

# Christopher R. Esposito

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## Current Positions

### Osborne Postdoctoral Fellow, UCLA

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

## Previous Positions

### Mansueto Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Chicago

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

## Education

### Doctor of Philosophy in Geography, UCLA

Awarded 2021  
Dissertation: *The Evolution of Technological Knowledge Across Space and Time*  
Committee: Jacob Foster, Allen Scott, Michael Storper, David Rigby (Chair)

### Bachelor of Arts, Colgate University

Awarded 2014  
High honors in Economics and in Geography

## Papers Under Review

Esposito, C. [Knowledge Spillovers Within and Across Age Groups of Inventors.](#)

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

Wu, R., Esposito, C. [Co-Lead Author], and Evans, J. [China's Rising Leadership in Global Science.](#)

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

Esposito, C., Leamer, E., and Nickelsburg, J. 2024. [Who Paid Los Angeles' Minimum Wage? A Side-by-Side Minimum Wage Experiment in Los Angeles County.](#) *Journal of Human Resources.*

Esposito, C. 2023. [The Geography of Breakthrough Invention in the United States over the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**, Wu, R., Evans, J., and Sorenson, O. On The Relationship between Team Hierarchy and the Commercialization of Scientific Knowledge. **Preparation stage:** Data analysis.

**Esposito, C.**, and Sorenson, O. From Discovery to Development: The Geography of Scientific Knowledge as it Enters the Marketplace. **Preparation stage:** Data analysis.

Lockhardt, J., Chen, Z., **Esposito, C.**, Shi, F., and Evans, J. China Rises to Global Leadership in Emerging Science and Technology. **Preparation Stage:** Final revisions.

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

**Esposito, C.**, and Evans, J. An Ecological Model of Disruptive Innovation. **Preparation stage:** Data analysis.

## 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

## Journal Referee Service

*Nature Human Behavior, Research Policy, Journal of Economic Geography, Regional Studies*

## 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)  
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

**Awards and Honors**

**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow**

May 2015 – 2020

**UCLA Geography Graduate Student Publication Award**

Awarded for "Buzz and Pipelines: 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

**UCLA Graduate Research Fellow**

Sept. 2015 – June 2016

**Colgate University Shannon McCune Award for Excellence in Geography**

May 2014

**Professional Association Membership**

Academy of Management

American Association of Geographers

**Presentations at Conferences and Invited Seminars**

**2023:** AOM Boston, ICSSI Northwestern, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, UNICAMP  
Brazil, Toronto Munk School of Global Affairs

**2022:** Stanford GSB, Columbia Business School, Maryland Smith School of Business, Georgia  
Tech School of Public Policy, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Policy Seminar Series (EIP),  
AOM Seattle, ICSSI Washington DC, Research Policy Early Career Workshop, Kellogg School  
of Management

**2021:** Druid Copenhagen, Knowledge Lab at UChicago, Regional Studies Association, UCLA  
Anderson School of Management, Toronto Munk School of Global Affairs  
DRUID Annual Conference. Copenhagen. October 2021.

**2020:** Seminars in Economic Geography

**2019:** Urban Economics Association Philadelphia, Harvard Kennedy School of Government,  
AAG Washington DC

**2018:** Global Conference in Economic Geography Cologne, Young Economic Geographers Workshop Lindlar, AAG New Orleans, Geography of Innovation Barcelona

**2017:** Uddevalla Symposium, Regional Studies Association Dublin, AAG Boston

**2016:** Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Uddevalla, Utrecht University, Young Economic Geographers Workshop Bern, AAG San Francisco, Geography of Innovation Toulouse

### **Technical Skills**

R | Python | ARCMAP | QGIS | Linux/BASH | STATA

### **References**

Prof. James Evans: [jevans@uchicago.edu](mailto:jevans@uchicago.edu)

Prof. David Rigby: [rigby@geog.ucla.edu](mailto:rigby@geog.ucla.edu)

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

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

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