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## Current Position

### Postdoctoral Fellow

Sept. 2021 -- Present

Department of Sociology and Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation  
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## 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. [Cycles of Regional Innovative Growth](#). Forthcoming at *Journal of Economic Geography*.

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 Review

Esposito, C. [The Geography of Breakthrough Invention in the United States over the 20<sup>th</sup> Century](#). Revisions submitted to *Research Policy*.

## 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.

### **Articles in Preparation**

Esposito, C., and Van der Wouden, F. Knowledge Obsolescence, Teamwork, and Changes in the Organization of Invention in the U.S. Between 1836 and 1999 (Title changed for blind review).

Esposito, C. City of Youth: Location Strategies for Inventors to Avert Knowledge Obsolescence.

Esposito, C., Fengli, S., and Ward, R. Remote Collaboration and Task Modularity.

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

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

### **Awards and Honors**

#### **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow**

May 2015 – 2020

*\$102,000 in funding plus tuition and fees*

#### **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)  
May 2016 and Mar. 2017

**Journal Referee Service**

*Research Policy* (2x)

*Regional Studies* (3x)

**Presentations at Conferences and Invited Seminars**

ICSSI Washington DC. June, 2022.

Research Policy Early Career Workshop. April, 2022.

Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University. March, 2022.

Knowledge Lab Seminar Series, University of Chicago. August, 2021.

Regional Studies Association Online Conference. June, 2021.

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 | 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

Prof. James Evans: jevans@uchicago.edu