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### EDUCATION, APPOINTMENTS & RECOGNITION

#### Research Interests

Regional & urban economics, state & local tax policy, local economic development

#### Education

Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, Economics, June 1994  
 B.A. Kent State University, Economics, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1986

#### Academic Appointments

Invited Professor, Sichuan University Summer Immersion Program, Chengdu, China, 2023  
 Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma, 2015-present  
 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma, 2003-2015  
 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma, 1997-2003  
 Invited Associate Professor, University of Rennes-1, France, Faculty of Economics, November 2003  
 Research Assistant Professor, Regional Research Institute, West Virginia University, 1994-97  
 Program Coordinator and Research Mentor, National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates in Regional Science, West Virginia University, 1994-96

#### Professional Appointments

*Commissioner*, State of Oklahoma Incentives Evaluation Commission, Jan 2015- Dec 2020

#### *Editorial Boards:*

Reaching Regions, inaugural board member, 2024  
Review of Regional Studies, 2002-present  
Journal of Urban Affairs, 2015-present  
Growth and Change, 2004-2009

*Associate Editor*: International Regional Science Review, 1994-97

*Council member*, North American Regional Science Council, January 2017- Dec. 2019

*Co-Chair*, Oklahoma Node, Scholars Strategy Network, 2013-2019

*Regional Representative (elected)*, SSN National Steering Committee, 2015-2019

*Executive Council*, Southern Regional Science Assoc., 1999-2010; *Conference Program Chair*, 2005;

*President*, 2005-2006; *Nominations Chair*, 2007-2008, *Student Paper Competition Chair*, 2008-09.

*Stevens Graduate Fellowship Committee* North American Regional Sci. Council, 2008-12, *Chair* 2010.

*Advisory Group*, Oklahoma State University Econometric Model, Fall 2001-Spring 2004

#### Awards and Professional Recognition

2025 Regent's Award for Superior Professional and University Service and Public Outreach

2025 OU Department of Economics, Outstanding Mentorship & Career Achievement Award

2019 Fellow of the Southern Regional Science Association

2019 Dan Rickman Best Paper in the *Review of Regional Studies*, co-authored with J. Wang and S. Ellis,  
 "Economic Development Incentives and Inequality: Robin Hood in Reverse?"

2017 Award for Improving Quality of Life and Communities, University of Oklahoma, Vice President for Research, Norman Campus.  
 Ranked 27<sup>th</sup> for presenting papers at the Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meetings from 1990 through 1998 (Durden and Knox, *Review of Regional of Studies* 30(1): 93-114, 2000).  
 Alpha Phi Omega, Delta Beta Chapter, “Leader of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century recognition, OU 1998

## PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### Publications in Refereed Journals

- “Do Big Shifts in Economic Development Incentives Attract People?” with J. Wang and W. Yuan. *Economic Letters*, published online November 25, 2023.
- “Public Responses to Emergency Energy Conservation Messages: Evidence from the 2021 Winter Storm in Norman, OK,” with A.S. Goodin, A. Zhang, *Weather, Climate, and Society*, April-June, 2023.
- “Economic Development Incentives Spending in the US: Is There Club Convergence?” with J. Wang and W. Yuan. *Applied Economics*, October 31, 2022 (online).
- “Residential Water Demand Under Increasing Block Rate Structure: Conservation Conundrum?” with L. Stitzel. *Water Resources Management*, online January 6, 2022.
- “Not Your Typical Rate Structure Change: Heterogeneous Water Demand Responses,” with L. Stitzel. *Water Resources and Economics*, 36: October 2021.
- “Economic Development Incentives: What Can We Learn from Policy Regime Changes?” with J. Wang and W. Yuan. *Economic Development Quarterly* 34(2): 116-125, 2020.
- “NBA Sweet Spots: Distance-based Impacts on Establishment-Level Sales,” with L. Stitzel. *Growth and Change* 50(1): 335-351, 2019.
- “Do State Sales Taxes Crowd-Out Local Option Sales Taxes in the United States?” with G. Burge. *B.E. Journal of Planning and Analysis* 3(18), 2018.
- “Income Inequality and Economic Development Incentives in US States: Robin Hood in Reverse,” with J. Wang and S. Ellis. *Review of Regional Studies* 48(1), 93-117, 2018.
- “One Size Does Not Fit All: Foreign Direct Investment Promotion Policies across US States,” with C. Wu. *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy* 48(1), 93-117, 2018.
- “Risk, Loss, and Ambiguity Aversion after a Natural Disaster,” with R. Shupp, S. Loveridge, M. Skidmore, Jungmin Lim. *Economics of Disaster and Climate Change* 1(2), 121-142, 2017.
- “Trust and Patience after a Tornado,” with R. Shupp, S. Loveridge, M. Skidmore, J. Lim. *Weather, Climate and Society* 9(4), 659-668, 2017.
- “Local Tax Policy Diffusion: Leaders, Followers & Asymmetry,” with G. Burge. *Journal of Regional Science* 56(2): 313-331, 2016.
- “A Game Changer for the Political Economy of Economic Development Incentives” with G. Hayden and S. Ellis. *Arizona Law Review* 56(4): 953, 2014
- “Does Voter Turnout Matter for School Bond Outcomes?” with H. Gong. *Southern Economic Journal* 81(1): 247-62, 2014
- “Are Tax Havens Good Neighbors? FDI Spillovers and Developing Countries,” with L. Blanco. *Journal of Development Studies* 50(4): 530-540, 2014.
- “Employment by Foreign Firms in the U.S.: Do State Incentives Matter?” with C. Wu. *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 42(12): 664-680, 2012.
- “Do Tax Havens Really Flourish?” with L. Blanco. *Global Economy Journal* 12(3): 2012.
- “Competition Between Tax Havens: Does Proximity Matter?” with L. Blanco. *International Trade Journal* 26(4), 2012.
- “Local Option Sales Taxes and Consumer Spending Patterns: Fiscal Interdependence Under Multi-tiered Local Taxation,” with G. Burge. *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 41: 46-58, 2011.

- “Estimating Marginal Tax Rates for U.S. States,” with W.R. Reed and M. Skidmore. *National Tax Journal* 64(1): 59-84, 2011.
- “Tax Burden and the Mismeasurement of State Tax Policy,” with W.R. Reed. *Public Finance Review* 34(4): 404-426, 2006.
- “Local Option Sales Taxes (LOST) on the Urban Fringe,” *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy* 34(1): 27-50, 2004.
- “Tax Cuts and Employment Growth in New Jersey: Lessons from a Regional Analysis,” with W.R. Reed. *Public Finance Review* 32(3): 269-291, May 2004.
- “Quasi-Experimental Analysis of Targeted Economic Development Programs: Lessons from Florida,” with J. Tao. *Economic Development Quarterly* 18(3): 1-17, August 2004.
- “Local (Option) Sales Tax: A Decentralizing Policy?” with X. Mu, in L. Kalambokidis. *Proceedings: Annual Conference on Taxation and Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the National Tax Association* Volume 97 (2004), pp. 72-79.
- “Equity Purchases by Insiders and the Filing of Antidumping Petitions,” with J. Hartigan. *Review of International Economics* 11(5): 789-810, 2003.
- “A Study of Quasi-Experimental Control Group Methods for Estimating Policy Impacts,” with W. R. Reed. *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 33(3): 3-25, 2003.
- “Measuring Highway Bypass Impacts on Small Town Business Districts,” with R. Marshment. *Review of Urban and Regional Development Studies* 12(3): 250-265, 2000.
- “Local Economic Development as a Prisoners' Dilemma: The Role of Business Climate,” with S. Ellis. *Review of Regional Studies* 30(3): 315-330, 2000.
- “Expectations of Unemployment Insurance and Unemployment Duration,” *Journal of Labor Economics* 16(3): 630-666, 1998.
- “Female Labor Force Participation in Appalachia: A Descriptive Analysis,” with K. Mencken and F.C. Mencken. *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 3(2): 189-210, 1997.
- “Job Search and Unemployment Duration: Implications for the Spatial Mismatch Hypothesis,” *Journal of Urban Economics* 42: 109-32, 1997.
- “Regional Science: A View from the Doorway,” with S. Weiler. *International Regional Science Review* 18(2): 259-266, 1995.
- “Unemployment Duration in Pennsylvania,” *Pennsylvania Economic Review* 3(2), Fall 1993.
- “Some Spatial Aspects of Poverty in the United States,” with F. Giarratani. *Population Research and Policy Review* 10: 213-234, 1991.

### **Special Publications: Presidential and Fellows Address**

- “When Rent Seeking Smacks you in the Face: TIF and Motivated Reasoning,” Southern Regional Science Association Fellows Address, *Review of Regional Studies*, 50(3): 329-340, 2020.
- “Whither Decentralization: Implications for Linking Research and Practice,” Southern Regional Science Association, Presidential Address, *Review of Regional Studies*, 37(2): 109-119, 2007.

### **Book Chapters & Book Review**

- “Economic Development Incentives: Traps and Accountability” (with G. Hayden and S. Ellis) in ed. G. Bischof, *Regional Economic Development Compared: EU-Europe and the American South* (Innsbruck University Press.) 2014.
- “State Taxes and Economics Growth,” in *It is 2032. Where in the World is Oklahoma?* Volume One, October 14-17, Norman, OK (The Oklahoma Academy, Oklahoma City) 2012, pp. 151-153. <http://www.okacademy.org/PDFs/2012researchvol1.pdf>
- “The Contribution of Local Sales and Income Taxes to Fiscal Autonomy: Commentary,” in ed. G. Ingram and Y. Hong, *Municipal Revenues and Land Policies*, (Cambridge, Ma: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy: Cambridge) 2010.

Review of “The Big Sort: Why the clustering of Like-Minded America is Tearing Us Apart,” *Review of Regional Studies*, 40, 303-313, 2010.

“Taxes, Public Expenditures, and State Economic Growth: Lessons from a Natural Experiment,” (with W. R. Reed), in ed. A. Tavidze, *Progress in Economics*, Volume 9, (Nova Science Publishers, Inc.) 2006. pp. 99-125.

### **Research Under Review and in Progress**

“Attracting Remote Workers: Overview of programs in the US,” with B. Wang. Under review.

“No Tips Please: Informational Messaging for Water Conservation” with L. Stitzel. Under review. October 2023.

“Tax Increment Financing and School Financing in Oklahoma: Unraveling equalization,” with S. Ellis. In progress.

“Tax Increment Financing and School Funding: It’s complicated,” with S. Ellis. In progress.

### **Funded Research**

“RAPID: Natural Disasters and Risks, Time, and Trust Preferences,” National Science Foundation via Michigan State University (collaborator, seed grant, \$39,910), Fall 2013.

“Wind Farm Initiatives: Do They Create Wealth for Rural Communities?” at *Rural Wealth Creation and Livelihoods Conference*, travel grant to participate in White House Briefing Session, sponsored by USDA, ERS, October 3-5, 2011, Washington, DC

“Local Fiscal Policy Elections Project,” Faculty Enrichment Grant, University of Oklahoma, Summer 2009 (\$1,200)

“Measuring the Mobility Impacts of Projects Competing for New Starts Funding,” Funded by the Federal Transit Administration, December 2004-June 2005. (Co-Investigator, \$272,566)

“Keystone Sectors and Local Tax Options: An Analysis of Small Communities in Oklahoma,” Funded by the USDA NRI, Fall 2002- Summer 2005. (Principal Investigator, \$26,842 subcontract through Iowa State University)

Junior Faculty Research Award, Graduate College, University of Oklahoma, 2001

“Targeted Economic Development Programs in Florida: A Quasi-Experimental Analysis,” (with J. Tao), *TVA Rural Studies Contractor Paper 01-06*, April 2001. (Principal Investigator, \$17,172 project)

“Methodology for Determining the Impact of Highway Bypasses in Oklahoma,” (with R. Marshment), *FHWA/OK 01(03); ITEM 2150*, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, January 2001. (Principal Investigator, \$94,503 project)

“State and Local Taxes and State Economic Growth,” (with W.R. Reed). Funded by the Oklahoma Office of State Finance, 1997-98. (Investigator, \$60,000 project)

“Income and Poverty in Appalachia: A Report to the Appalachian Regional Commission,” (with B. Cushing), *Socio-economic Review of Appalachia*, Regional Research Institute, West Virginia University, 1996. (Investigator, part of \$100,000 project)

“The Appalachian Labor Force: A Report to the Appalachian Regional Commission,” (with B. Cushing), *Socio-economic Review of Appalachia*, Regional Research Institute, West Virginia University, 1996. (Investigator, part of \$100,000 project)

“Assessment of the New Hire Program Operated by Corporation for Owner-Operator Projects and Office of Vocational Rehabilitation,” (with R. S. Ahlbrandt and V. Singh). Center for Social and Urban Research, University of Pittsburgh, 1989. (Research Assistant)

### **Citations**

Google Scholar Citation Report: 1103 overall citations, 313 since 2020, I10-index: 25, h-index: 20 (retrieved 1/21/2025).

## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

### Educational Blog Engagement

<https://tif-ed.blogspot.com> - revamped April 2024, +17k total views

### Social Media Engagement

*Nextdoor.com* – Top posts on state and local policy issues:

Arena TIF vote, Sep 18, 2024, 7.3k views in first 48 hours

New non-profit, ORED, 1.5k views in first 48 hours

SQ833, Oct 3, 2024, 1.3k views in first 48 hours

Arena TIF project size, Oct 6, 2024, 731 views in first 48 hours

### Outreach Publications/Guest Columns/Editorials

“LETTER: County Commissioners Continue to Skirt Public Input on Arena,” *Norman Transcript*, Aug 9, 2025

“LETTER: Voting on Arena TIF is the Change we need,” *Norman Transcript*, Nov 13, 2024

“LETTER: Arena referendum offers opportunity for community building,” *Norman Transcript*, Oct 23, 2024

“Guest Column: Outrageous ‘no risk’ claims about arena TIF plan,” *Norman Transcript*, Sep 20, 2024

“Letter: Arena TIF District financial plan does not add up,” *Norman Transcript*, Sep 3, 2024

“Guest Column: Field that Patti Built was long time in making,” *Norman Transcript*, May 25, 2024

“Guest Column: Threat to move OU sports of Norman is toothless,” *Norman Transcript*, April 17, 2024

“Local Column: 7 reasons to vote for School Board on April 7,” *Norman Transcript*, March 20, 2024

“LETTER: What happens next OG&E?” *Norman Transcript*, March 8, 2024

“Guest Column: Round two: Vote on OG&E Franchise Agreement,” *Norman Transcript*, Feb 25, 2024

“Guest Column: Does the OKC metro area need new arenas?” *Norman Transcript*, Dec 13, 2023

“Guest: OKC arena report doesn't provide enough information to conduct a cost-benefit analysis,” *The Oklahoman*, published online Dec 1, 2023

“Guest Col: Can You Believe the Arena Entertainment District Hype?” *Norman Transcript*, Oct 6, 2023

“OPINION: School Bond oversight, accountability measures are essential,” *OU Daily*, Jan 26, 2023

“Ward 1 has options on Feb. 14,” *Norman Transcript*, Jan 18, 2023

“Proposition 8 would end utility rate elections,” *Norman Transcript*, Aug 13, 2022

“Debunking Norman Police Funding Myth,” *Norman Transcript*, April 17, 2021

“Refund Narrative is Misleading, Divisive,” *Norman Transcript*, Dec 3, 2021

“What does ‘Support the Police’ mean for council candidates?” *Norman Transcript*, Jan 31, 2021.

“Still time to get it right,” *Norman Transcript*, Feb 6, 2020.

“TIF referendum creates compelling mandate,” *Norman Transcript*, Jan 9, 2020.

“What’s the TIF? Let’s vote on it,” *Norman Transcript*, Dec 15, 2019

“Short end of UNP TIF negotiations,” *Norman Transcript*, August 6, 2019

“Board of Education election offers fresh perspective,” *Norman Transcript*, March 19, 2019

“Norman Forward should play hard to get,” *Norman Transcript*, Feb 27, 2019

“Citizens voting on TIF will build trust,” *Norman Transcript*, Jan 23, 2019

“How to support Norman's small, local businesses,” *Norman Transcript*, Jan 11, 2019

“Bond projects and TIF decision show priorities,” *Norman Transcript*, Nov 7, 2018

“Norman city attorney oversaw \$300K in payments to CEDL,” *Norman Transcript*, Sept 16, 2018

- “UNP arena district analysis is lacking,” *Norman Transcript*, May 20, 2018.
- “Proposed increment plan needs public scrutiny,” *Norman Transcript*, Feb 26, 2018
- “Budget Supplement: The Impact of Proposed New University North Park Development on Property and Sales Tax Revenues for the City of Norman and Cleveland County,” Norman, OK, May 31, 2018
- “Proposed arena has limited potential to increase OU basketball attendance,” *Norman Transcript*, Jan 26, 2018.
- “Best way to gauge public opinion on TIF is to take it to a vote,” *Norman Transcript*, Dec 2017
- “It’s time to end Norman’s UNP TIF program,” *Norman Transcript*, Oct 22, 2017
- “Proposed increment plan needs public scrutiny,” *Norman Transcript*, Feb 26, 2018
- “Send a Valentine by voting Feb 14,” *Norman Transcript*, Feb 8, 2017
- “Lessons from illegal dumping,” *Norman Transcript*, Dec 11, 2016
- “Uncertain trade-off,” *The Oklahoman*, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016
- “Silence is not golden for The Transcript,” *Norman Transcript*, August 14, 2016
- “We’re all in this together,” *Norman Transcript*, May 24, 2016.
- “Move Norman Forward without the Expo Center,” *Norman Transcript*, June 2, 2015
- “Achieving both conservation and increased revenue,” *Norman Transcript*, November 7, 2014.
- “How Competition to Attract Businesses Leads to Economic Losses for Cities and States,” Key Findings: Scholars Strategy Network, April 2013, [www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org](http://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org).

Reposted:

- “A No-Win Arms Race on State and Local Business Incentives,” Demos.org blog, June 24, 2013
- “How the Incentives Arms Race Is a Lose-Lose for Cities and States,” Oklahoma Policy Institute, Economy Blog, September 11, 2013
- “The Flawed Case for Elimination Personal Income Taxation in Oklahoma” 3/12/2011. University of Oklahoma. Posted online by Oklahoma State Treasurer and web link provided in *Oklahoma Economic Report*, Oklahoma State Treasurer, Vol. 2 (2), 2/28/2012, (page 5).

**Community Outreach Presentations**

- Presenter: “Arena-Entertainment TIF: Community Guide,” Mutual Aid Fair, Norman, OK, December 8, 2024.
- Presenter: “What is Tax Increment Financing?” Community Conversation, Red Dirt Collective, Norman, OK, October 7, 2024
- Presenter: “Arena TIF Overview,” Women In Action For All Norman, Norman, OK, September 7, 2024.
- Presenter: “A Solution looking for a problem? UNP Arena/Entertainment Districts (& lots of housing, too)” St. Stephen’s Sunday School, March 10, 2024.
- Presenter: “A Solution looking for a problem? UNP Arena/Entertainment Districts (& lots of housing, too)” Cornbread and Beans, Feb 9, 2024.
- Presenter: “City of Norman 2023-2024 Budget Highlights,” Women in Action for All, April 24, 2023.
- Presenter: “City of Norman Water Rate Increase Election, June 13, 2023,” Cornbread and Beans Series, Cleveland County Democratic Party, April 4, 2023.
- Presenter: “Water connection fees, user rates: Paying for upgrades and growth,” Women in Action for All meeting, Norman, Oklahoma (via zoom), December 8, 2021
- Presenter: “What the community needs to hear about City Policy,” Women in Action for All meeting, Norman, Oklahoma, March 2021
- Presenter: “Tax Increment Finance (TIF) and School Funding,” Education Funding Conference, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, March 2019.
- Moderator, “State of Oklahoma Budget Session”, Oklahoma Policy Institute Summer Policy Institute, Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 2019.

- Panelist, “Impact of Contraception on Female Labor Force Participation,” St. Thomas Moore University Parish, Norman, OK, June 20, 2018.
- “Community Guide: University North Park Master Plan,” Community Study Session, Norman, OK, June 5, 2018.
- “Capital Costs & Growth in Norman: Behind the Curve,” Cleveland County Democrats Cornbread and Beans series, Norman, OK, December 8, 2017.
- “Tax Increment Financing Basics,” forum for students by Student Government Association and Economics Club, University of Oklahoma, October 17, 2017.
- Panelist on State of Oklahoma Budget, Oklahoma Policy Institute Summer Policy Institute, Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 2017.
- “An Economic Case for the City of Norman’s Storm Water Utility,” Red Earth Group-Sierra Club Stormwater Forum, June 23, 2016.
- “An Economic Case for the City of Norman’s Storm Water Utility,” Cleveland County Republican Women’s Club, Norman, OK, August 15, 2016
- “Fiscal Challenges in Oklahoma,” Oklahoma Policy Summer Institute, Tulsa, OK, August 2015
- “Future of Norman: Fiscal Opportunities and Challenges,” League of Women Voters of Norman: Future of Norman Forum, Norman, OK, September 15, 2014
- “Fiscal Challenges in Oklahoma,” Oklahoma Policy Summer Institute, Tulsa, OK, August 6, 2013
- “Norman, OK, Development Policy: Implications for Sprawl,” Forum on Urban Sprawl, Red Earth Group Chapter of the Sierra Club, Norman Public Library, October 30, 2012.
- “Indecent Proposal to Put a Loophole in High Density Ordinance,” *Norman Transcript*, June, 9 2013.
- “Will the City’s new high density zoning ordinance protect Norman’s Stakeholders?” *Norman Transcript*, April 21, 2013.
- "Hard Questions Unasked, Unanswered," *Norman Transcript*, February 3, 2013.
- "Elephant Roaming Norman," *Norman Transcript*, June 17, 2012
- “Groups spreading misinformation about plant,” *Norman Transcript*, June 3, 2012
- “Local Economic Policy: Perspectives on Norman, OK,” Challenges and Choices Series, St. Stephens, Norman, OK, October 14, 2012
- “Perspectives of State and Local Fiscal Policy in Oklahoma,” Oklahoma Economic Outlook Conference, Oklahoma City, OK, December 13, 2011. Published online by OSU, William Spears School of Business, Center for Applied Research, 12/13/2011, [http://economy.okstate.edu/caer/files/2012\\_outlook\\_conf\\_cynthia\\_rogers.pdf](http://economy.okstate.edu/caer/files/2012_outlook_conf_cynthia_rogers.pdf)
- “Wind Power: Implications for Wealth Creation in Rural Communities,” Prepared for Rural Wealth Creation and Livelihoods Conference, Washington, DC, Oct. 2-5, 2011
- (Contributor) White House Briefing Session on Rural Wealth Creation, Washington, DC, Oct. 5, 2011.
- “Local Option Sales Taxation: Overview and Implications for Southwest Oklahoma,” Political Science Forum IV: Acting Regionally and Comprehensively, Cameron University, Lawton, OK, March 5, 2010
- (Poster) Oklahoma Transportation Center, Policy Board Meeting, “Measuring Mobility Impacts of Projects Competing for New Starts Funding,” Oklahoma City, November 18, 2004.
- “Local Economic Development Incentives: Community Perspectives,” Norman Community Dialogue, Norman, Oklahoma, May 2007
- “Per Capita Personal Income in Oklahoma: A County Level Analysis,” Oklahoma City Area Economic Roundtable, Oklahoma City, OK, May 1999
- Trade Research Forum, World Trade Development Center of Pittsburgh, “An Analysis of Export activity in Allegheny County: An application of the Pittsburgh REMI Model,” Pittsburgh, PA, March 1991.

## **Panels, Podcasts, Press Conferences**



Podcast Interview: Norman TIF, Reclaim Oklahoma Parent Empowerment, Oct 5, 2024,

<https://rope2.org/2024/10/05/normans-tif-and-oklahoma-turnpike-authoritys-ethics/>

Panel Organizer: Public Finance of Arenas, OU Economics Club, University of Oklahoma, Norman Oklahoma, January 17, 2024

Panelist: OKC Metro Arenas, Brews and Views Series, The Oklahoma Observer, BIG Brewing Company, Norman, OK, December 10, 2023.

Panelist: New Arena Panel Discussion: Ask the Experts, Get the Facts, organized by Dr. Travis Roach, University of Central Oklahoma-downtown, OKC, November 5, 2023.

#### Media Coverage:

“Debate surrounding new OKC Arena rages on as date to vote nears,” Zach Rael, KOCO News 5, Updated: 10:45 PM CST Dec 5, 2023. Available at <https://www.koco.com/article/oklahoma-city-new-arena-debate-rages-ahead-vote/46046980>

“What you need to know before voting on new downtown Oklahoma City arena,” Jonathan Greco, KOCO News 5, Updated: 8:50 AM CST Dec 7, 2023, <https://www.koco.com/article/oklahoma-city-downtown-okc-arena-thunder-vote-election/46039053>.

“‘Who is this a good deal for?’: Game of tug of war continues as new Thunder arena vote set for next week” Kaylee Olivas, KFOR, 6:30 AM CST, December 6, 2023 (posted) <https://kfor.com/news/local/who-is-this-a-good-deal-for-game-of-tug-of-war-continues-as-new-thunder-arena-vote-set-for-next-week/>

“OKC is closing in on the arena vote – and groups are ramping up their arguments for and against it.” Jessie C. Smith, *The Oklahoman*, 6:02 AM CST, December 7, 2023. <https://www.oklahoman.com/story/news/local/2023/12/07/okc-thunder-nba-arena-vote-arguments-for-against-election/71755278007/>

Panelist: Tax Expert Panel, organized by Oklahoma State Senator, Julia Kirt, September 15, 2022, Oklahoma State Capital, OK and online, <https://ne-np.facebook.com/senatorjuliakirt/videos/tax-expert-panel/1100176760617459/>

Public Release: “Is another Penny too much? New study evaluates the impact on Municipalities of an additional 1% state sales tax,” public release, October 12, 2016

#### Media Coverage:

“Penny-tax proposal would impact small towns more than cities, OU professors find,” Bryce McElhaney, *LOUDAILY*, posted Thursday, October 13, 2016.

“Is another Penny too much? New study evaluates the impact on Municipalities of an additional 1% state sales tax.” Emily Wendler, KOSU.org, KGOU.org, October 12, 2016

Panelist, Discussion of State Questions, League of Women Voters of Oklahoma, September 6, 2016, Norman Public Library.

#### Media Coverage:

“Oklahoma state questions fuel feelings” Olivier Rey, [www.reddirtreport.com](http://www.reddirtreport.com), September 8, 2016

Steering Committee Chair: Fracking Water Forum, Norman City Chambers, December 1, 2014

“Forum panel discusses fracking concerns in Oklahoma,” Kasey Phipps, *OU Daily*, December 4, 2014 6:00 am

Steering Committee Chair: Norman Fracking Forum, a public panel discussion. Norman Public Library,

August 11, 2014.

#### Media Coverage:

“Fracking industry claims they are not to blame for rise in earthquakes,” by Adam Snider, KFOR.com, posted August 11, 2014 6:54 pm.

KGOU: <http://kgou.org/post/norman-residents-hear-about-possibilities-banning-fracking-public-forum>, August 18, 2014.

Al Jazeera documentary covered the forum: <http://80.242.17.252/shared/814>

Press Conference: House Democratic Caucus, State of Oklahoma, April 26, 2012.



Media Coverage:

“Plan to cut income tax sparks debate,” KFOR-TV, 4/25/2012

Press Release House Democratic Caucus, 4/30/2012

Jesse Wells, *KFOR.com*, 06:38pm, April 26, 2012

TV Panelist: Oklahoma Forum Series: “The Economics of State Income Tax Cuts,” Oklahoma

Educational Television Authority, aired on April 16, 2012, [www.oeta.onenet.net/newt/211/1500](http://www.oeta.onenet.net/newt/211/1500).

Panelist: “The Devil is in the Details: Tax Policy and Economic Growth,” Economist Forum, Oklahoma Policy Institute, Oklahoma History Center, OK, April 5, 2012.

Media Coverage:

*The Wall Street Journal*, U.S. Edition, Opinion, p. A14, 4/16/2012

David Blatt, Guest Columnist, *The Journal Record*, 4/18/2012

Michael C. Carnuccio, Guest Columnist, *The Journal Record*, 4/3/2012

Patrick B. McGuigan, *capitolbeatok.com*, 4/5/2012

**Media Interview and Mentions**

Interview: “City of Norman posts legal notice protesting ORED petition,” Ismael Lele, *OU Daily*, Nov 20, 2024

Interview: “Norman residents to deliver entertainment district petition results in hopes of public vote,” Thomas Pablo, *OU Daily*, Oct 16, 2024

Interview: “Norman residents file petition for public vote after approval of Rock Creek Entertainment District,” Peggy Dodd, *OU Daily*, Sep 26, 2024, reprinted in KGOU.org

Interview: “Norman Residents Petitioning for Public Vote on Entertainment District Funding Plan,” Cameron Joiner, News 9, Sep 22, 2024

Interview, “Norman community reacts to City Council passing TIF districts, Archiebald Browne, *Norman Transcript*, Sep 18, 2024

Interview: “Norman residents want public vote on arena and entertainment district,” John Hayes, *KFOR.com*, Sep 19, 2024

Interview: “Norman community reacts to approval of \$1 billion entertainment district.” Abby Young, *OU Daily* Sep 18, 2024. Reprinted in *Oklahomavoice.com*

Interview: “Oklahoma City voters decide on new \$900 million arena: Impact on Thunder and local economy under debate,” Katie Arata, *OKC Fox 25*, Wed, Nov 15, 2023, 5:36 PM CST

Interview: “OKC Official say a new Thunder arena is worth every penny. Economists aren’t sold.” Jessie C. Smith, *The Oklahoman*, Oct 5, 2023

Interview: “Team Norman announces plans for billion-dollar entertainment district,” Olivia McCourry and Brian King, *Norman Transcript*, Sep 6, 2023

Quoted: “Teacher raises part of new school district budget,” Brian D. King, *Norman Transcript*, June 29, 2023

Quoted: “Council adopts annual budget, swears in new council member,” Mindy Ragan Wood, *Norman Transcript*, June 13, 2023

Quoted: “Norman residents suggest allocating funds to mental health response, permanent homeless shelter, Peggy Dodd, *OU Daily*, April 26, 2023

Quoted: “Budget talks: Residents seek additional assistance for mental health response,” Mindy Ragan Wood, *Norman Transcript*, April 27, 2023

Mentioned: “One Norman task force hears residents’, leaders’ concerns, visions for city’s future,” Peggy Dodd and Ismael Lele, *OU Daily*, April 27, 2023

Quoted: “City Council sets election date to decide room tax rate increase,” Mindy Ragan Wood, *Norman Transcript*, March 1, 2023

Quoted: “Public addresses commissioners about jail deaths: ‘We want answers,’ Mindy Ragan Wood, *Norman Transcript*, Jan 10, 2023

Quoted: “Floyd sworn in as NPS board member; some question process,” Brian D. King, *Norman Transcript*, Jan 9, 2023

Interview: “School board appointment met with criticism by senator among other,” Brian D. King, *Norman Transcript*, Dec 25, 2022

Quoted: “Concerns over Boismier’s resignation met with little response from NPS,” Max Bryan, *Norman Transcript*, Sep 12, 2022

Quoted: “Council moves forward with housing project, rejects special election motion,” Max Bryan, *Norman Transcript*, Aug 23, 2022

Quoted: “OG&E franchise election slated,” Mindy Ragan Wood, *Norman Transcript*, August 11, 2022.

Quoted: “Norman City Council votes against affordable housing complex, conducts reapportionment public hearing,” Peggy Dodd. *OU Daily*, Aug 10, 2022

Quoted: “Continued growth of Norman housing is a balancing act, local experts say,” Jeff Elkins, *Norman Transcript*, July 24, 2022

Quoted: “UPDATED: City Adopts rearranged budget in afternoon meeting,” Mindy Ragan Wood, *Norman Transcript*, June 15, 2022

Quoted: “Council votes down several charter changes,” Mindy Ragan Wood, *Norman Transcript*, Aug 4, 2021.

Quoted: “Cleveland Country receives first payout of ARPA funds,” Mindy Ragan Wood, *Norman Transcript*, July 1, 2021

Quoted: “Hundreds fill City Hall to capacity during council budget meeting,” Reese Gorman, *Norman Transcript*, June 8, 2021

Quoted: “Norman Forward project faces \$5.5 million shortfall,” Mindy Ragan Wood, *Norman Transcript*, May 19, 2021

Interview: “OU researchers launch survey on Norman’s inclement weather preparedness after snowstorm,” Caleb McCourry, *OU Daily*, Feb 25, 2021

Interview: “OU professor, Norman lawmaker back modernization of Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Black Douglas, *OU Daily*, Jan 24, 2021

Quoted: “Council approves general obligation bond election,” Mindy Ragan Wood, *Norman Transcript*, June 10, 2020

Interview/Podcast: “How Billionaires Benefit,” OKProgressNow, May 20, 2020, <https://www.twitch.tv/videos/627038914>

Interview: “Norman UNP Petition could be subject to protest,” *NonDoc*, January 8, 2020, <https://nondoc.com/2020/01/08/norman-unp-tif-petition-could-be-subject-to-protest/>

Interview: “UNP TIF Petition Deadline next week,” Tim Farley, *Norman Transcript*, Dec 22, 2020

Quoted: “Options to end UNP TIF revealed to public,” Katie Standlee, *Norman Transcript*, June 20, 2019

Interview: “Why Government Give Away Economic Incentives That Increase Inequality,” The Science of Politics Podcast, (Niskanen Center) Feb. 27, 2019 <https://podbay.fm/podcast/1295747297>

Interview: “OU professors oppose University North Park Arena plan,” Drew Hutchinson, *OU Daily*, June 5, 2018

Interview: “Amazon gets taxpayer money,” OETA, May 17, 2018

Interview: “University North Park: OU economics professor releases economic impact report challenging colleague’s study,” *OU Daily*, May 31, 2018

Interview: “OU to host discussion on Mental health, race, policing in collaboration with Norman Citizens for Racial Justice,” Sierra Rains, *OU Daily*, April 12, 2018

Interview: “Still no movement on arena TIF proposal,” Mack Burke, *Norman Transcript*, Feb 25, 2018

Interview: “Use of City Logo called into question, Mack Burke, *Norman Transcript*, Feb 9, 2018

Interview: “A tale of two arenas: What can Norman learn from Lincoln and Louisville?” Mack Burke, *Norman Transcript*, November 26, 2017

Quoted: “Panel advises keeping capital gains exemption,” Molly Fleming, *The Journal Record*, Nov 17, 2017

Interview: “Some TIFs create reverse Robin Hood effect, critics say,” Catherine Sweeney, *The Journal Record*, Sep 17, 2019

Interview: “Consultant estimates \$90.75 million in arena TIF costs for city, millions more in net revenue,” Mack Burke, *Norman Transcript*, Oct 15, 2017

Interview: on Oklahoma State Budget Proposal” *OU Daily Nightly*, Oct 6, 2017

Interview: “Examining the tax increment future,” Mack Burke, *Norman Transcript*, Sep 30, 2017

Interview: (Tax Increment Financing), *Norman Transcript*; Sep 16, 2017

Interview: “A decade later, TIF hotly debated, Mack Burke, *Norman Transcript*, June 17, 2017.

Interview: (Form based code), *Norman Transcript*, May 24, 2017

Interview: “Penny tax proposal would impact small towns more than cities, OU professors find,” Bryce McElhaney, *OU Daily*, Oct 13, 2016

Interview: “Oklahoma state questions fuel feelings,” Olivier Rey, *Red Dirt Report*, September 8, 2016.

Mentioned: “Doerflinger Says He’s Already Impressed with Tax Credit Review Commission,” [okenergytoday.com](http://okenergytoday.com) Aug 2, 2016

Interview: “Norman approves pipeline under Little River,” Sarah Terry-Cobo, *The Journal Record*, posted July 7, 2016 10:12 am

Mentioned: “Norman City Council debating stormwater utility fee proposals,” Joy Hampton, *Norman Transcript*, June 3, 2016

Interview: “Gov. Fallin Creates Oil and Gas Saving Fund for State,” Grant Hermes, [www.newson6.com](http://www.newson6.com), posted June 02, 2016 5:02 PM CDT

Interview: “The Blunt Truth: Marijuana can result in positive test results for weeks,” Lauren Massing, *OU Daily*, April 18-20, 2016

Interview: “Oklahoma Sending Cash to Companies That Pay No Income Tax,” Warren Vieth and Mark Lash, *Oklahoma Watch*, [www.newson6.com](http://www.newson6.com), posted May 31, 2016 10:26 AM CDT

Quoted: “City approves new TIF agreement,” Joy Hampton, *The Norman Transcript*, April 28, 2016

Mentioned: “OU economics professor appointed to join tax commission by state senator,” Shaylin Daji, *OU Daily*, posted Jan 29, 2016 4:39 pm

Mentioned: “OU Professor named to tax incentive review panel,” Associated Press/*Journal Record*, Jan 29, 2016.

Interview: “Escaping the Trap” by Dawn Bormann Novascone, *THE Journal: Inspiration for the Common Good*, (Kansas Media Center) Volume 7 (4), Fall 2015

Interview: “Forward momentum: Group supporting Norman’s tax plan sees no organized opposition,” Molly M. Fleming, *The Journal Record*, Oct 12, 2015

Interview: “Despite Strong Support, citizen Concerned Ahead of ‘Norman Forward’ Sales Tax Vote,” Brian Hardzinski, KGOU, Oct 12, 2015

Interview: “Drilling for changes: Committee suggests new water-testing rules for private wells in Norman” Sarah Terry-Cobo, *The Journal Record*, Jan 16, 2015

Interview: “Citizen Scholars,” by Michael Zuckerman, *Harvard Magazine*, Sep-Oct 2014

“Norman Meeting on fracking draws hundreds,” by Adam Wilmoth, [NewsOK.com](http://NewsOK.com), Aug 14, 2014

“Fracking Fight: Mineral Owners Representative, New York Attorney Square off at Forum in Norman,” by Sarah Terry-Cobo, *The Journal Record*, Aug 12, 2014

Norman community members host forum on fracking Monday” by David Detling, [www.koco.com](http://www.koco.com) 11:26 PM CDT Aug 11, 2014

Quoted: “Economic Policy Gets Green Light,” Joy Hampton, *Norman Transcript*, April 24, 2013

Quoted: “Trust Authority Debate Continues,” Joy Hampton, *Norman Transcript*, June 4, 2012

Interview: “Anti-tax group’s flawed ‘research’,” Lynne Shaw, *Tulsa World*, 4/11/2012

Mentioned: “Prosperity Policy: Sure path to prosperity,” David Blatt, *The Journal Record*, April 18, 2012

Interview: Oklahoma In-Depth, Kurt Gwartney, KGOU, 12/14/2011

Interview: “Oklahoma’s economic growth should continue, economist says,” Don Mecoy, NewsOK.com, Dec 14, 2011 12:00 AM.

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING**

### **Graduate Courses Taught:**

Advanced Econometrics (Fall 2006)  
Seminar in Public Economics  
Planning and Policy Analysis  
Directed readings

### **Undergraduate Courses Taught:**

Economics as Social Science (Capstone)  
Principle of Microeconomics (small section, honors, large sections)  
Environmental Economics  
Information, Technology, and the Economy  
Public Finance, regular and honors  
Urban Economics  
Regional Economics  
Labor Economics  
Intermediate Microeconomics  
Directed readings  
Honors Research  
Urban Economics Sichuan University Immersion Program, Chengdu, China (July 2023)

### **Dissertation Chairperson/Co-Chair**

Bowei Dong, ACR completed

Anthony Mayberry (Chair), May 2022

First employment (Summer 2022): Amazon

SunHyung Lee (co-chair), Spring 2018

First Employment (Fall 2020): Associate Research Fellow, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (he did compulsory military service immediately post graduation).

Current employment: Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, Assistant Professor (2022)

Lee Stitzel, Ph.D., summer 2016

First employment (Fall 2016): Assistant Professor, West Texas A&M, TX

Current Employment: Associate Professor, West Texas A&M, TX

Jia Wang, Ph.D., summer 2015

First employment: Sewanee University of the South, TN, visiting assistant prof. (2015)

Current employment: University of Dayton, OH, Assistant Professor (2017)

Chengrui Xiao, Ph.D., summer 2014

First employment: Assistant prof., Southwestern Univ. of Finance & Economics, China

Current: Associate Professor, Hohai University, China

Huan Gong, Ph.D. 2012

First employment: Edinboro University, OH, Visiting Assistant Professor

Current employment: Oklahoma Tax Commission

Chen Wu, Ph.D. 2012

First employment: Colgate University, Visiting Assistant Professor;  
 Current employment: Plymouth State University, Full Professor  
 Nikki Cornell-Sadowski\*, Ph.D. 2005  
 First employment: York College, Assistant Professor  
 Current employment: York College, Associate Professor (2011)

### **Dissertation Committee Member**

Paula Camila Jaramillo Sanjuan, DMA Music  
 Performance (Violin), May 2025  
 Rebecca Blaine, PLAD, ACR (May 2024)  
 David Powell, Education, Gen (Sept 2024)  
 Ahmed Chaudhry, Econ, Ph.D., May 2024  
 Hunter Stohlmeyer, Acctg, ABD (2022-24)  
 Syed Wasti, Economics, Ph.D., 2024  
 Brent Norwood, Economics, Ph.D., Dec 2020  
 Zach Millstead, Philosophy, Ph.D. May 2021  
 Xiao Liu, Economics, Econ, Ph.D., 2020  
 Zexuan Liu, Economics, Ph.D., 2016  
 Jimmy Schlaffer, Economics, Ph.D., 2016  
 Lingxiao Zhao, Economics, Ph.D., 2015  
 Trey Trosper, Economics, Ph.D. 2015  
 Hojin Jung, Economics, Ph.D. 2014  
 Xuebing Yang, Economics, Ph.D. 2009

Jie Shau, Economics, Ph.D. 2009  
 William Ridley, Economics  
 Jesus Salas, Finance, Ph.D. 2008  
 Van Pham, Economics, Ph.D. 2007  
 Xiujian (Jerry) Chen, Econ, Ph.D. 2007  
 Xioayi Mu, Economics, Ph.D. 2006  
 Jeni Willeford, Economics, Ph.D. 2005  
 Kodrat Wibowo, Economics, Ph.D. 2003  
 Zhitao (Sunny) Sui, Economics, Ph.D. 2003  
 Mohammed Basyah, Economics, Ph.D. 2003  
 Rex Pjesky, Economics, Ph.D. 2002  
 Mickey Hepner, Economics, Ph.D. 2001  
 Paulette A. Ratliff, Accounting, Ph.D. 2001  
 Teresa Lightner, Accounting, Ph.D. 2000  
 Haeme Nam, Economics, Ph.D. 1999  
 James Wilbanks, Economics, Ph.D. 1998

### **Graduate Advisory/Curriculum Committees (Member, University of Oklahoma)**

Mary Boren, Education, MA Thesis (ended Nov 2020)  
 Hao Zhang, MA 2018  
 Hyeonjin Im, MA, 2017  
 Shyh Chea, MA, 2017  
 Li Xiaokai, Economics, MA 2011  
 Jeremy Andarkes, Geoinformatics, MS 2011  
 Sridhar Gogineni, Finance  
 Andrew Tao, Accounting  
 Harlan Isjwara, Economics

### **Masters Research Paper and Research Supervision**

Will Miller, “Impact of Elimination of Oklahoma’s sales tax on Groceries,” Economics, University of Oklahoma (Spring 2025)  
 Julie Dawkins, “It Takes a Champion”: Homelessness and Funding Trends in Pensacola, FL,” Economics, University of Oklahoma, independent research for MA/BA credit (Summer 2023)  
 Karley Nadolski, Economics, University of Oklahoma (Spring 2021)  
 Anh Hoan, Economics, University of Oklahoma (Summer 2010)  
 Daniel Miller, Economics, University of Oklahoma (2003)  
 Michael Wadsworth, Sociology, West Virginia University (1996)

### **Undergraduate Student Research Advisor**

Jayke Flaggert, “An Evaluation and Recommendation for the Expedition and Innovation of the Norman, Oklahoma Commercial Planning Process,” Summer 2022, continued to fall 2022. Research was

presented to City of Norman planning staff. Student hired by Norman Economic Development Coalition to work on community engagement initiative.

Michael Reynolds, “Municipal Election in Norman Oklahoma: Data and Analysis,” Summer 2021

Opal Fraser, “Covid-19 Reporting Database and Analysis: Norman Public Schools,” Spring 2021

Anny J. Ngo Youmba, “Database and annotated Bibliography of Tax Increment Finance Districts in Oklahoma,” Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Alex Skipper, “Energy Efficient Tax Credit Report,” Spring 2018

Dustin Engel, “Tax Incentive Evaluation: New Jobs/Investment Tax Credit,” Spring 2018.

Jeremy Allen, “Investigating the Impact and Justifications for Oklahoma’s coal Production Tax Credit,” Honors Research, Summer 2017.

Alex McClintic, “Oklahoma’s Clean Burning Fuels Tax Credit: An Economic Evaluation,” Spring 2018.

Courtney Shupert, “Analysis of Capital Gains Tax Deduction in Oklahoma,” Spring 2017.

Samuel Moore, “A Recommendation of a “No” Vote on State Question 777: An Empirical and Theoretical Cost-Benefit Analysis, October 2016.

Group Project, “Comprehensive Risk Assessment of Oil and Gas Production Activities,” Spring 2016 (8 students), Fall 2016 (3 students).

Andrea Gimondo, “Salary caps as a Structure for Economic Development Incentive Reform,” Mentored Research Experience, August 2016

Andrea Gimondo, “Same-Sex Marriage Legalization: An Analysis of the Implications for Divorce and Teen Pregnancy,” Honors Research, August 2016

Johnathan Wong, “State Tax Policy and Economic Growth in the US,” summer 2015

Rayce Coyne, “3D Printing Technology and Implications for the Economy,” fall 2014

Catherine Poslusny, “Renewable Energy Possibilities for the Off-Grid Community of Whale Cove, Nunavut,” May 2013.

Tent Pembroke, “Wind Farm Impacts on Local Economies in Oklahoma,” spring 2011

Jennifer Karavanic, “Differences in the Impact of Education on Income Over Time” (Honors Thesis) December 2008.

Leslie Whitefeather, “Spatial Mismatch and Native American Populations in the US,” spring 2008

Linda Roberts, “Municipal Bond Ratings and Local Optional Sales Taxes in Oklahoma?” fall 2007

Christina Solis, “Economic Analysis of HIPAA Compliance,” fall 2005.

Michelle Henry, “Analysis of Feasibility of Oil & Gas Exploration of Aneth Unit Located in the Greater Aneth Oil Field,” spring 2005.

Thomas Norman, “The Dot.com Bubble: A Prisoner’s Dilemma,” summer 2004

Christa Hughes, “The Role of Insider Trading Regulations,” summer 2004

Neal Shah, “The Landscape of Local Option Sales Taxes in Oklahoma,” spring 2002

Amanda Shankle (honors), “Occupational Licensing in Oklahoma: A Border State Analysis,” spring 2002

Katy Middleton, *OU Childcare E-source Directory*, (an on-line guide) January 2001

Justin Dossey, “Per Capital Personal Income in Oklahoma: A County Level Analysis,” (an on-line presentation) spring 1999

## SERVICE

### External Reviewer

*National Science Foundation* proposal reviews: 2004, 2014

*Public Finance and Public Policy* by Jonathan Gruber (2005), textbook reviewer

*Tenure & Promotion External Reviewer:* University of Whitewater-Wisconsin, Boise State University, Kansas State University, Lycoming College, University of Colorado- Colorado Springs, Oklahoma State University, West Virginia University, Boise State University

### **Referee for Academic Journals**

*Annals of Regional Science, BE Journal of Planning and Analysis, Economic Development Quarterly, Fiscal Studies, Growth and Change, FinanzArchiv/Public Finance Analysis, International Regional Science Review, Journal of Urban Affairs, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Planning Literature, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, National Tax Association, Papers in Regional Science, Public Administration Review, Public Finance Review, Public Budgeting & Finance, Publius, Review of Regional Studies, Socio-Economic Planning Sciences: The International Journal of Public Sector Decision-Making, Southern Economic Journal, State and Local Government Review, Transportation Research Part A: Policy*

### **Economics Department Service**

*Mentoring/Recruiting: Women in Econ Mentoring*, helped undergrad organize a mentoring event to support students with end-of-semester stress. April 28, 2025; *Sooner Saturday*, interacted with prospective OU students at a tabling event, April 12, 2025  
*Econ Fridays*, weekly informal gathering for undergrads and graduates, fall 2024  
*Committee "A" (governance) Member*, 2012-13, 2013-15, 2017-fall 2018, fall 2020-spring 2021, fall 2023- current  
*Course Scheduling Committee*, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16  
*Coordinator for MA and MA/BA degree modification process*, 2015 -2016  
*Graduate Program Director (Graduate Liaison, Graduate Admissions, Recruiting & Placement Coordinator, Teach Test Coordinator)*, 2006-2013 (excluding spring 2012)  
*Academic Review Program Report Committee*, 2012-13, 2005-06 (CDRP)  
*Undergraduate Advisor Search Committee*, summer 2014  
*Faculty Search Committees:* Econometrics, (chair) 2013-14; 2005-06; Industrial Organization, 2012-13; Public Economics, (chair) 2008-09, 2007-08; Chong Liew Chair Search, 2006-07  
*Coordinator of Chong Liew Scholarships Committee*, 2006- 2019  
*Faculty Advisor*, Omicron Delta Epsilon, 2004-current.  
*Campus Presentations:* OU Economics Club and Math Club: "Graduate School Advice" Oct. 2011, Nov. 2010 & 2011 & 2013; Economics Club: "Taking on American Legislative Executive Committee," 2015, "Local Economic Development Policy," 2012; Student Sustainability Association: "Economic Perspectives on the Environment," 2015.  
*Teach Test Panelist, Department representative*, 4-5 tests per semester, 2006-12, 2024 (1 test)  
*Hosted Friends of the College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Lecturer*, Claudia Goldin, 2002

### **University Service**

*Research Council Organization Ad Hoc Committee*, Fall 2024-  
*Research Council*, Spring 2020-current; Chair Fall 2020-Spring 2021  
*VPR awards committee*, Fall 2019-Spring 2020  
*OU Elite Retention Squad*, Fall 2015-March 2020  
*Environmental Studies Development Committee*, 2015-2017  
*Research Liaison*, Fall 2013-Fall 2021  
*Compensation Committee 2009-11* (chair 2009/10)  
*Faculty Senate Executive Committee*, 2009-2010  
*OU's Responsible Conduct of Research Instructor Training*, May 12 & 15, 2008



*Faculty Senate*, 2008-2011

*OU Budget Council*, 2003-2004, 2004-2005

*Session Chair*, OU Undergraduate Research Day, April 3, 2004

*Search Committee*, OU Division of Landscape Architecture, 2003-2004

*OU Presidential Mentoring Program*, 2003

*Arts & Sciences Advisory Committee on Women's Issues*, 2000-2002

*Provost's Advisory Committee on Women's Issues*, 1999-2001

*Friends of Arts and Sciences Scholarship Committee*, 2000 & 2004.

*Campus Lectures, OU Faculty In Residence Series* (with S. Ellis): "Capitalism, Greed and Human Nature," Fall 2002; "Altruism in an It's All About Me Society," Spring 1999; "Marketing Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Fall 1999; *Faculty Lecture Series* "Thinking about Graduate School?" 2007 (2)  
*Adopt-A Faculty Program*, 2010-11, 2007-08, 2007-08, 2005-06, 2004-05, 2003-04, 2001-02

### **Local Community Service**

*Oklahomans for Responsible Economic Development*, non-profit, founding member, Sep 2024-

*AIM Norman Housing Subcommittee*, City of Norman, Dec 2023-present

*One Norman Visioning Committee*, elected by community members to participate, May-July 2023

*Norman Forward Citizen Financial Oversight Board*, City of Norman, OK, Dec. 2015-present

*Citizen Panel*, Norman Visitors and Convention Bureau, expo center project, Dec. 2014

*Center City Visioning Project Steering Committee*, City of Norman, OK, Jan 2013-2017

*Lincoln Elementary PTA*, 2001-14, *Irving Middle School PTSA*, 2007-10, PTO 2014

*Girl Scouts*, Co-leader (2012-13, 2015-), volunteer (2012-2013, 2014- pres.)

### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Seminar and Workshop Presentations**

"Economics of Residential Water Use," OU Water Day Conference, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, April 16, 2025

"Do Tax Cuts Lead to Economic Growth or Not?" National Conference of State Legislators, Western Meetings, Lake Tahoe, NV, June 16, 2015.

"Economic Development Incentives: Traps and Accountability," Regional Economic Development in Europe and the United States: The European Union and the American South Compared" Sponsored by Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation and CenterAustria of the University of New Orleans, New Orleans, October 20-21, 2013

"The Contribution of Local Sales and Income Taxes to Fiscal Autonomy: Commentary," Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Conference, Municipal Revenues and Land Policies, Cambridge, MA, June 1-2, 2009.

"Local Option Sales Taxes and Fiscal Decentralization: Lessons from the States," Economics Department Seminar Series, Oklahoma State University, April 2004.

"A Study of Quasi-Experimental Control Group Methods for Estimating Policy Impacts," Les Methodes de Quasi-Experimentation Seminar, University of Rennes-1, November 18, 2003.

"Mismeasurement of State Tax Burdens," Economics Department Seminar Series, University of Oklahoma, April 2003.

"Regional Analysis of the New Jersey 1994-96 Tax Cuts," Department of Economics, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO, October 2000.

"A Tale of Two Tax Cuts: Michigan and New Jersey in the 1990s," Department of Economics, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK, December 1999.

#### **Professional Conference Presentations and Participation**

- “Tax Increment Financing and School Funding: It’s complicated,” North American Regional Science Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA, November 15, 2024.
- “Tax Increment Financing & School Funding: Unraveling Equalization in Oklahoma,” Southern Regional Science Association Meeting, Arlington, Va, April 4-6, 2024.
- “Attracting Remote Workers: Overview of programs in the US,” Southern Regional Science Association Meeting, Arlington, Va, April 4-6, 2024.
- Session Chair: Current Issues in Urban Economics and Business; Discussant: Rising Stars, Chinese Economist Society North American Meetings, Norman, OK, March 30 – April 2, 2023.
- “Smart Swarm Responses to Weather Events?” Annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association, virtual, April 7, 2021.
- “Fellows Address: When Rent Seeking Smacks You in the Face: TIF and Motivated Reasoning,” Annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association, virtual, April 7, 2021.
- “Tax Increment Financing and School Finance in Oklahoma: Unraveling Equalization,” North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International,” Pittsburgh, PA, November 13-16, 2019.
- “Economic Development Incentives: What can we learn from policy regime changes?” Annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association, Arlington, VA, April 4-6, 2019.
- “Economic Development Incentives and Economic Outcomes,” Conference on the Effects of State and Local Financial Incentives on Business Location Decisions, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, November 1-2, 2018
- “Estimating Water Demand under a Block Rate Structure: Unraveling Demand and Supply,” Annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association, Philadelphia, PS, March 2018
- “Reverse Robin Hood: Economic Development Incentives and Income Inequality in US States,” Annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association, Memphis, TN, March 30, 2017.
- “Social Messages and Water Conservation: A Field Experiment,” American Economic Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL, January 7, 2017.
- “Don’t tax my base: state sales tax rate increases under multi-tiered taxation,” Annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association, Washington, DC, March 31-April 2, 2016
- “Leaders, Followers and Asymmetric Local Tax Policy Diffusion,” Annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association, Birmingham, AL, March 2015.
- “Economic Development Incentives as a Mechanism for Wealth Creation,” 61<sup>st</sup> Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Washington, DC, November 12-14, 2014.
- “Corporate Tax Competition in OECD Countries: Reactions to Common Shocks or Policy Interactions?” Annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association, San Antonio, TX, March 27-29, 2014.
- “Accountability for Economic Development Incentives: The Case for Duty of Care,” National Tax Association 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Tampa, FL, November 21-23, 2013.
- “Local Officials & Due Diligence: Ethics & Law in Local Economic Development,” Southern Regional Science Association, Washington, DC, April 4-7, 2013.
- “Ask and Ye Shall Receive? (Super)majority Rules and Local Fiscal Elections“ National Tax Association Annual Meetings, Providence, RI, November 15-17, 2012.
- “Ask and Ye Shall Receive? (Super)majority Rules and Local Fiscal Elections,” Annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association, Charlotte, NC, March 22-25, 2012.
- “Wind Power: Implications for Wealth Creation in Rural Communities,” Missouri Valley Economics Association, Kansas City, MO, October 20-22, 2011.
- “Margins of Local Governmental Leadership: The Case of Local Option Sales Taxes,” How Annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association, New Orleans, LA, March, 23-27, 2011.

- “Margins of Local Governmental Leadership: The Case of Local Option Sales Taxes,” Annual meetings of the American Economic Association, Denver, CO, January 8, 2011.
- “How Successful are Fiscal Policy Elections?” Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meetings, Alexandria, VA, March 27-30, 2010.
- “The Effects of Local Option Sales Taxes on Consumer Spending: Cross-Tier Elasticities and Tax Competition,” Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meetings, San Antonio, TX, April 2-4, 2009.
- “On estimating Marginal Tax Rates and Tax Progressivity for US States” and “The Effects of Local Option Sales Tax on Consumer Spending: Cross-Tier Elasticities and Tax Competition” National Tax Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, November 2008.
- “Local Option Sales Tax: Why the Implementing Level Matters,” Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meetings, Arlington VA-Washington, DC, March 27-30, 2008.
- “Local Option Sales Tax Elasticity: Does the Implementing Level Matter?” North American meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Savannah, GA, November 7-9, 2007.
- “Endogeneity of Tax H(e)aven Policy: An Empirical Note,” Southern Regional Science Association, Charleston, SC, March 29-31, 2007.
- (Presidential Address) “Whither Decentralization: Implications for Linking Research and Practice,” Southern Regional Science Association, St. Augustine, FL, March 30 – April 1, 2006.
- “Method for Identifying the Effects of Income and Tax Policy on State Tax Revenues,” National Tax Association Annual Meetings, Boston, MA, November 16-18, 2006.
- “Local Sales Tax Autonomy and Implementation in the US,” North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Las Vegas, NV, November 10-12, 2005.
- “Keystone Sectors and Local Tax Policy: An Analysis of a Cross-section of Small Communities,” Annual Meetings of the Western Regional Science Association, San Diego, CA, February 23-25, 2005.
- “Local (Option) Sales Tax: A Decentralizing Policy,” Annual Meetings of the National Tax Association, Minneapolis, MN, November 11, 2004.
- “Local Option Sales Taxes and Fiscal Decentralization: Lessons from the States,” Economics Department Seminar Series, University of Oklahoma, April 2004.
- “Local Option Sales Taxes and Fiscal Decentralization: Lessons from the States,” Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, March 2004.
- (Invited) “Local Option Sales Taxes (LOST) on the Urban Fringe,” Presidential Symposium, Mid-Continent Regional Science Assoc. Annual Meetings, Cleveland, OH, May 2003.
- “Using Municipal Sales Taxes to Evaluate Small Town Economic Development,” Mid-Continent Regional Science Association Annual Meetings, Kansas City, MO, June 2002.
- “State Tax Policy as a Natural Experiment: The 1969 Illinois Tax Increase,” Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meetings, Arlington, VA, April 2002.
- “Using Municipal Sales Taxes to Evaluate Small Town Economic Development,” and “Study of Quasi-Experimental Control Group Methods for Policy Analysis,” North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Charleston, SC, November 2001.
- “Regional Analysis of the New Jersey 1994-96 Tax Cuts,” Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meetings Austin, TX, April 2001.
- (Panel Discussion) Quasi-Experimental Control Group Methods for Estimating the Impact of State and Local Development Policies, North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Chicago, IL, November 2000.
- “Bypassed but not Surpassed: Measuring the Economic Impacts of Highway Bypasses on Small Communities,” and “New Quasi-Experimental Control Group Methods for Estimating the Impact of State and Local Development Policies,” Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meetings, Miami, FL, April 2000.

- “Local Economic Development as a Prisoners' Dilemma: The Role of Business Climate,” Session Chair, Organizer and Panelist: “State Tax Policy: What Can We Say?” Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meetings, Richmond, VA, April 1999.
- “State Tax Cuts and Economic Growth: A Quasi-Experimental Analysis of the Michigan and New Jersey Tax Cuts,” North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Santa Fe, NM, November 1998.
- “Local Economic Development as a Game,” Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meetings, Memphis, TN, April 1997.
- Planning Committee, Session Chair and Discussant: North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Washington, DC, November 1996.
- “Intra-Appalachian Comparison of Female Labor Force Participation,” and “Spatial Mismatch and Unemployment Duration: Implications for Females,” Session Chair & Organizer: “Spatial Mismatch,” Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meetings, Baltimore, MD, April 1996.
- “Female Labor Force Participation: A Logit Analysis,” North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Cincinnati, OH, November 1995.
- “Female Labor Force Participation in Appalachia,” Regional Research Institute’s 30 Anniversary Conference, Morgantown, WV, November 1995.
- “The Appalachian Labor Force,” Southern Regional Science Association Meetings, San Antonio, TX, April 1995.
- “Reporting to the Feds: Part II,” Panel on Appalachian Research, Appalachian Studies Conference, West Virginia University, March 1995.
- “Job Search and Unemployment Duration: Implications for the Spatial Mismatch Hypothesis,” Regional Science Association International, Niagara Falls, Canada, November 1994.
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