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## EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Public Policy, Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey, Camden, 2018-??

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey, Camden, 2012-18

Research Scientist at Texas Schools Project (2010-11) and Clinical Assistant Professor, UT-Dallas, 2010-12

## EDUCATION

Post-doctoral Fellow, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, 2008-10

PhD Public Policy and Political Economy, The University of Texas at Dallas, 2008

## CURRENT/WORKING PAPERS (click text for PDF)

Colombia: Unlivable but Happy. Fool's Paradise?

Happy Colombia, Unhappy Bogota

## MAJOR PUBLICATIONS (all on google scholar; AOK=Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn; click text for PDF)

2024 Urban Regrets (Unhappy Metros: Satisfaction With Life Scale (SWLS)) Heliyon

2023 Magdy Zaki E, AOK, Valente RR Subjective Well-being and Urbanization in Egypt Cities

AOK, Everett B, Magdy Zaki E, Happiness is In The Air if It Grows (Growing Places are Happier than Shrinking ones) Urban Affairs Review

2022 Unhappy Metros: Panel Evidence Applied Research in Quality of Life

AOK, Valente R, Misanthropolis: Do Cities Promote Misanthropy? Cities

2021 AOK, Valente R, Urban unhappiness is common Cities

AOK, Morawski L, A similar effect of volunteering and pensions on subjective wellbeing of elderly Economics and Sociology

2020 Valente R, AOK, Religiosity and Trust: Evidence from the United States Review of Religious Research

AOK, Valente R, The Perennial Dissatisfaction of Urban Upbringing Cities

AOK, Morawski L, Effect of volunteering and pensions on subjective wellbeing of elderly—are there cross-country differences? Applied Research in Quality of Life

2019 Are we happier among our own race? Economics and Sociology

AOK, Altman M, The Energy Paradox: Energy Use And Happiness Applied Research in Quality of Life

2018 AOK, Valente R, No Urban Malaise for Millennials Regional Studies

2017 AOK, Valente R, Livability and Subjective Wellbeing Across European Cities Applied Research in Quality of Life

Strzelecka M, AOK, Is tourism conducive to residents' social trust? Evidence from large-scale surveys. Tourism Review

AOK, Valente R, Life Satisfaction of Career Women and Housewives Applied Research in Quality of Life

AOK, Valente R, City Life: Glorification, Desire, and the Unconscious Size Fetish, ed. by I Kapoor, in Psychoanalysis and the Global, University of Nebraska Press

AOK, Golden L, Happiness is flextime Applied Research in Quality of Life

2016 AOK, Strzelecka M, Happy Tourists, Unhappy Locals Social Indicators Research

Happiness Research for Public Policy and Administration transforming Government: People, Process and Policy

Unhappy Metropolis (When American City Is Too Big) Cities

AOK, Mazelis J M, More Unequal in Income, More Unequal in Wellebing Social Indicators Research

AOK, Mazelis J M, Urbanism and Happiness: A Test of Wirth's Theory of Urban Life Urban Studies

2015 Freedom and Life Satisfaction in Transition Society and Economy

AOK, Nash T, Tursi N O, Luxury Car Owners Are Not Happier Than Frugal Car Owners International Review of Economics

The More Religiosity, the Less Creativity Across US Counties Business Creativity & the Creative Economy

Income Inequality and Wellbeing Applied Research in Quality of Life

Happiness and Place: Cities v Nature. Why Life is Better Outside of the City? Palgrave Macmillan

2014 AOK, Holmes IV O, Avery D R, The Subjective Well-Being Political Paradox: Happy Welfare States and Unhappy Liberals Journal of Applied Psychology

Winners and Losers in Transition: Preferences For Redistribution and Nostalgia For Communism In Eastern Europe Kyklos

'Freedom From' and 'Freedom To' across countries Social Indicators Research

Natural Sprawl Administration & Society (Disputatio Sine Fine section) (section of the journal reviewed by editor only)

2013 Cluttered Writing: Adjectives and Adverbs in Academia Scientometrics

City Life: Rankings (Livability) vs Perceptions (Satisfaction) Social Indicators Research

2012 Does Religious Diversity Make Us Unhappy? Mental Health, Religion & Culture

Income and Well-being across European Provinces Social Indicators Research

2011 Berry B J L, AOK, An Urban-Rural Happiness Gradient Urban Geography

Geography of European Life Satisfaction Social Indicators Research

# Europeans Work To Live and Americans Live To Work (Who is Happy to Work More: Americans or Europeans?)

Journal of Happiness Studies

2010 Religiosity and Life Satisfaction Across Nations Mental Health, Religion & Culture

2009 Berry B J L, AOK, Dissatisfaction with City Life: A New Look at Some Old Questions Cities

## MOST FREQUENT RECENT CONFERENCES

LASA (Latin American Studies Association) 2024

AAG (American Association of Geographers): 2015, 2016, 2017, covid19,

ISQOLS (International Society for Quality of Life Studies): 2015, 2017, 2018, covid19, 2023

ERSA (European Regional Science Association): 2015, 2017, 2018, covid19, 2023

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

190k PLN (~\$50k) PI "The effect of social transfers and social capital on happiness of elderly." Vistula University, Warsaw Poland, Polish National Science Foundation (Narodowe Centrum Nauki NCN) 2016/21/B/HS4/0305 ....2017-2019

## TEACHING

GIS for data science <https://theaok.github.io/gisPy/> ..... 2023-present

Data Processing (data management for data science) <https://theaok.github.io/datManPy> ..... 2023-present

Data Visualization <https://theaok.github.io/vis> ..... 2023-present

Coping with Extremes: Ecological resilience & human well-being [innovative class co-taught with biology dept] 2019

Community & WellBeing (Happiness and Place) ..... 2018-present

Independent/Directed Study [starting in 23 counts shown]: fa23, sp24 x2, fa24

..... 2014-present

Data Management ..... 2016-present

GIS for Public Sector/Urban mapping ..... 2012-present

Quantitative Methods 2 ..... 2013-2017, 2024-present

Research Methods ..... 2012-present

Introduction to Regional and Economic Development ..... 2012-2014

Quantitative Methods 1 ..... 2012-2013

## SERVICE

Reviewed papers (approx once/2wks; frequently in bold; "top journals" underlined; starting in 2022: last 2 digits of year of review shown):

- <informal/for a colleague> [24]

- Acta Sociologica
- Applied Economics [23,23]
- Applied Research in Quality of Life [23,23,23,24,24,24,24]
- Basic and Applied Social Psychology [22]
- BMJ Open
- British Journal of Political Science
- **Cities** [22,23,23,23,23,23,24,24,24,24]
- City, Culture and Society
- City, Territory and Architecture [24]
- Cogent Arts & Humanities [23]
- Cognition and Emotion
- Communications Psychology [23]
- Ecological Economics [24]
- Environment and Planning A
- Economics and Politics
- European Journal of Social Psychology
- European Journal of Political Economy [23,23,24]
- European Societies
- European Urban and Regional Studies [22,22]
- Frontiers in Psychology [23]
- Humanities and Social Sciences Communications [23,23,23,24]
- Heliyon [23,24]
- International Journal of Comparative Sociology [23,24]
- International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health
- International Journal of Psychology
- International Journal of Social Economics [22]
- International Journal of Wellbeing
- International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice, Consultation
- International Sociology
- Journal of Comparative Economics
- Journal of Contemporary Religion
- Journal of Economic Growth
- Journal of Economic Psychology
- Journal of Economic and Social Geography
- Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
- Journal of Religion and Health
- Journal of Regional Science
- Journal of Happiness Studies [22,23]
- Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs
- Journal of Public Policy [23,23]
- Journal of the American Planning Association
- Journal of Urbanism
- Land Use Policy [23,24,24]

- Mental Health, Religion and Culture
- Nature Communications [24]
- Open Psychology Journal
- Quality of Life Research
- Papers in Regional Science [22,22]
- PLOS ONE [22]
- Political Behavior [22]
- PNAS Nexus [24]
- Problems of Post-Communism [22]
- Psychology of Religion and Spirituality
- Regional Studies [22,22]
- Review of Political Economy
- Routledge (book publisher) [22]
- Rural Sociology [22]
- **Social Indicators Research** [22,22,23,23,23,23,24,24]
- Urban Geography
- Urban Studies
- Urban Affairs Review
- Science of the Total Environment
- Scienze Regionali Italian Journal of Regional Science
- Scientometrics [22,22]
- Semestre Economico (Universidad de Medellín) [22]
- Social Forces
- Social Psychological and Personality Science
- Social Science And Medicine [24]
- Social Science Research [23]
- Social Sciences & Humanities Open [23]
- Sociological Spectrum
- Sociology of Religion
- Sustainability
- Sustainable Cities and Society
- The Lancet Planetary Health
- Third World Quarterly [22,23]
- Wellbeing, Space & Society [22]

Reviewed books for:

- Routledge [22]
- Cambridge U Pr [23]

Served on editorial boards:

- Social Indicators Research: Associate Editor / Co-Editor 24-??
- Political Behavior 19-22

Reviewed grant proposals:

- Polish National Science Foundation (NCN)

- Israel Science Foundation (ISF)

Supervised dissertations for [year of graduation, first job]:

- Michael D'Italia ??
- Douglas N Zacher ??
- Shibin Yan ??
- Aditi Manke [21, Virginia Tech] PDF
- Shourjya Deb [20, sipri] PDF

Served on dissertation committees:

- Daniel Assamah [??]
- Monty Sanders [??]
- Brian Everett [??]
- Yanan Li [stopped serving just before the proposal in 2023]
- Kate Cruz [22]
- Charles Ian Hugh Forsyth (University of Otago NZ) [22]
- Straso Jovanovski [19]
- Spencer Clayton [18]
- Rasheda Weaver [17]
- Chris Wheeler [17]

Served on master thesis committees:

- Ethan Aaronson (crim) [20]
- Rachel Wagner (psy) [20]

Affiliate scholar:

- Australian Centre on Quality of Life (2016-??)
- CURE: Center for Urban Research and Education, Rutgers-Camden (2012-18)
- EHERO: Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organization, Erasmus, the Netherlands (2013-16)
- Vistula University, Warsaw, Poland (2015-18)

## OTHER SERVICE/BUREAUCRACY:

At Rutgers-Camden served on the following departmental committees:

- Strategic Planning ..... 2019-20
- Awards/Events, member ..... 2012-13, 2019-20, 2023
- Awards/Events, chair ..... 2013-16, 2021-22; 2023-24
- PR/Website, member ..... 2012-13
- PR/Website, chair ..... 2014-16
- PhD, member ..... 2014-21
- Methods Qualifying Exam, member ..... 2012-21

At Rutgers-Camden served on the following campus-wide committees:

- Advancement and Promotions (A&P), member ..... 2018-19
- Advancement and Promotions (A&P), member/ad hoc chair ..... 2020-23
- Faculty Life, chair ..... 2019-22
- Faculty Life, member ..... 2014-15

At Rutgers-Camden led creation and maintainance of data science lab and MS in data science and associated certificate programs .....	2018-22
At Rutgers-Camden led Brown Bag Seminars .....	2018-19; 2023-24