

# Andrew J. Van Leuven

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| EDUCATION                                | Ph.D., Public Policy & Management<br>The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH<br>Graduate Minor: City & Regional Planning  | 2021  |
|  | M.A., Geography & Urban Studies<br>Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  | 2016  |
|  | B.S., Geography (emphasis in Urban & Regional Planning)<br>Brigham Young University, Provo, UT  | 2014  |
| ACADEMIC &<br>PROFESSIONAL<br>EXPERIENCE | Assistant Professor of Community and Rural Development<br>Department of Agricultural Economics<br>Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK<br>Appointment: Research 25%, Extension 75% | 2022–   |
|  | Co-Director, Oklahoma SBDC Data Center<br>Oklahoma Small Business Development Center  | 2022–   |
|  | Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Applied Social Sciences & MU Extension<br>College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources<br>University of Missouri, Columbia, MO                   | 2021  |
|  | Graduate Instructor & Teaching Assistant  | 2019–21   |
|  | Graduate Research Associate<br>John Glenn College of Public Affairs<br>Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  | 2016–20   |
|  | Transportation & Walkability Intern<br>Montgomery County Planning Commission, Norristown, PA  | 2015  |

## Publications and Research in Progress

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| PEER-<br>REVIEWED | <b>A. Van Leuven</b> , S. Low, and E. Hill, (2022). What Side of Town? How Proximity to Critical Survival Factors Affects Rural Business Longevity. (ACCEPTED at <i>Growth and Change</i> )   |
|                   | S. Low, M. Rahe, and <b>A. Van Leuven</b> , (2022). Has COVID-19 Made Rural Areas More Attractive Places to Live? Survey Evidence From Northwest Missouri. <i>Regional Science Policy and Practice</i> . doi:10.1111/rsp3.12543                             |
|                   | <b>A. Van Leuven</b> , (2022). Leveraging Main Street as a Real Estate Amenity: Downtown Revitalization and Residential Property Values. <i>Journal of Planning Education &amp; Research</i> . doi:10.1177/0739456X221082500                                |
|                   | <b>A. Van Leuven</b> , (2022). A Method for Defining Downtown Business District Boundaries in Pre-Automobile Towns and Cities. <i>Cityscape</i> . Vol. 25, No. 1. <a href="https://www.jstor.org/stable/48657957">https://www.jstor.org/stable/48657957</a> |
|                   | <b>A. Van Leuven</b> and E. Hill, (2021). Legacy Regions, Not Legacy Cities: Growth and Decline in City-Centered Regional Economies. <i>Journal of Urban Affairs</i> . doi:10.1080/07352166.2021.1990775  |

**A. Van Leuven**, (2021). The Impact of Main Street Revitalization on the Economic Vitality of Small-Town Business Districts. *Economic Development Quarterly*. doi:10.1177/08912424211038060

Y. Chun, S. Pierce, and **A. Van Leuven**, (2021). Are Foreclosure Spillover Effects Universal? Variation Over Space and Time. *Housing Policy Debate*. doi:10.1080/10511482.2021.1882533

WORKING  
PAPERS &  
IN PROGRESS

**A. Van Leuven** and T. Conroy. *The Economic Dynamism of Child Care Establishments in the United States*

B. Whitacre and **A. Van Leuven**. A ‘Significant Crisis and Financial Windfall’: The Proliferation of Medical Marijuana in Rural Oklahoma

B. Whitacre, C. Biedny, and **A. Van Leuven**. *Does Faster Broadband Mean Faster Growth for Rural Businesses?*

E. Hill, **A. Van Leuven**, and S. Low. *Regional and Local Economic Anchors: Not Just ‘Meds and Eds’*

S. Low, **A. Van Leuven**, M.C. White and R. Russell. *Labor Market Consequences of Increases in Rural Prime Age Mortality*.

**A. Van Leuven**. *Uncaptured Entrepreneurship: The Impact of Bank Branch Closure in the Rural United States*.

E. Hill, K. Kinahan, **A. Van Leuven**, and H. Wolman. *The Median-score: An Alternative to the Z-Score for Data that are Heavily Skewed*.

**Cooperative Extension & Outreach Experience**

CONFERENCES  
& WORKSHOPS      **Presentation to Associated Electric Cooperative Inc.**      APR. 2022  
*Entrepreneurship and Rural Economies*. Presented with Mallory Rahe and Steven Mukembo. Virtual.

**Creating Entrepreneurial Communities Conference**      SEP. 2021

Facilitator/Presenter: *Main Street and Downtown Revitalization: What Works and What to Avoid*. Location: Hannibal, MO.

EDUCATION &  
TRAINING      **OCES In-Service Training: Data Literacy for Rural Economies**      APR. 2022  
Objective: help Extension educators become familiar with sources and applications for using economic data in rural Oklahoma counties. Virtual.

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS      Southern Workforce Board (Atoka, OK)      AUG. 2022  
Johnston County Industrial Authority (Tishomingo, OK)      JUL. 2022  
Buffalo, OK Economic Development and Revitalization Committee      MAY 2022  
Marshall County Economic Development Authority (Madill, OK)      MAY 2022  
Town of Shattuck, OK – Hotel Feasibility Committee      APR. 2022

FACT SHEETS  
& REPORTS      M. White and **A. Van Leuven**, (Oct. 2021), [Population Change, 2010 to 2020](#), *MU Exceed Missouri Economy Indicators Series*, 2(16).

**A. Van Leuven**, (Sept. 2021), [Transportation and Logistics Infrastructure](#), *MU Exceed Missouri Economy Indicators Series*, 2(15).

H. McClure, **A. Van Leuven**, and S. Low, (Aug. 2021), [Transfer Payments to Individuals](#), *MU Exceed Missouri Economy Indicators Series*, 2(12).

## Grants and Awards

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| RESEARCH | <b>NIFA AFRI Education &amp; Workforce Development Grant</b> <span style="float: right;">2021</span><br>Applied for \$160,000 in competitive Federal funding for an extension and research project focused on rural downtown revitalization ( <i>not funded</i> ) |
|          | <b>The Ohio State University Graduate School</b> <span style="float: right;">2019</span><br>Granted \$3,000 from OSU Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship (AGGRS) to work on dissertation research   |
|          | <b>Fisher College of Business</b> <span style="float: right;">2019</span><br>Awarded \$3,500 stipend from the college's Center for Real Estate toward research project: <i>Leveraging Main Street as a Rural Real Estate Amenity</i>                              |
|          | <b>BYU Office of Research and Creative Activities</b> <span style="float: right;">2013</span><br>Granted \$1,500 toward research project: <i>"Missing Teeth: The Economic Impact of Holes in the Urban Fabric"</i>  |

## Presented Conference & Workshop Papers

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| 2022 | S. Low, M.C. White, <b>A. Van Leuven</b> , R. Russell, L. Dobis, D. McGranahan, " <i>Labor Market Impacts of Increasing Worker-age Mortality: a Mixed Methods Analysis</i> ." Selected paper presented at the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA. Aug. 2022.<br><br>B. Whitacre, C. Biedny, and <b>A. Van Leuven</b> , " <i>Rural Gigabits and Business Births</i> " Selected paper presented at the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA. Aug. 2022.  |
| 2021 | M. Rahe, S. Low, and <b>A. Van Leuven</b> , " <i>Living and Working in Rural Regions: Survey Perceptions During the COVID Pandemic</i> ." Selected paper presented at the North American Regional Science Council Annual Conference, Denver, CO, Nov. 2021.<br><br>S. Low, <b>A. Van Leuven</b> , M.C. White and R. Russell, " <i>Labor Market Consequences of Increases in Rural Prime Age Mortality</i> ." Selected paper presented at the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Conference, Denver, CO, Nov. 2021.<br><br><b>A. Van Leuven</b> , " <i>Spatially-Fixed Critical Location Factors as Determinants of Business Establishment Survival</i> ." Selected paper presented at the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (MCRSA) Annual Conference, Virtual, Jun. 2021.<br><br><b>A. Van Leuven</b> , " <i>The Impact of Main Street Revitalization on the Economic Vitality of Small-Town Business Districts</i> ." Selected paper presented at the Southern Regional Science Association Conference, Virtual, April 2021.<br><br><b>A. Van Leuven</b> , " <i>Leveraging Main Street as a Real Estate Amenity: Retail Corridor Revitalization and Residential Property Values</i> ." Selected poster presented at the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) Annual Meeting, Virtual, Jan. 2021 |
| 2020 | E. Hill and <b>A. Van Leuven</b> , " <i>Are They Better Off? Municipal Annexation and the Socioeconomic Well-Being of a City's Lowest-Income Residents</i> ." Selected paper presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Virtual, November 2020.  |

- 2019 **A. Van Leuven**, “*The Impact of Main Street Revitalization on Small-Town Business Districts.*” Invited paper presented at the Upjohn Institute & Chicago Federal Reserve Bank Research Workshop on Rural Economic Development, Kalamazoo, MI, Oct. 2019.
- A. Van Leuven**, “*Renovating Small-Town Central Business Districts: The Impact of Main Street Revitalization on Local Job Growth.*” Selected paper presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Greenville, SC, Oct. 2019.
- 2018 **A. Van Leuven**, “*The Post-Recession Resilience of Legacy Regions.*” Selected paper presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Buffalo, NY, Oct. 2018.
- A. Van Leuven** and E. Hill, “*Resilience in the Face of Chronic Distress: U.S. Metropolitan Areas After the Great Recession.*” Invited Paper presented at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta & Upjohn Institute Research Workshop, Atlanta, GA, May 2018.
- A. Van Leuven** and E. Hill, “*Rethinking the Legacy City: Regional Evidence Matters.*” Selected paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference (Toronto, ON, April 2018) and the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA) Conference (Philadelphia, PA, March 2018).
- 2017 **A. Van Leuven** and E. Hill, “*Regional Economic Resilience After the Great Recession: The Economic Performance of U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Areas.*” Selected paper presented at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference, Denver, CO, Oct. 2017.
- 2015 **A. Van Leuven**, “*Making a Case for Walkability: Separating the Factors that Affect Home Values in Commuter Rail Suburbs.*” Paper presented at the Middle States AAG Biennial Meeting, Binghamton, NY, Oct. 2015.
- A. Van Leuven**, “*Making a Case for Walkability: Separating the Factors that Affect Home Values in Commuter Rail Suburbs.*” Poster presented at the Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

## Media Appearances and Press

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- 2022 ***Southern Ag Today***  
Short article summarizing and linking to my work on downtown revitalization: “*In Historic Town Centers Beauty is More than Skin Deep.*” ([LINK](#))
- 2021 ***The Journalist’s Resource* at Harvard Kennedy School**  
Interviewed for article about my research: “*New research explores how Main Street revitalization programs affect job and business growth in rural communities.*” ([LINK](#))

## Teaching, Service, and Professional Affiliations

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| TEACHING<br>EXPERIENCE | <b>PUBAFRS 2110: Introduction to Public Affairs</b>     |                          |
|                        | <i>Instructor of Record</i>                             | <i>Spring 2021</i>       |
|                        | <i>Teaching Assistant</i>                               | <i>Fall 2020</i>         |
|                        | <b>PUBAFRS/CRPLAN 7531: Economic Development Policy</b> |                          |
|                        | <i>Co-Instructor &amp; Teaching Assistant</i>           | <i>Spring 2019, 2020</i> |

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| SERVICE AND<br>ACTIVITIES    | <b>Community Resource Development (CRD) Committee Rep.</b>   | <i>2022–</i>   |
|                              | <i>Southern Region Program Leadership Network</i>  |                |
|                              | <b>Hatch Multistate Research Project Member</b>  | <i>2022–</i>   |
|                              | Project NE2249: <i>Sustainable and Inclusive Rural Economic Development to Enhance Housing, Health, Entrepreneurship, and Equity</i> |                |
|                              | <b>Federal Grant Peer Review Panelist</b>  | <i>FY 2021</i> |
|                              | <i>USDA AFRI Rural and Economic Development Grant Program</i>  |                |
|                              | <b>Glenn College Doctoral Student Organization</b>   | <i>2016–21</i> |
|                              | <i>President (2018–19; Treasurer (2017–18)</i>   |                |
|                              | <b>Glenn College Research Colloquium Series Coordinator</b>  | <i>2019–20</i> |
| REFEREE<br>SERVICE           | <i>Growth and Change</i>   |                |
|                              | <i>Review of Regional Studies</i>  |                |
|                              | <i>Urban Affairs Review</i>  |                |
|                              | <i>Economic Development Quarterly</i>  |                |
|                              | <i>Journal of Rural &amp; Community Dev.</i>   |                |
|                              | <i>Academy of Management Annual Meeting</i>  |                |
|                              | <i>OSU Real Estate &amp; Housing Conference</i>  |                |
| PROFESSIONAL<br>AFFILIATIONS | Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA)  |                |
|                              | Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)   |                |
|                              | Community and Regional Economics Network (CRENET) of AAEA  |                |
|                              | Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (MCRSA)   |                |
|                              | North American Regional Science Council (NARSC)  |                |
|                              | Southern Region Extension Program Leadership Network (SR-PLN)  |                |
|                              | Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA)   |                |
| ADDITIONAL<br>TRAINING       | <b>Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)</b>   |                |
|                              | <i>Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research – Ann Arbor, MI (2019)</i>  |                |
|                              | COURSES: Multilevel Models I; Introduction to Python for Data Science  |                |

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