at the University of Calgary that she started in Fall 2025. She is a recipient of the Faculty of Law Award of Excellence for Black and Indigenous Students and will pursue the International Energy Lawyers Programme. In spring 2025, Deborah graduated from the University of Regina with a BSc Honours in Economics 🎓 and was an intern at the Law Society of Saskatchewan during summer 2025.

Congratulations, Debby!



## UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to all ECON students who received academic awards in 2025. We are so proud of your accomplishments!!

- **Academic Silver Scholarship:** Matthew Thibault, Greyson Li, Alisa Paul, Ella Gidluck, Hoang Thao Bui
- **Economics Honours Entrance Scholarship:** Matthew Thibault, Margaret Omureh
- **Economics Honours Scholarship:** Tarin Tajmia, Li Greyson
- **Economics Major Entrance Scholarship:** De Guzman Yuanne
- **Dr. David L. Beattie Memorial Scholarship:** Dillon Kael Landon
- **Dr. Peter Woroby Memorial Scholarship in Economics:** Greyson Li
- **Art and Jane Hillabold Memorial Scholarship:** Alisa Paul, Devan Harrison
- **Intermediate Economics Award:** Matthew Thibault
- **Dr. Gary Tompkins Award for Distinguished Public Service and Academic Excellence:** Ella Gidluck
- **International Students Economics Scholarship:** Greyson Li, OM Dharmeshkumar Shah, Hoang Thao Bui
- **Schmeiser Family Honours Scholarship:** Matthew Thibault
- **FGSR Undergraduate Research Award:** Matthew Thibault