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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Economics, Claremont Graduate University (CGU), January 2002

AB Applied Mathematics, U.C. Berkeley, August 1996

AB Economics, U.C. Berkeley, August 1996

**FIELDS**

Research: Spatial Econometrics, Education Finance, Peer Effects, Police Militarization

Teaching: Public Economics, Economics of Sports, Microeconomics

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Alcohol Consumption by Youth: Peers, Parents, or Prices?” with Aliaksandr Amialchuk and Kevin Egan (2016) *Economics and Human Biology*, Volume 23: 76–83 ([journal link](#))

“The Spillover Effect of Ethnic Heterogeneity on Per-Pupil Expenditures,” (2016) *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*, forthcoming

“The Spillover Effect of Race on Police Expenditures: An Alternative Test of the Minority Threat Hypothesis” (2015), *The Review of Black Political Economy*, Volume 43(1): 21–34 ([journal link](#))

“The Militarization of Local Law Enforcement: Is Race a Factor?”(2015) *Applied Economics Letters*, Volume 22(13): 1089–1093 ([journal link](#))

“Identifying Peer Effects using Spatial Analysis: The Role of Peers on Risky Sexual Behavior” (2015), *Review of Economics of the Household*, Volume 13(3): 635–652 ([journal link](#))

“Uncovering Peer Effects Mechanisms with Weight Outcomes using Spatial Econometrics” with Aliaksandr Amialchuk, Wei Xiong, and Xinyue Ye (2014), *The Social Science Journal*, Vol. 51 (4): 645–651 ([journal link](#))

“Do White NBA Players Suffer from Reverse Discrimination?” (2014), *Economics Bulletin*, Vol. 34(1): 558-566 ([journal link](#); [Wonkblog post](#))

“Estimating the Spillover Effects of School District Demographics on Per-Pupil Spending” (2013) *Journal of Education Finance*, Volume 39(2): 101–114 ([journal link](#))

“Did the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Cause Subsidized Worker Substitution?” (2012) *Economic Development Quarterly*, Volume 26(3): 231–237 ([journal link](#))

“Ethnic Fragmentation and Police Spending” with John A. Smith, (2011) *Applied Economics Letters* Volume 18 (4): 329–332 ([journal link](#))

“The Impact of Ethnic Fragmentation on Education Spending: A Spatial Analysis of United States School Districts” (2011) *The Review of Urban and Regional Development Studies*, Volume 23(1): 66–76 ([journal link](#))

“Can Marriage Reduce Risky Behavior for African-Americans?” with Mir Ali, (2011) *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* Volume 32 (2): 191–203 ([journal link](#))

“Risky Sex Behavior and African-American Youth” with Mir Ali, (2011) *Journal of Health Behavior and Public Health*, Volume 1(1): 30–40

“Occupational Mobility, Race, and Gender: Is There Still an Occupational Segregation Story?” with Kristen Keith, (2011) *Pennsylvania Economic Review* Volume 18 (1): 60–77

“Elderly Ethnic Fragmentation and Support for Local Public Education” (2009), *Public Finance Review* Volume 37 (2): 217–230 ([journal link](#))

“The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Poverty: Analyzing the Dimensions by Race and Immigration” (2008), *The Review of Black Political Economy* Volume 35 (4): 117–127 ([journal link](#))

“Econometric Issues and Education Finance” (2006), *The Review of Regional Studies* Volume 36 (2): 192–204 ([journal link](#))

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Anti-Poverty Policy: The Role of Individualist and Structuralist Perspectives” (with William Darity Jr., Leslie Wallace, and Mary Lopez) *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Poverty* ed. Philip N. Jefferson

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Impact of the Luxury Tax on Competitive Balance in Major League Baseball” (with Josh Hendrickson) *International Association of Sports Economics Conference Paper #0517* ([link](#))

## **GRANTS RECEIVED**

Title: “The Role of Peer Civic Engagement during High School on Adult Political Participation,”  
Granting Agency: The Spencer Foundation (*New Civics Initiative*)  
Amount: \$16,198  
Duration: One year

## **CONSULTING PROJECTS**

*Local Economic Impact of the Medical Mutual Glass City Marathon* ([link](#))

*Toledo-Lucas County Merchant Study*, Urban Affairs Center, Toledo, OH. ([link](#))

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“The Longitudinal Effects of Inequality on the Political Participation of Young People of Color”  
Paper presented at 3<sup>rd</sup> annual NEA-ASHE Freedom and Justice Conference (Washington, D.C.), August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

“State Political Climate and Police Militarization” Paper presented at NEA-ASHE Freedom and Justice Conference (Washington, D.C.), August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ([CSPAN video link](#)); Paper presented at Society for Government Economists Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C.), May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

“The Role of Peer Civic Engagement during High School on Adult Political Participation,” Paper presented at Southern Regional Science Conference (Washington, D.C.), March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016; Paper presented at Regional Science Association International Conference (Portland, OR), November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015; Paper presented at Southern Regional Science Conference (San Antonio, TX) March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

“Does the Acquisition of Military Surplus increase Use of Force Incidents by Police?” Paper presented at Eastern Economic Association Conference (Washington, D.C.), February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

“Ethnic Differences in the Influence of Peers on Weight Outcomes,” Paper presented at Midwest Economics Association Conference (Minneapolis, MN), March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

“Uncovering Ethnic Disparities in Peer Effects and Healthy Eating using Spatial Analysis,” Paper presented at Add Health Users Conference (Bethesda, MD), June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

“Adolescent Peer Groups and Citizenship: A Longitudinal Study of Place” Paper presented at Place, (Dis)place, and Citizenship Conference (Detroit, MI) March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

“Do White NBA Players Suffer from Reverse Discrimination?” Paper presented at 2014 ASSA Meeting (Philadelphia, PA) January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

“Understanding the Role of Adolescent Social Networks and Neighborhood Peer Effects on Obesogenic Behaviors and Weight Outcomes using Spatial Analysis” Paper presented and 7<sup>th</sup> World Conference of the Spatial Econometrics Association Conference (Washington, D.C.) July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

“Peer Effects and Risky Sexual Behavior among African-American Adolescents” Paper presented at Population Association of America Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA), April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013; Paper presented at Midwest Economic Association Meeting (Columbus, OH), March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013; Paper presented at Add Health Users Conference (Bethesda, MD), July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012; Paper presented at Second Wave Conference (Columbus, OH), June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012;

“Estimating the Spillover Effects of School District Characteristics on Per-Pupil Spending” Paper presented at Midwest Economic Association (Chicago, IL), March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

#### **SELECTED INVITED SEMINARS AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

“An Inquiry into the Militarization of Local Law Enforcement” Presented at Western Michigan University Department of Economics Research Seminar (Kalamazoo, MI) February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

“Spatial Analysis of Peer Effects and African-American Achievement” Presented at the Sojourner Truth and Africana Studies Brown Bag Seminar Series (Toledo, OH) September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

“Uncovering Ethnic Disparities in Weight-Related Behavior using Spatial Analysis” Paper presented at Center for Family and Demographic Research 2013 Spring Speaker Series (Bowling Green, OH), January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

#### **FELLOWSHIPS AND WORKSHOPS**

2014 Interdisciplinary Research Initiation Program (University of Toledo)

2012 Research Award (University of Toledo)

2008 Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics Fellow (Three year fellowship)

2006 Summer Research Award and Fellowship (University of Toledo)

2004 National Poverty Center Workshop on Analyzing Poverty (University of Michigan)

2004 Summer Research Award and Fellowship (University of Toledo)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### *Undergraduate Curriculum*

Public Finance (Taught at Graduate Level)  
Advanced Microeconomics (Taught at Graduate Level)  
Mathematical Economics (Taught at Graduate Level)  
Economics of Sports  
Intermediate Microeconomics  
Managerial Economics (Taught at Business School)  
Principles of Microeconomics  
Principles of Macroeconomics  
Introduction to Economic Issues

### *Courses taught as Distance Learning (fully online):*

Economics of Sports, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Introduction to Economic Issues

### *Course taught in Inverted Format (flipped classroom model):*

Introduction to Economic Issues

## **PH.D. DISSERTATION ADVISING**

Michael Chohaney. Title: "Establishment Size Distribution and Economic Growth in U.S. Metropolitan Areas" (Spatially Integrated Social Sciences Program)

James Harter, 2015. Title: "The Impact of Unfunded Tuition Discounting on School Budgets" (Department of Education)

## **MASTER'S THESIS ADVISING**

Chelsea Bloom, 2015. Title: "The Mechanism of Social Network Spread of Alcohol Consumption" (Committee Member)

Noah Gillespie, 2010. Title: "Regional Growth in the United States: A Spatial Study of Convergence Comparing Real GSP per capita and the Human Development Index" (Committee Chair)

## **HONORS THESIS ADVISING**

Brad Weddelman, 2014. Title: "Is the 2014 Farm Bill a Step in the Right Direction? A Study of the Subsidized Crop Insurance in the United States"

Nicholas Dillon, 2014. Title: "The Influences Necessary to Help Americans to Save For Retirement"

Jason X. Saunders, 2010. Title: "Are We Helping the Right People? A Study of the Uninsured and U.S. Health Insurance Reform"

Noah Gillespie, 2009. Title: "Seeking More Socially Just Approaches to "Development" in the Global South: Transforming the Failure of the Past into the Promise of the Present"

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

August 2009 - **Associate Professor** – *University of Toledo*. Toledo, OH  
Present

August 2003 – **Assistant Professor** – *University of Toledo*. Toledo, OH.  
August 2009

2001 – 2003 **Lecturer** – *California State University, Fullerton*. Fullerton, CA. Taught principles courses in the School of Business. Developed courses for the Economics department.

#### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

2010 – Present, **Chair, Curriculum and Assessment Committee** – *U. Toledo*. Toledo, OH. Developed  
2003 – 2006 assessment program for graduating Economic majors. Oversaw the review of courses to the Department curriculum. Developed and administered new Assessment Program for the Economics Department

Fall 2015 – **Member, University Assessment Committee** – *U. Toledo*. Toledo, OH.  
Present Faculty Senate General Education Representative for the Social Sciences.

Fall 2012 - **Member, University Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Research** – *U.*  
Spring 2015 Toledo. Toledo, OH – Evaluated undergraduate research projects and gave recommendations on funding. Gave recommendations on designation of courses as research intensive.

2013 – Present **Faculty Research Associate** – *U. Toledo Urban Affairs Center*. Toledo, OH. Initiated  
2003 – 2004 project that calculated the economic impact of spending on local merchants in Toledo.

Spring 2014 **Member, Disability Studies Search Committee**, - *U. Toledo*. Toledo, OH – Served on interdisciplinary committee to hire Assistant Professor in Disability Studies Department

Various years **Member, Economics Department Personnel Committee** – *U. Toledo*. Toledo, OH.

Spring 2009 - **Undergraduate Advisor, Economics Department** – *U. Toledo*. Toledo, OH.  
Spring 2010

#### **NATIONAL MEDIA APPEARANCES**

##### **Interviewed on Air (Television/Radio)**

- KCRW (NPR affiliate) – “Press Play” with Madeleine Brand, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ([link](#))
- PBS – “The News Hour with Jim Lehrer” with Ray Suarez, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 ([link](#))

##### **Featured in Articles**

- “What a Fake ‘Viral’ Story Tells Us About How We View Young African-American Men” *Storyline* (guest blog), August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ([link](#))
- “LeBron’s return to Cleveland is about more than Basketball: It’s About Saving the Midwest” *Washington Post - PostEverything* (guest blog), July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ([link](#))
- “Sports Oligopolies and the Economics of Getting Rid of Donald Sterling” *Washington Post - Wonkblong* (guest blog), April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ([link](#))

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Member, *American Economic Association, National Economic Association, Southern Regional Science Association, Midwest Economic Association, Southern Economic Association*

Reviewer for *Southern Economic Journal, Contemporary Economic Policy, Review of Economics of the Household, Economic Development Quarterly, Review of Black Political Economy, Applied Economics, Papers in Regional Science, Journal of Black Studies, Economics Bulletin*

## COMPUTER SKILLS

Statistical Packages: Stata, Matlab

## REFERENCES

Dr. Michael Dowd, *Chair*, Department of Economics, University of Toledo, [mdowd@utoledo.edu](mailto:mdowd@utoledo.edu),

Dr. James Lesage, *Jerry D. and Linda Gregg Fields Endowed Chair of Urban and Regional Economics*, Texas State University, San Marcos, [james.lesage@txstate.edu](mailto:james.lesage@txstate.edu) ,

Dr. William Darity Jr., *Arts & Sciences Professor of Public Policy, Professor of African and African-American Studies and Economics and Chair, Department of African and African American Studies, Director, Research Network on Racial and Ethnic Inequality*, Duke University, [william.darity@duke.edu](mailto:william.darity@duke.edu)

Dr. Gary Hoover, *Professor of Economics and William White McDonald Family Distinguished Faculty Fellow and Assistant Dean for Faculty and Graduate Student Development*, Department of Economics, Finance, and Legal Studies, University of Alabama, [ghoover@culverhouse.ua.edu](mailto:ghoover@culverhouse.ua.edu)

Dr. Cecilia Conrad, *Director of MacArthur Fellows Program*, MacArthur Foundation, [Cconrad@ScrippsCollege.edu](mailto:Cconrad@ScrippsCollege.edu),