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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Economics, Syracuse University, 2009.  
Dissertation: “The Impact of Government Policies on the Location Decisions of New Business” (Chair: Stuart Rosenthal)  
M.A., Economics, Syracuse University, 2006.  
B.A., Economics, Rochester Institute of Technology, 2004.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Director, Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation, Kent State University, 2016-  
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Kent State University, 2015-  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Kent State University, 2012-2015  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Akron, 2009-2012  
Instructor, Department of Economics, Syracuse University, Summer 2007

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Associate Editor: Journal of Regional Science, 2018-  
Associate Editor: Economic Development Quarterly, 2018-  
Editorial Board: Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences, 2018-

## **RESEARCH AREAS**

Urban and Regional Economics, Entrepreneurship, Public Finance, Labor Economics, Racial Profiling, Real Estate

## **RESEARCH**

### *Publications in Refereed Journals*

“A Toolkit for Evaluating Spatially Targeted Urban Redevelopment Incentives: Methods, Lessons, and Best Practices” *Journal of Urban Affairs*, forthcoming. (with Andrew Hanson)

“Food Sales Taxes and Employment” *Journal of Regional Science*, forthcoming. (with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley and Jeffrey P. Thompson)

“Local sales taxes, employment, and tax competition” *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, Volume 70, May 2018, Pages 373-383. (with Jeffrey P. Thompson)

- Finance and Economics Discussion Series 2013-49. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (U.S.)

- “How dark is dark? Bright lights, big city, racial profiling” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 98(2016): 226-232. (with William Horrace)
- “The Spillover Effects of United States Foreign Trade Zones” *Applied Economics*, 2016. (with Sucharita Ghosh and C. Lockwood Reynolds)
- “Does Bankruptcy Law Affect Business Turnover? Evidence from New and Existing Business” (with Amanda Ross) *Economic Inquiry*. Vol. 54, Issue 1, January 2016, pp: 361–374.
- “The Effects of Location-based Tax Policies on the Distribution of Household Income: Evidence from the Federal Empowerment Zone Program” *Journal of Urban Economics*, 88, 2015, pp.1-15. (with C. Lockwood Reynolds)
- “Tax Avoidance and Business Location in a State Border Model” *Journal of Urban Economics*. 83, 2014, pp. 34-49. (with Stuart Rosenthal and Amanda Ross)
- “The Impact of Import-related Displacement on Local Business Activity” *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. 48, 2014, pp. 94–109. (with Jooyoun Park and C. Lockwood Reynolds)
- “Do Location-based Tax Incentives Improve Quality of Life and Quality of Business Environment?” *Journal of Regional Science*. Vol. 54, No. 1, 2014, pp. 1–32. (with C. Lockwood Reynolds)
- “How Does Bankruptcy Law Impact the Elderly’s Business and Housing Decisions” *Journal of Law and Economics* May 2013: Vol. 56, No. 2, pp. 417-45 (with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley)
- “Do Spatially Targeted Redevelopment Programs Spillover?” *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. volume 43, issue 1, 2013, pp. 86 – 100. (with Andrew Hanson)
- “The Effect of Sales Taxes on Employment: New Evidence from Cross-Border Panel Data Analysis” *National Tax Journal*, December 2012: pp. 1023-1042. (with Jeffery P. Thompson)
- “Do Location-Based Tax Incentives Attract New Business Establishments?” *Journal of Regional Science*, 51 2011: 427–449. (with Andrew Hanson)
- “State Minimum Wages and Business Location: Evidence from a Refined Border Approach,” *Journal of Urban Economics* 69:1 2011: 103-117.
- “The Effect of Location Based Tax Incentives on Establishment Location and Employment Across Industry Sectors” *Public Finance Review*, Vol. 39, No. 2 March 2011: 195–225 (with Andrew Hanson). *Winner of the Most Outstanding Paper Award in Public Finance Review in 2011.*

“A Theoretical Perspective on Managed Rangelands and Irreversible States,” *International Review of Economics and Finance* 2005: 14:487-494. (with A.A. Batabyal)

*Book Reviews*

Review of “Collaborative governance for urban revitalization: Lessons from empowerment zones,” *Economic Development Quarterly*, 2015.

*Manuscripts and those Submitted to Refereed Academic Journals*

“Police Officer Experience, Learning and Bias in Traffic Stops” (with William Horrace and Hyunseok Jung) – Submitted

“Labor Unions and Occupational Safety” (with Ling Li and Perry Singleton) – Submitted

“Do Spatially Targeted Redevelopment Incentives Work? The Answer Depends on How You Ask the Question” (with Andrew Hanson) – Submitted

“How do Businesses Respond to Capped-wage Subsidies? Evidence from the Federal Empowerment Zone Program” (with Joel Elvery and C. Lockwood Reynolds) – Submitted

“Mandate-based Health Care Reform and Business Activity: Evidence from Massachusetts” (with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley) - Submitted

“The Effect of Property Taxes on Businesses: Evidence from a Dynamic Regression Discontinuity Approach” (with Ali Enami and C. Lockwood Reynolds)

*Works in Progress*

“The Effect of Federal Assistance on Household Finance and Business Survival after a Natural Disaster” (with Justin Gallagher and Daniel Hartley)

“Entrepreneurship and Terrorism: Evidence from the Middle East” (with Ahmad Al Asady)

“How does Housing Wealth affect Female Entrepreneurship Rates?” (with Nadia Greenhalgh-Staley and Amanda Weinstein)

“Job Creation Tax Credits and Employment: A Border Analysis” (with Jeffery P. Thompson)

“How does a Quota System affect Officer Racial Bias?” (with William Horrace)

## **MAJOR EXTERNALLY FUNDED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Total funding from external sources: >\$600,000 from 10 grants

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Research Grant, “Statistical Package Setup for the Ohio Bureau of Labor Market Information,” 2018-2019. \$49,000. Co-Principal Investigator.

Lincoln Land Institute, David C. Lincoln Fellowship in Land Value Taxation “Location-Based Development Impact Fees and New Business Location Decisions?” 2018. \$30,000. Principal Investigator.

W.E.B Du Bois Scholars Program, National Institute of Justice, Research Grant, “Police Officer Learning, Mentoring, and Racial Bias in Traffic Stops,” 2017-2018. \$279,800. Co-Principal Investigator.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Research Grant, “An evaluation of the State of Ohio’s employment forecasting model,” 2016-2017. \$32,300. Co-Principal Investigator.

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Research Grant, “How Local Taxation Affects Entrepreneurship?” 2015-2017. \$76,600. Principal Investigator.

Lincoln Land Institute, David C. Lincoln Fellowship in Land Value Taxation “Do Location-based Tax Incentives Improve Quality of Life and Quality of Business Environment?” 2012. \$29,560. Principal Investigator.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Economic Association

American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association

Global Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers

National Tax Association

Urban Economics Association

United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship

## **REFEREE EXPERIENCE**

Eastern Economic Journal; Economic Development Quarterly; Electoral Studies; Growth and Change; Journal of Economic Geography; Journal of Housing Economics; Journal of Labor Research; Journal of Law and Economic Organization; Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy; Journal of Regional Science; Journal of Small Business Management; Journal of Urban Economics; Journal of Urban Affairs, Kyklos, Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences; Managerial Finance; National Tax Journal; Papers in Regional Science; Population Research and Policy Review; Public Finance Review; Real Estate Economics; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Income and Wealth; Singapore Economic Review; Small Business Economics; Urban Geography; Urban Studies.

## **AWARDS**

Beta Gamma Sigma Professor of the Year – Kent State University – 2016  
Kent State University College of Business Dean’s Distinguished Scholar winner in 2015  
Kent State University College of Business Dean’s Distinguished Scholar winner in 2014  
Winner of “Most Outstanding Paper Award for *Public Finance Review* in 2011”  
Lincoln Institute Junior Scholar 2011  
Chancellor’s Award in Research for Public Engagement and Scholarship, 2007  
Syracuse University Graduate Assistantship, 2004-2009  
Maxwell Summer Research Fellowship, 2005-2008

## **TEACHING**

Applications of Math Models (masters)  
Economics of Entrepreneurship (masters/undergraduate)  
Labor Economics (undergraduate)  
Principles of Macroeconomics (undergraduate)  
Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate)  
Regional Economic Analysis and Development (masters)  
Regional Economics (masters/Ph.D.)  
Special Topics: Economic Impact Studies (masters/undergraduate)