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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*

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).

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., and Van der Wouden, F. Learning, Teamwork, and Knowledge Obsolescence. Under review. (Title changed for blind review).

Esposito, C. [The Geography of Breakthrough Invention in the United States over the 20th Century](#). Revise and resubmit.

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.

Advanced Research in Progress

Esposito, C. City of Youth: Location Strategies for Inventors to Avert Knowledge Obsolescence. **Preparation stage:** Manuscript in preparation for submission to *Strategic Management Journal*.

Esposito, C., Fengli, S., and Ward, R. Knowledge Integration through Remote Collaboration: The Role of Project Modularity. **Preparation stage:** Data analysis.

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) 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)

Professional Association Membership

Academy of Management

American Association of Geographers

Presentations at Conferences and Invited Seminars

Academy of Management Annual Conference. Seattle. August, 2022.

ICSSI Washington DC. June, 2022.

Research Policy Early Career Workshop. April, 2022.

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

DRUID Annual Conference. Copenhagen. October 2021.

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

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

Prof. Edward Leamer: leamer@ucla.edu

Prof. James Evans: jevans@uchicago.edu