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## UPCOMING POSITION

### Postdoctoral Fellow

Beginning Sept. 2021

Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation and Department of Sociology  
University of Chicago

## EDUCATION

### University of California, Los Angeles

Doctor of Philosophy in Geography, awarded 2021

Dissertation: *The Evolution of Technological Knowledge Across Space and Time*

Committee: Jacob Foster, Allen Scott, Michael Storper, David Rigby (Chair)

### University of California, Los Angeles

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? A Side-by-Side Minimum Wage Experiment in Los Angeles County. *NBER Working Paper #28966*. <https://www.nber.org/papers/w28966>

## ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

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](mailto:rigby@geog.ucla.edu)

Prof. Michael Storper: [storper@ucla.edu](mailto:storper@ucla.edu)

Prof. Jacob Foster: [foster@soc.ucla.edu](mailto:foster@soc.ucla.edu)

Prof. Edward Leamer: [leamer@ucla.edu](mailto:leamer@ucla.edu)