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EDUCATION

University of Alberta

Master of Science: Risk and Community Resilience: In Progress

2019-Present

Thesis: "What determines municipally-owned renewable energy development? Insights from a Mixed-methods study of municipalities in Alberta"

University of Alberta

Bachelor of Arts: Urban and Regional Planning, Minor: Economics

2014-2019

Completed Cooperative Education Program with Distinction

AWARDS

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's (SSHRC)

Sept 2020 – Aug 2021

Walter H Johns Graduate Fellowship 2020/2021

Sept 2020 – Aug 2021

Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship

Sept 2019 – Mar 2020

Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Academic Excellence

June 2019

Louise McKinney Post-Secondary Scholarship

Nov 2018

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Nov 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Alberta

Research Assistant

May 2018 – Sept 2020

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Assessing Barriers to Renewable Energy Development in Alberta: Evidence from a Survey on Wind Energy with Rural Landowners

Project Report

2020

First Listed Author

Community Energy in Western Canada: Insights from case studies on small-scale renewable energy development

Project Report

2019

Co-author

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(Em)powering our Communities: How Municipal Renewable Energy Projects can Transform our Energy Systems

Winner

2020

Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology Three Minute Thesis Competition

Three Environmental Imaginaries and Implications for Acceptable Energy Technologies in Alberta, Canada

Session Presenter

2020

International Symposium for Society and Resource Management

Mapping Renewable Energy Projects in Canada

Poster Presenter

2019

Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers

Understanding and Evaluating Community Energy in Canada

Presenter

2018

Future Energy Systems Colloquium

LANGUAGES

English– native language