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Osborne Postdoctoral Fellow
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Current Positions

Osborne Postdoctoral Fellow

Sept. 2023 – Present
Price Center for Entrepreneurship
Strategy Group, Anderson School of Management
UCLA

Previous Positions

Mansueto Postdoctoral Fellow

Sept. 2021 – Aug. 2023
Department of Sociology and Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation
University of Chicago

Education

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)
UCLA

Bachelor of Arts

Awarded 2014
High honors in Economics and in Geography
Colgate University

Working Papers

Esposito, C. [Age, Death, and the Nucleus of Innovation](#). SSRN Working Paper #4444732

Esposito, C., and Van der Wouden, F. [The Speed of Knowledge and the Organization of Invention](#).

Papers Under Review

Wu, R., Esposito, C. [Co-Lead Author], and Evans, J. *China is Building a Silk Road of Science*. Submitted.

Esposito, C., Leamer, E., and Nickelsburg, J. [Who Paid Los Angeles' Minimum Wage? A Side-by-Side Minimum Wage Experiment in Los Angeles County](#). Revise-and-Resubmit at *Journal of Human Resources*. NBER Working Paper #28966.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Esposito, C. 2023. [The Geography of Breakthrough Invention in the United States over the 20th Century](#). *Research Policy* 52 (7).

Esposito, C. 2022. [Cycles of Regional Innovative Growth](#). *Journal of Economic Geography* 23 (1).

Esposito, C., Rigby, D. 2019. [Buzz and Pipelines: The Costs and Benefits of Local and Non-Local Interaction](#). *Journal of Economic Geography* 19 (3).

Undergraduate Publications

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).

Research in Progress

Esposito, C., Fengli, S., and Ward, R. Knowledge Integration in Remote Teams. **Preparation stage:** Data analysis.

Esposito, C., and Evans, J. An Ecological Model of Disruptive Innovation. **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

Guest speaker: Organizations and Management MBA course

University of Chicago Booth School of Business

Spring 2023

Guest Speaker: Ethics in AI Research: Insights from the Social Sciences

University of Chicago Data Science Institute

Spring 2023

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

Director of Seminars

Knowledge Lab at the University of Chicago
Spring 2023

Global E-Seminar Series Co-Founder and Director

Seminars in Economic Geography (SEG)

<http://www.seminarsineconomicgeography.com>

April 2020-December 2022

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

Nature Human Behavior

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. Boston. August 2023.

ICSSI Evanston. June 2023.

Research seminar presentations at Stanford GSB, Columbia Business School, Maryland Smith School of Business, and Georgia Tech SPP. Fall, 2022.

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Policy Seminary Series (EIP). October, 2022.

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. James Evans: jevans@uchicago.edu

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

Prof. Michael Storper: storper@ucla.edu

Prof. Edward Leamer: leamer@ucla.edu