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CURRENT POSITION

Ph.D. Candidate in Geography

Sept. 2014 – present
Department of Geography
UCLA
Expected completion: June 2021

UPCOMING POSITION

Postdoctoral Fellow

Beginning Sept. 2021
Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation
Cross-appointed in Knowledge Lab in the Department of Sociology
University of Chicago

PREVIOUS POSITION

Graduate Research Assistant and Director of Primary Data Collection

UCLA Study of Los Angeles' Minimum Wage Increase
Principal Investigators: Edward Leamer, Till von Wachter, Frederick Zimmerman
Jan. 2015 – Dec. 2019

- Developed and wrote Data Description, Methods, and Results sections of working paper "Who Paid Los Angeles' Minimum Wage? Side-by-Side Minimum Wage Experiments in Los Angeles County," co-authored with Edward Leamer and Jerry Nickelsburg.
- Hired and trained 22 undergraduate research assistants.
- Supervised 2,000+ student work hours, administered \$30,000+ in student pay, and wrote letters of recommendation upon students' requests.

EDUCATION

UCLA, Los Angeles, California

Master of Arts in Geography, awarded 2016
Thesis: *An Evolutionary Theory of Regional Economic Growth and Change*
Committee: Michael Storper, Lynne Zucker, David Rigby (chair)

Colgate University, Hamilton, NY

Bachelor of Arts, 2014
magna cum laude
High honors, Economics
High honors, Geography

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Esposito, C., Rigby, D. 2019. Buzz and Pipelines: The Costs and Benefits of Local and Non-Local Interaction. *Journal of Economic Geography* 19 (3). Awarded the 2019 UCLA Geography Graduate Student Publication Award.

Meyer, W., Esposito, C. 2014. Burgess and Hoyt in L.A.: Testing the Chicago Models in the Automobile-Age American City. *Urban Geography* 36 (2).

Meyer, W., Esposito, C. 2014. Residential Patterns in the Pre-Automobile American City. *Geographical Review* 104 (3).

PAPERS UNDER PEER REVIEW

Esposito, C. The Emergence of Knowledge Production in New Places. Pre-print available at <http://econ.geo.uu.nl/peeg/peeg2046.pdf>. Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Economic Geography*.

WORKING PAPERS

Esposito, C., Leamer, E., and Nickelsburg, J. Who Paid Los Angeles' Minimum Wage? Side-by-Side Minimum Wage Experiments in Los Angeles.

Esposito, C. Constructing and Visualizing the Tree of Technology.

Esposito, C. Creative Destruction in Space: Lessons from the Information Technology Industry and Silicon Valley.

Esposito, C. The New Geography of Breakthrough Inventions.

Esposito, C., and Van der Wouden, F. Learning, Fast and Slow: The Returns to Experience and Collaboration for High-Impact Innovation in the United States between 1836 and 1975.

AWARDS AND HONORS

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow

May 2015 – 2020

\$102,000 in funding plus tuition and fees

2019 UCLA Geography Graduate Student Publication Award

Awarded for "The Costs and Benefits of Local and Non-Local Interaction," published in *Journal of Economic Geography* (2019)

International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) Summer Fellowship

July 2018 – Aug. 2018

Funded by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences

\$5,500 in funding

UCLA Graduate Research Fellow

Sept. 2015 – June 2016

\$26,000 in funding plus tuition and fees

Colgate University Shannon McCune Award for Excellence in Geography

May 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

M236: Regional Economics and Development. Graduate level course
Winter 2019, winter 2020, and winter 2021

GEOG 7: Introduction to GIS

Fall 2019 and fall 2020. Online course (both terms)

GEOG 5: People and Earth's Ecosystems
Spring 2019 and spring 2021

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Global E-Seminar Series Co-Founder and Director

Seminars in Economic Geography (SEG)

<http://www.seminarsineconomicgeography.com>

April 2020-present

Pan-Social Sciences Methods Workshop Organizer

Supercomputing for Social Scientists: Getting Going on UCLA's Hoffman Supercomputer
Jan. 2020

Research Workshop Organizer

Workshop in Regional Economic Development and Innovation (REDI)

Mar. 2017

Research Workshop Organizer

Workshop in Regional Economic Development and Innovation (REDI)

May 2016

JOURNAL REFEREE SERVICE

Research Policy (2x)

Regional Studies (3x)

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS

North American Regional Science Association. November, 2020.

Seminars in Economic Geography. November, 2020.

Seminars in Economic Geography. May, 2020.

Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia. Oct. 2019.

Center for International Development, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.
July 2019. *Invited guest speaker.*

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Washington, DC. Apr. 2019.

North American Regional Science Conference. San Antonio, Nov. 2018.

Global Conference in Economic Geography. Cologne, Germany. July 2018.

Young Economic Geographers Network Workshop. Lindlar, Germany. July 2018.

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. New Orleans. Apr. 2018.

Fourth Geography of Innovation Conference. Barcelona, Spain. Jan. 2016.

Center for International Development, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. July 2017. *Invited guest speaker.*

20th Annual Uddevalla Symposium: Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Industrial Dynamics in Internationalized Regional Economies. Trollhatten, Sweden. June 2017.

Annual Meeting of the Regional Studies Association. Dublin, Ireland. June 2017.

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Boston. Apr. 2017.

Colgate University. Hamilton NY. Apr. 2017. *Invited guest speaker.*

Utrecht University Economic Geography Seminar. Utrecht University, the Netherlands. Sept. 2016. *Invited guest speaker.*

Young Economic Geographers Network Workshop. Bern, Switzerland. Aug. 2016.

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. San Francisco. Apr. 2016.

3rd Geography of Innovation Conference. Toulouse, France. Jan. 2016.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R | ARCMAP | QGIS | Linux/BASH | Supercomputing in Parallel | Python | STATA

REFERENCES

Prof. David Rigby: rigby@geog.ucla.edu

Prof. Michael Storper: storper@ucla.edu

Prof. Jacob Foster: foster@soc.ucla.edu

Prof. Edward Leamer: leamer@ucla.edu