

Robert Richardson

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An expert in ecosystem services, food security, rural development, and sustainability.

Biography

Dr. Robert Richardson is an ecological economist at Michigan State University with interests in the study of the environment and development, particularly the contribution of ecosystem services to socioeconomic well-being. His research, teaching, and outreach program focuses primarily on sustainable development, and he uses a variety of methods from the behavioral and social sciences to study decision-making about the use of natural resources and the values of ecosystem services. He has conducted research related to agricultural-environmental linkages, household food and energy security, and tradeoffs in decision-making about environmental management in southern and eastern Africa, Central America, and Southeast Asia, as well as in the USA. His work has been published in *Ecological Economics*, *Environment and Development Economics*, and *World Development*.

Dr. Richardson is a former member of the Board of Scientific Counselors of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and former chairperson of the subcommittee on Sustainable and Healthy Communities. He is a former officer and board member of the U.S. Society for Ecological Economics, and a member of the International Society for Ecological Economics. He is an affiliate faculty member with MSU's Environmental Science and Policy Program, Center for Advanced Study of International Development, Center for Regional Food Systems, African Studies Center, and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Industry Expertise

Food Processing, Education/Learning, Writing and Editing

Areas of Expertise

Sustainability, Food Security, Ecosystem services, Rural Development

Affiliations

Environmental Management, Editorial Board, *Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research*, Editorial Board, *International Journal of Ecological Economics and Statistics*, Editorial Board, Michigan State University Press, Editorial Board

Education

Colorado State University

Ph.D.

New York University
M.B.A.

Tulane University
B.S.

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