

# Christopher M. Clapp | C.V.

The University of Chicago - Harris School of Public Policy  
1307 East 60th Street - Chicago, IL 60637

☎ (773) 834-9282 • 📠 (773) 867-5309 • 📞 (773) 998-1121  
✉ cclapp@uchicago.edu • 🌐 www.chrisclapp.org  
Citizenship: United States of America

## Fields of Interest

**Applied Microeconomics:** Public, Environmental, Urban, Labor, and Sports Economics

## Education

### University of Virginia

Ph.D. in Economics 2013  
M.A. in Economics 2007

### Clemson University

M.A. in Economics 2003  
B.A.s in Economics and English 2002

Distinctions: *magna cum laude*, Departmental Honors in Economics, Minors in Spanish and History

## Employment

### Primary Appointments.....

#### University of Chicago

Assistant Instructional Professor, Harris School of Public Policy 2020-Present  
Senior Research Associate, Kenneth C. Griffin Department of Economics 2018-2020

#### Florida State University

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics 2013-2018

#### Compass Lexecon

Compass Fellow 2006-2008  
Research Associate 2003-2005

### Affiliations.....

#### University of Chicago

Affiliated Scholar, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth 2024-Present  
Research Scholar, Becker Friedman Institute (BFI), Chicago Experiments Initiative 2020-Present

#### Florida State University

Faculty Affiliate, DeVoe L. Moore Center (DMC) 2013-2017

## Research

\* - Denotes graduate student coauthor.

\*\* - Denotes undergraduate student coauthor.

### Books.....

**2025:** “Evaluation of Vocational Rehabilitation Services: Return on Investment (VR-ROI) Models and Results”  
(with John Pepper, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), **Springer**, 2025, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-86942-6.

## Refereed Publications.....

**2025:** “Problems in Using Measures of Taxpayer Return on Investment to Evaluate Work Force Programs” (with John Pepper, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), forthcoming, **Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin**.

**2024:** “Measurement of Learning Disabilities and Intellectual Disabilities: Racial Patterns and Labor Market Biases in RSA-911 Data” (with John Pepper, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), **Journal of Human Capital**, 18(3), 2024, DOI: 10.1086/729100.

**2024:** “Data Practices for Studying the Impacts of Environmental Amenities and Hazards with Nationwide Property Data” (with Christoph Nolte, Kevin J. Boyle, Anita M Chaudhry, Dennis Guignet, Hannah Hennighausen, Ido Kushner\*\*, Yanjun Liao, Saleh Mamun, Adam Pollack\*, Jesse Richardson, Shelby Sundquist\*, Kristen Swedberg\*, and Johannes H. Uhl), **Land Economics**, 100(1): 200-221, 2024, DOI: 10.3368/le.100.1.102122-0090R.

**2020:** “Overview of Vocational Rehabilitation Data about People with Visual Impairments: Demographics, Services and Long-Run Labor Market Trends” (with John Pepper, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), **Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness**, 114(1): 43-56, 2020, DOI: 10.1177/0145482X20901380.

**2019:** “Conceptual Issues in Developing Return on Investment Estimates of Vocational Rehabilitation Programs” (with John Pepper, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), **Journal of Rehabilitation Administration**, 40(1): 23-34, 2019. [Link](#).

**2019:** “Data Issues in Developing Valid ROI/ROR Estimates” (with John Pepper, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), **Journal of Rehabilitation Administration**, 40(1): 35-46, 2019. [Link](#).

**2019:** “Applications of the VR-ROI Project: ROI Estimates for Virginia and Maryland” (with John Pepper, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), **Journal of Rehabilitation Administration**, 40(1): 57-72, 2019. [Link](#).

**2019:** “The Effects of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on Housing Markets” (with Javier Cano-Urbina and Kevin Willardsen\*), **Journal of Housing Economics**, 43: 131-156, 2019, DOI: 10.1016/j.jhe.2018.09.004.

Press: The Hill

**2018:** “The Fiscal Impacts of Alternative Land Uses” (with James Freeland\*, Keith Ihlanfeldt, and Kevin Willardsen\*), **Public Finance Review**, 46(5): 850-878, 2018, DOI: 10.1177/1091142116687842.

**2006:** “The Edifice Complex: The Economics of Public Subsidization of Major League Baseball Facilities” (with Jahn K. Hakes), **International Journal of Sport Finance**, 1(2): 77-95, 2006. [Link](#).

Press: Tallahassee Democrat

**2005:** “How Long a Honeymoon? The Effect of New Stadiums on Attendance in Major League Baseball” (with Jahn K. Hakes), **Journal of Sports Economics**, 6(3): 237-263, 2005, DOI: 10.1177/1527002504265957.

## Papers Under Review or Revision.....

“The Human Perils of Scaling Smart Technologies: Evidence from Field Experiments” (with Alec Brandon\*, John A. List, Robert D. Metcalfe, and Michael Price), revisions requested, **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**.

NBER Working Paper; Press: The Atlantic, BFI Research Brief, Oracle Energy and Water Blog, The Wall Street Journal, CATO Institute Research Brief, The New York Times

“Assessing Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Capacity to Engage in Evidence-Based Decision Making” (with Catherine Ipsen, Crystal Garry, Joe Ashley, John Pepper, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), revisions requested, **Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation**.

“The Effects of Vocational Rehabilitation for People Who are Blind or Vision-Impaired” (with John Pepper, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), under submission.

“Interactions of Public Paratransit and Vocational Rehabilitation” (with Steven Stern and Dan Yu\*\*), under revision.

## Working Papers.....

“Speed Kills? The Effect of the Hurry-Up-No-Huddle Offense on Injuries in College Football” (with Robert Henderson\*\*).

“Should My Car Move or Should I? A Model of Residential and Commuting Choices.”

## Research in Progress.....

“Should My Car Move or Should We? An Intra-Household Model of Residential and Commuting Choices.”

“The Long-Term Effects of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on Labor Markets” (with Kevin Willardsen).

## Other Publications.....

**2021:** “Illinois Economists Argue: Price Carbon Now” (with Tatyana Deryugina, Ali Fatemi, Don Fullerton, Animesh Ghoshal, Dean Karlan, Madhu Khanna, John List, Jason Long, Benjamin Marx, Robert McDonald, Filippo Mezzanotti, George Pennacchi, Mark Potosnak, Elizabeth Powers, Salim Rashid, Christopher Roark, Jeffrey Sundberg, Khairy Tourk, Christopher Udry, Richard Wiltgen, and Mark Witte), **Crain’s Chicago Business**, 24 Nov. 2021, URL: <https://www.chicagobusiness.com/opinion/illinois-economists-price-carbon-now>.

**2021:** “Illinois Economists: Price Carbon Now” (with Jerry Hinkle and Don Fullerton), **Daily Herald**, 19 Sept. 2021, URL: <https://www.dailyherald.com/discuss/20210919/illinois-economists-price-carbon-now>.

## Grants, Honors, and Awards

### External Research Grants.....

#### National Science Foundation (NSF)

Restricted-Access Research Data Centers (RDCs) Grant (\$300,000) 2020-2023

“Research Data Centers: Florida Research Data Center” (with Joseph Grzywacz, Mark Horner, Nicole Jones, Jaclyn Hall, and Christopher McCarty), Award #: 1955355, Project webpage: [www.ctsi.ufl.edu/research/laboratory-services/florida-rdc/](http://www.ctsi.ufl.edu/research/laboratory-services/florida-rdc/).

#### National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)

Field Initiated Projects (FIP) Grant (\$600,000) 2022-2024

“New Return on Investment Models (ROI) for the Public Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program: Develop an Enhanced and Simplified ROI Model” (with Maureen McGuire-Kuletz, Joseph Ashley, Crystal Garry, Catherine Ipsen, John Pepper, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), Project #: 90IFDV0028, Project webpage: <http://vrroi.org/>.

Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP) Grant (\$2,500,000) 2014-2019

“VR-ROI Project: Estimating Return on Investment in State Vocational Rehabilitation Programs” (with Joseph Ashley, David Dean, Robert Froehlich, John Pepper, Kirsten Rowe, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), Project #: 90DP0070.

#### National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)

Field Initiated Projects (FIP) Grant (\$600,000) 2010-2013

“Enhancing Outcome-Based Performance Measures for the Public Vocational Rehabilitation Program: Developing Return on Investment Models” (with Joseph Ashley, David Dean, Robert Froehlich, John Pepper, Kirsten Rowe, Robert Schmidt, and Steven Stern), Project #: 90IF0003.

### Internal Research Grants.....

#### Florida State University

Faculty Travel Grant, Office of the Provost (\$3,500 in total) 2014, 2016, 2017

First Year Assistant Professor Grant, Council on Research and Creativity (\$20,000) 2013-2014

### Honors and Awards.....

#### University of Chicago

Associate Pedagogy Fellow, Chicago Center for Teaching and Learning (CCTL) 2024-2025

Student, Chicago School of Experimental Economics (CSEE) 2024

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Pedagogy Fellow, Chicago Center for Teaching and Learning (CCTL)                    | 2022-2023 |
| Last Lecture Speaker, Harris School of Public Policy Evening Masters Program (EMP)  | 2021      |
| <b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b>                                   |           |
| Outstanding Poster Award, Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop   | 2019      |
| <b>U.S. Census Bureau</b>   |           |
| Summer at Census Scholar, Center for Economic Studies (CES)                         | 2017      |
| Dissertation Mentorship, CES  | 2009-2010 |
| <b>University of Virginia</b>   |           |
| Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Seminar Student, Teaching Resource Center | 2012      |
| Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences                  | 2010-2011 |
| Graduate Fellowship in Digital Humanities, Library Scholars' Lab                    | 2011      |
| Predoctoral Public Policy Fellowship, Bankard Fund for Political Economy            | 2009-2010 |
| Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Economics                                 | 2008      |
| Doris Buffett Fellowship, Center for Children, Families, and the Law                | 2008      |

## Professional Presentations

\* - Denotes scheduled presentation.

\*\* - Denotes canceled presentation.

**2024:** Clemson University, Department of Economics, Reunion Conference\*\*; George Washington University, Center for Rehabilitation Counseling Research and Education (CRCRE); NIDILRR VR-ROI Grant Advisory Committee

**2022:** Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop; Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Annual Summer Conference; Harvard University, Kennedy School / Department of Economics, Seminar in Environmental Economics and Policy

**2021:** National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Summer Institute Environmental & Energy Economics (EEE) Workshop; London School of Economics (LSE) / Imperial College London Workshop in Environmental Economics; AERE Annual Summer Conference

**2020:** North American Association of Sports Economists (NAASE) Virtual Conference; Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Annual Conference\*\*; Boston University, Department of Earth & Environment, PLACES Research & Data Workshop; Annual Meeting of the Midwest Economics Association (MEA)\*\*; Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC), Faculty Workshop; Monmouth University, Department of Economics, Finance, and Real Estate; Federal Communications Commission, Office of Economics and Analytics

**2019:** Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop; Advances with Field Experiments Conference; University of Chicago, Department of Economics, Experimental Brown Bag Seminar (x2)

**2018:** Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association (SEA)\*\*

**2017:** University of Chicago, Department of Economics, Experimental Brown Bag Seminar; Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (UEA); U.S. Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies (CES), Summer at Census Seminar; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Spring Research Fair\*\*; FSU/UF Critical Issues in Real Estate Symposium: Spatial Issues in Real Estate and Housing Markets

**2016:** Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI); Annual Federal Statistical Research Data Center (FSRDC) Research Conference; Florida State University, National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Collaboration Network (RCN), Sustainable Human-Building Ecosystems (SHBE) Workshop

**2015:** Florida State University, Libraries, Digital Scholarship Symposium; Florida State University, Department of Economics, Quant Workshop; Florida State University, Department of Economics, Regulation Workshop; Annual Atlanta Research Data Center (RDC) Research Conference

**2014:** Meeting of the UEA; Annual Meeting of the SEA; Florida State University, Department of Economics,

## Quant Workshop

**2013:** Florida State University, Department of Economics; Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Economics; U.S. Census Bureau, Social, Economic, and Housing Statistics, Division (SEHSD); Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac); Middle Tennessee State University, Department of Economics; Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA), Cost Analysis and Research Division (CARD) and Strategy, Forces and Resources Division (SFRD)

**2012:** University of Virginia, Department of Economics, Bankard Applied Microeconomics Workshop

**2011:** University of Virginia, Library Scholars' Lab, Digital Therapy Luncheon

**2010:** University of Virginia, Library Scholars' Lab, GIS Day Lightning Round Talk; University of Virginia, Library Scholars' Lab, Digital Therapy Luncheon; U.S. Census Bureau, CES, Dissertation Mentorship Seminar; University of Virginia, Curry School of Education, Education Policy Seminar

**2009:** University of Virginia, Department of Economics, Bankard Applied Microeconomics Workshop

## Teaching

### Class Instruction

**Graduate:** Data & Programming for Public Policy-Python (Harris), Machine Learning (Harris), Program Evaluation (Harris), Public Economics (FSU), Quantitative Analysis (Harris), Quantitative Doctoral Workshop (FSU)

**Undergraduate:** Econometrics (FSU), Public Finance (UChicago), Public Sector Economics (UVA, UChicago), State and Local Public Finance (FSU)

**Non-Degree:** Applied Econometrics (Harris)

### Advising

\* - Denotes committee chair.

#### Doctoral Dissertation Committee

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Kevin Willardsen (FSU Economics), Initial Placement: Wright State University (Economics) | 2017 |
| Erich Cromwell (FSU Economics), U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)      | 2015 |

#### Master's Thesis Committee

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Troy Zhu (UChicago MAPSS: QMSA)  | 2022 |
| Tianyu Zheng (UChicago MAPSS: Economics), UChicago Economics (Research Specialist) | 2019 |
| Spencer Wilkins (FSU Economics), Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)  | 2015 |

#### Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Naseef Azan* (FSU Economics and Political Science), USF M.A. in Economics Program   | 2016 |
| Danielle Parks (FSU Economics and International Affairs), UVA Ph.D. in Economics Program  | 2015 |
| Selected to present her thesis at the 11th Annual ACC Meeting of the Minds Conference and the 30th Anniversary National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) |      |

## Professional Activities

### External Service

#### Federal Statistical Research Data Centers

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Executive Board Member (Non-Voting), Florida Research Data Center (FLRDC) | 2020-Present |
| Review Board Member, Atlanta Research Data Center (ARDC)                  | 2015-2018    |

#### Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization (JEBO)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Guest Co-Editor, Special Issue ("The Economics of Charitable Giving") | 2021 |
|---|------|

#### American Economic Association (AEA)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| CSWEP Liaison, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) | 2014-2018 |
|---|-----------|

#### Journal Referee

|  |   |
|--|---|
| ○ European Journal of Health Economics | ○ Journal of Environmental Economics & Management |
|--|---|

- Journal of Housing Economics
- Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics
- Papers in Regional Science
- Transportation
- Journal of Political Economy
- Journal of Sports Economics
- Review of Industrial Organization

## University Service.....

### University of Chicago

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Co-Organizer, Science of Philanthropy Initiative (SPI) Conference   | 2019-Present |
| Presenter, Young Innovators Climate & Energy Program (YICES)  | 2023, 2025   |
| Instructor, Saudi Arabia Decision Support Center (SDC) Graduate Development Program (GDP)                                     | 2023         |
| Panelist, SPI Conference Panel ("Data Assets and Data Gaps: Reviewing the Field")   | 2022         |
| Moderator, Virtual SPI Seminar Series Panel ("Philanthropy to Save the World: Insights For and From Environmental Charities") | 2022         |
| Moderator, SPI Conference Panel ("Administrative and Survey Data")  | 2019         |

### Florida State University

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Faculty Advisor, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Gamma Eta Chapter    | 2014-2018  |
| Presenter, Undergraduate Economic Research Workshop ("Empirical Methodology") | 2015, 2016 |
| Faculty Advisor, Seminole Snow and Sport Club                                 | 2014       |

## Memberships.....

- American Economic Association (AEA)
- Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)
- Midwest Economics Association (MEA)
- North American Association of Sports Economists (NAASE)
- Urban Economics Association (UEA)
- American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA)
- Southern Economic Association (SEA)
- Regional Science Association International (RSAI)

## Additional Information

### Computing Skills.....

**Operating Systems:** Unix/Linux, Windows

**Software/Languages:** Fortran, OpenMP, Stata, Python, ArcGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

### Miscellaneous .....

**Security Clearance:** U.S. Census Bureau, Special Sworn Status

**IPUMS Mugs:** 1

**Lanterne Rouge Awards:** 1

**Last Updated:** June 3, 2025