

Andrew J. Van Leuven

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EDUCATION	Ph.D., Public Policy & Management	2021
	Ohio State University, Columbus, OH Graduate Minor: City & Regional Planning	
	M.A., Geography & Urban Studies	2016
	Temple University, Philadelphia, PA	
ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	B.S., Geography (emphasis in Urban & Regional Planning)	2014
	Brigham Young University, Provo, UT	
	Assistant Professor of Community and Rural Development	2022–
	Department of Agricultural Economics Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK Appointment: Research 25%, Extension 75%	
	Director, Center for Oklahoma Small Business Research & Analysis	2023–
	Oklahoma Small Business Development Center	
	Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Applied Social Sciences & MU Extension	2021
	College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources University of Missouri, Columbia, MO	
	Graduate Instructor & Teaching Assistant	2019–21
	Graduate Research Associate	2016–20
	John Glenn College of Public Affairs Ohio State University, Columbus, OH	
	Transportation & Walkability Intern	2015
	Montgomery County Planning Commission, Norristown, PA	

Publications and Research

JOURNAL ARTICLES	9. A. Schaefer and A. Van Leuven , (2023). Quantifying the Rural Legal Desert Problem: Assessing Access to Justice and Legal Services in Marginalized Communities. (ACCEPTED at <i>South Dakota Law Review</i>)
	8. R. Taylor, A. Van Leuven , and S. Robinson, (2023). The Role of Community Capital in Rural Renewal. <i>Local Development & Society</i> . doi:10.1080/26883597.2023.2258453
	7. A. Van Leuven , S. Low, and E. Hill, (2022). What Side of Town? How Proximity to Critical Survival Factors Affects Rural Business Longevity. <i>Growth and Change</i> . doi:10.1111/grow.12652
	6. S. Low, M. Rahe, and A. Van Leuven , (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
	5. A. Van Leuven , (2022). Leveraging Main Street as a Real Estate Amenity: Downtown Revitalization and Residential Property Values. <i>Journal of Planning Education & Research</i> . doi:10.1177/0739456X221082500

	<p>4. A. Van Leuven, (2022). A Method for Defining Downtown Business District Boundaries in Pre-Automobile Towns and Cities. <i>Cityscape</i>. Vol. 25, No. 1. https://www.jstor.org/stable/48657957</p> <p>3. A. Van Leuven 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</p> <p>2. A. Van Leuven, (2021). The Impact of Main Street Revitalization on the Economic Vitality of Small-Town Business Districts. <i>Economic Development Quarterly</i>. doi:10.1177/08912424211038060</p> <p>1. Y. Chun, S. Pierce, and A. Van Leuven, (2021). Are Foreclosure Spillover Effects Universal? Variation Over Space and Time. <i>Housing Policy Debate</i>. doi:10.1080/10511482.2021.1882533</p>
BOOK CHAPTERS	A. Van Leuven , (2023). Central Business District. (ACCEPTED at <i>The Encyclopedia of Human Geography</i> , edited by Barney Warf)
REVISE AND RESUBMIT	<p>A. Van Leuven, D. Lambert, T. Conroy, and K. Conley. Do ‘Banking Deserts’ Even Exist? Examining Access to Brick-and-Mortar Financial Institutions in the Continental US. (REVISE & RESUBMIT at <i>Applied Geography</i>)</p> <p>C. Biedny, B. Whitacre, and A. Van Leuven. Do Gigabits Mean Business? “Ultra-Fast” Broadband Availability’s Effect on Business Births. (REVISE & RESUBMIT at <i>Information Economics and Policy</i>)</p>
UNDER REVIEW	<p>A. Van Leuven and T. Conroy. <i>Dynamics, Determinants, and Data Sources: A Spatial Examination of the Childcare Shortage</i></p> <p>A. Hagerman, A. Schaefer, F. Tsiboe, A. Van Leuven, A. Young, and Y. Zereyesus. <i>Mitigating Structural Inequities in U.S. Agricultural Risk Management</i></p> <p>T. Ochsner, L. Harvey, D. Bathke, S. Brasher, A. Brown, L. Bui, R. Crespo, M. Emery, T. Haigh, D. Hill, J. Hammack, N. Lam, S. Robinson, A. Van Leuven, P. Weckler, and F. Wood-Black. <i>A Call for Research and Capacity Building to Strengthen Rural Climate Resilience</i></p>
WORKING PAPERS & IN PROGRESS	<p>A. Van Leuven, E. Hill, and S. Low. <i>Regional and Local Economic Anchors: Not Just ‘Meds and Eds’</i></p> <p>A. Van Leuven, and A. Weinstein. <i>Neighborhood Quality of Life and the Role of the ‘Third Place’</i></p> <p>A. Van Leuven, K. Conley, T. Conroy, and D. Lambert. <i>Brick-and-Mortar Financial Institutions and Regional Borrowing: Do Branch Closures Leave Money on the Table?</i></p> <p>A. Van Leuven, C. Bir, and R. Biggs. <i>Community Determinants of Rural Veterinarian Longevity</i></p>
Funding & Grants	
EXTERNAL FUNDING	<p>NSF EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Grant 2023</p> <p>\$3,716,507 grant for 4-yr project <i>RURAL CONFLUENCE: Communities and Academic Partners Uniting to Drive Discovery and Build Capacity for Climate Resilience</i>. Co-PI, with researchers at OK State, U. of Nebraska, & LSU</p>

INTERNAL FUNDING	U.S. Small Business Administration Grant	2023
	\$500,000 congressional earmark grant for 2-yr project <i>Oklahoma Rural E-Commerce Academy</i> . Co-PI, with June Park	
	USDA ERS Resource & Rural Economics Division (RRED)	2023
	\$20,000 cooperative agreement for 2-yr project <i>Rural Bank Branch Closure</i> . Project lead, with Kelsey Conley (ERS Rural Economy Branch), Dayton Lambert, and Tessa Conroy	
	Center for Oklahoma Small Business Research and Analysis	2023
	\$34,787 grant to operate a research center providing market research and financial data to small business development advisors. PI.	
	Rural Renewal Initiative Research Seed Grant	2023
	\$90,000 grant for project <i>The Measured and Perceived Impact of Marijuana Production on Commerce on Rural Economies, Public Utilities, and Quality of Life</i> . Co-PI, with Brian Whitacre (project lead) et al.	
	Cotton, Inc. Research and Promotion Program	2022
	\$22,500 grant for project <i>The Economic Impact of the Cotton Industry in Oklahoma</i> . Project Lead, with P. Kenkel, D. Lambert, H. Shear, and J. Vitale	
	Oklahoma Small Business Development Center	2022
	\$59,358 grant to operate a research center providing market research and financial data to small business development advisors. Co-PI with Rodney Holcomb	
	OSU Extension Undergraduate Extension Scholars	2023
	\$2,000 grant for project <i>Strategic Planning for Rural Transit in Northern Oklahoma</i> with Cherokee Strip Transit, advising student Pat Kane	
	Ferguson College of Agriculture Undergraduate Research Scholars	2022
	\$2,000 grant for project <i>Factors Affecting Extreme Weather Event Recovery and Resilience Among Rural Communities and Agricultural Producers in Oklahoma</i> , advising student Tess Haddock with Co-PI Amy Hagerman	
	Ohio State University Graduate School	2019
	\$3,000 grant from OSU Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship (AGGRS) to work on dissertation research	
	OSU Center for Real Estate	2019
	\$3,500 grant stipend for project <i>Leveraging Main Street as a Rural Real Estate Amenity</i>	
	BYU Office of Research and Creative Activities	2013
	\$1,500 grant for project <i>“Missing Teeth: The Economic Impact of Holes in the Urban Fabric”</i>	

Cooperative Extension & Outreach

WORKSHOPS, TRAINING, & CONFERENCES	Workshop: <i>Econ. Development: The Role of County Officials</i> JUN. 2023 Training with county government practitioners on using publicly available data to understand the local or regional economy. Stillwater, OK.
	Webinar: <i>The Economics of Downtown Revitalization</i> APR. 2023 Presentation highlighting the value of downtown revitalization and why quantitative evaluation is important. Delivered through the University of Wisconsin Extension “ Lunch-n-Learn ” Series, Virtual.
	Workshop: <i>Community Development Data Literacy</i> DEC. 2022 Training on data basics: how to find and use secondary data, cautions and pitfalls, using data for decision-making. Ada, OK.
	Workshop: <i>Entrepreneurship and Rural Economies</i> APR. 2022 Presented to with Associated Electric Cooperative Inc., with Mallory Rahe and Steven Mukembo (U of Missouri Extension). Virtual.
	In-Service Training: <i>Data Literacy for Rural Economies</i> APR. 2022 Webinar to help Extension educators become familiar with sources and applications for using economic data in rural Oklahoma counties. Virtual.
	Conference: <i>Creating Entrepreneurial Communities</i> SEP. 2021 Facilitator/Presenter for session, <i>Main Street and Downtown Revitalization: What Works and What to Avoid</i> . Location: Hannibal, MO.
FACT SHEETS & REPORTS	A. Van Leuven , (Dec. 2023), <i>More than Ever, Rural Communities Need Strong Third Places to Build Social Capital</i> , Southern Ag Today, (LINK).
	H. Park and A. Van Leuven , (Aug. 2023), <i>Digital Retailing and Marketing: Tools for Rural Small Businesses Navigating the Digital Age</i> , OSU Extension Fact Sheet (AGEC-632).
	M. White and A. Van Leuven , (Jul. 2023), <i>Changes in Farm Employment, 1969 to 2021</i> , farmdoc daily, 13(130) .
	R. Zimmer, S. Hilburn, A. Van Leuven , and B. Whitacre, (Mar. 2023), <i>Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Oklahoma</i> , OSU AGECE Current Report (22009).
	A. Van Leuven , (Jan. 2023), <i>Participants in Community and Economic Development</i> , OSU Extension Fact Sheet (AGEC-950).
	N. Dethloff, A. Van Leuven , and C. Bir, (Oct. 2022), <i>Customer Service Basics for Agricultural Entrepreneurs</i> , OSU Extension Fact Sheet (AGEC-920).
	A. Van Leuven , (May 2022), <i>In Historic Town Centers Beauty is More than Skin Deep</i> , Southern Ag Today, (LINK).
	M. White and A. Van Leuven , (Oct. 2021), <i>Population Change, 2010 to 2020</i> , MU Exceed Missouri Economy Indicators Series, 2(16) .
	A. Van Leuven , (Sep. 2021), <i>Transportation and Logistics Infrastructure</i> , MU Exceed Missouri Economy Indicators Series, 2(15) .
	H. McClure, A. Van Leuven , and S. Low, (Aug. 2021), <i>Transfer Payments to Individuals</i> , MU Exceed Missouri Economy Indicators Series, 2(12) .

A. Van Leuven, E. Hill, and S. Low, “*Redefining Local Economic Anchors: Not Just Eds and Meds.*” Selected paper at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Chicago. Oct. 2023.

A. Schaefer and **A. Van Leuven**, “*Quantifying the Rural Legal Desert Problem: Assessing Access to Justice and Legal Services.*” Invited paper at the South Dakota Law Review Symposium on Rural Lawyers, Vermillion, SD. Sep. 2023.

A. Van Leuven, K. Conley, T. Conroy, and D. Lambert, “*Do ‘Banking Deserts’ Even Exist? Brick-and-Mortar Lending Access in the Continental US.*” Selected paper at Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Wash. DC. Jul. 2023.

A. Van Leuven, “*Do ‘Banking Deserts’ Even Exist? Examining Access to Brick-and-Mortar Lending Institutions in the Continental United States.*” Invited seminar at University of Arkansas Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Fayetteville, AR, Jul. 2023.

A. Van Leuven, R. Taylor, and S. Robinson, “*The Role of Community Capital in Rural Renewal.*” Invited seminar at Iowa State University Community and Economic Development Extension and Outreach, Ames, IA, Jun. 2023.

A. Hagerman, A. Schaefer, F. Tsiboe, **A. Van Leuven**, A. Young, and Y. Zereyesus, “*Mitigating Structural Inequities in U.S. Agricultural Risk Management.*” Selected paper at the AAEA Conference on Economics of Inequity in Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Systems, Minneapolis, May 2023.

A. Van Leuven, K. Conley, T. Conroy, and D. Lambert, “*Locational Determinants of Lending Deserts in the Rural United States.*” Selected paper at Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, Apr. 2023.

A. Van Leuven, “*Measuring the Economics of Downtown Revitalization: Putting Some ‘Oomph’ Behind the Numbers.*” Invited workshop at Main Street Now Annual Conference, Boston, Mar. 2023.

A. Hagerman, A. Schaefer, **A. Van Leuven**, Y. Zereyesus, F. Tsiboe, A. Young, “*Factors Affecting Crop Insurance Use Among Underserved Farmers.*” Selected paper at Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, OKC, Feb. 2023.

C. Bir and **A. Van Leuven**, “*Community Determinants of Rural Veterinarian Longevity.*” Selected paper at Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, Feb. 2023.

2022

B. Whitacre and **A. Van Leuven**, “*A ‘Significant Crisis and Financial Windfall’: The Proliferation of Medical Marijuana in Rural Oklahoma.*” Selected paper at North American Regional Science Council Annual Conference, Montreal, QC, Nov. 2022.

A. Van Leuven and T. Conroy, “*The Economic Dynamism of Child Care Establishments in the United States.*” Selected paper at North American Regional Science Council Annual Conference, Montreal, QC, Nov. 2022.

A. Van Leuven, “*The Economic Value of Placemaking in Rural Oklahoma.*” Invited talk at the Rural Renewal Symposium, Stillwater, OK, Oct. 2022.

A. Van Leuven, “*Quantifying the Impact of Main Street Revitalization.*” Invited talk at Chicago Federal Reserve Bank & Upjohn Institute Conference on Rural Economic Development, Grand Rapids, MI, Oct. 2022.

S. Low, M.C. White, **A. Van Leuven**, and R. Russell, “*Labor Market Impacts of Increasing Worker-age Mortality: a Mixed Methods Analysis.*” Selected paper at Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA. Aug. 2022.

- B. Whitacre, C. Biedny, and **A. Van Leuven**, “*Rural Gigabits and Business Births*” Selected paper at Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA. Aug. 2022.
- 2021 M. Rahe, S. Low, and **A. Van Leuven**, “*Living and Working in Rural Regions: Survey Perceptions During the COVID Pandemic.*” Selected paper at North American Regional Science Council Annual Conference, Denver, CO, Nov. 2021.
- S. Low, **A. Van Leuven**, M.C. White and R. Russell, “*Labor Market Consequences of Increases in Rural Prime Age Mortality.*” Selected paper at North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Conference, Denver, CO, Nov. 2021.
- A. Van Leuven**, “*Spatially-Fixed Critical Location Factors as Determinants of Business Establishment Survival.*” Selected paper at Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (MCRSA) Annual Conference, Virtual, Jun. 2021.
- A. Van Leuven**, “*The Impact of Main Street Revitalization on the Economic Vitality of Small-Town Business Districts.*” Selected paper at Southern Regional Science Association Conference, Virtual, Apr. 2021.
- A. Van Leuven**, “*Leveraging Main Street as a Real Estate Amenity: Retail Corridor Revitalization and Residential Property Values.*” Selected poster at American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) Annual Meeting, Virtual, Jan. 2021.
- 2020 E. Hill and **A. Van Leuven**, “*Are They Better Off? Municipal Annexation and the Socioeconomic Well-Being of a City’s Lowest-Income Residents.*” Selected paper at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, Virtual, Nov. 2020.
- 2019 **A. Van Leuven**, “*The Impact of Main Street Revitalization on Small-Town Business Districts.*” Invited paper at 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 at 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 at 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 at 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 at Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference (Toronto, Apr. 2018) and the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA) Conference (Philadelphia, Mar. 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 at 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 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 Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Apr. 2015.

Service, Media, and Professional Affiliations

ADVISING & MENTORSHIP	Graduate Student Advising (*indicates thesis/dissertation chair)	
	Tess Haddock (M.S.)*	<i>Expected 2025</i>
	Bosede Ogunbamise (M.S.)*	<i>Expected 2024</i>
	Emily Norris (M.Ag.)*	<i>Expected 2024</i>
	Sheriff Hassan (M.S.)	<i>Expected 2024</i>
	Sidany Hilburn (M.S.)	<i>Expected 2024</i>
	Katie Welch (Ph.D.)	<i>Expected 2024</i>
	Alicia Young (M.S.)	<i>2023</i>
	Undergraduate Student Mentorship	
	<i>Tess Haddock</i> – Collaboration on research poster presentation and fact sheet (2022–23)	
	<i>Pat Kane</i> – Collaboration on Extension project and fact sheet (2023)	
SERVICE TO PROFESSION & COMMUNITY	Hatch Multistate Research Project NE-2249	<i>2022–</i>
	<i>President-Elect (2023–24)</i>	
	<i>Project Title:</i> “Sustainable and Inclusive Rural Economic Development to Enhance Housing, Health, Entrepreneurship, and Equity”	
	Southern Region Program Leadership Network	<i>2022–</i>
	<i>Community Resource Development (CRD) Committee Representative</i>	
	Federal Grant Peer Review Panelist	<i>2021, 2022</i>
	<i>USDA AFRI Rural and Economic Development Grant Program</i>	
	Glenn College Doctoral Student Organization	<i>2016–21</i>
PEER REVIEW & EDITING	<i>President (2018–19); Treasurer (2017–18)</i>	
	Glenn College Research Colloquium Series Coordinator	<i>2019–20</i>
	City of Stillwater, Oklahoma Planning Commissioner	<i>2023–</i>
	Journals Refereed	
	<i>Agricultural Finance Review; Economic Development Quarterly; Growth and Change; Journal of Rural & Community Development; Journal of Urban Affairs; Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences; Review of Regional Studies (x2); Southeastern Geographer; Telematics and Informatics; Urban Affairs Review (x2)</i>	
	Editorial Board	<i>2023–</i>
	Member of the editorial board for <i>Reaching Regions</i> , the outreach journal of the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC)	
	Conference/Symposium Abstract Review	
	Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Conference (x3)	
	Academy of Management Annual Meeting (x2)	
	Oklahoma State University Rural Renewal Symposium	
	Ohio State University Real Estate & Housing Conference (x2)	

CONFERENCE	Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Conference (x2)	
ABSTRACT	Academy of Management Annual Meeting (x2)	
REVIEW	Oklahoma State University Rural Renewal Symposium	
	Ohio State University Real Estate & Housing Conference	
MEDIA & PRESS	<i>Michigan Farm News</i>	2023
	Quotes and visuals pulled from farmdoc fact sheet with M.C. White: “ <i>Great Lakes region ‘farm employment’ down 19,000 since 1969.</i> ” (LINK)	
	<i>The Journalist’s Resource at Harvard Kennedy School</i>	2021
	Interviewed for article about my research: “ <i>New research explores how Main Street revitalization programs affect job and business growth in rural communities.</i> ” (LINK)	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) 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)	
Technical Skills, Certifications, & Additional Training		
TECHNICAL SKILLS & LANGUAGES	<i>Basic Knowledge:</i> Python, Stata, Tableau, Adobe Creative Suite, IMPLAN <i>Intermediate/Advanced Knowledge:</i> R, ArcGIS, Excel, LaTeX, Data Visualization <i>Languages:</i> English (Native), Spanish (Fluent)	
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) <i>Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research – Ann Arbor, MI (2019)</i> COURSES: Multilevel Models I; Introduction to Python for Data Science	