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Where Sabbatical Will Be Spent

TBD; possibly at Universidad Icesi, Cali, Colombia

Proposed Sabbatical Activities

1. I have accumulated a long list of scholarly articles and books to read, and need an extended continuous block of time to synthesize the information.
2. I have at least two large projects that require an extended continuous block of time—they are both theory projects. One is urban unhappiness theory; the other one is aggressive class theory. This is a major addition in my research activity—so far I have been focused on quantitative empirical research.
3. I may spend at least a portion of my sabbatical at Universidad Icesi, Cali, Colombia. I have been discussing joint research projects with Lina Martinez. Lina also focuses on urban quality of life and subjective wellbeing. And she directs a research institute, POLIS (observatory of public policies), that has conducted a large scale survey covering neighborhoods of Cali. CalIBRANDO data contains happiness items. We are planning to explore happiness in the urban context and combine our knowledge. We are both in public policy and focus on urban quality of life and subjective wellbeing, we share a geographic angle (urban-rural gradient; neighborhoods/localities), and we use survey data.
4. I am excited to mentor our new PhD, Ebshey, who focuses on happiness, and we already began working on several projects—during the sabbatical I plan to hold weekly or bi-weekly zoom meetings to bring the ideas discussed so far to fruition.

Contribution to Rutgers

I used to be productive as evidenced by consistently publishing in highly ranked journals so far, and I continue to be productive—I have about ten articles at two stages of publication process—either submitted to a journal, or requiring revision. Sabbatical's extended continuous block of time is critical for maintaining this productivity. Publications benefit our campus and are critical in maintaining R2 status.

Measurement of contribution

Citations are typically used to measure research productivity (caveats acknowledged: ideally one should compare within discipline or even sub-discipline). As of 24 Dec 2021 I am the most cited person in our department, by a wide margin, I have 35 percent more citations this year than the second most cited person, Paul Jargowsky (304 v 226): https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=pz9RYloAAAAJ&view_op=list_works&sortby=pubdate and <https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=qoaedQOAAAAJ>