

Our Faculty



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Areas of research:

Latinx immigrant family wellbeing
Immigration policy
Health disparities
Intervention research
Social policies



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Areas of research:

Agricultural production economics
Food and agricultural policy
Technology adoption



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Areas of research:

Water resource economics
Non-point source pollution control
Conservation technology adoption
Non-market valuation



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Population Health
Health Disparities
Vaccination Uptake, Hesitancy, and Policy
Social Capital
Place- and Network-based
Community Research Methods



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Areas of research:

Crime
Health
Labor
Housing
Social and racial inequality



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Areas of research:

Public Finance
Survey methodology



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Water and Environmental Economics
Water Policy
Climate Change
Regional Cooperation
Cooperative Game Theory
Economics of Extension



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Areas of research:

Institutional design for
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Experimental design in policy
Science ethics and validity



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Areas of research:

Political economy
Local politics
Interest group behavior



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Areas of research:

Data Science
Geocomputation
Technology, Policy and Society;
Urban and Environmental Planning
Public Health
Transportation
Human Environmental Interaction
Remote Sensing
Data Quality, Error and Uncertainty



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Areas of research:

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Climate adaptation
Natural disaster management
Public finance
Visual aesthetics in urban planning



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Spatial data science
Housing
Spatial inequality

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Areas of research:

Cancer survivorship
Health disparities
Health law and policy



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Areas of research:

Effects of public policies on economic opportunity and efficient social mobility, with emphasis on estimating the benefits and costs of those policies



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Health disparities
Social determinants of health
Stigma and mental health



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Environmental and Water Resource Economics
Agricultural Economics
Applied Econometrics



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Class and Income Inequality
Political Geography
Urban Politics and Policy
Research Methods



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Areas of research:

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Housing policy
Computational social science
Political economy
Interest group behavior



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Areas of research:

Crime
Criminal Justice
Deviance
Gender & Sexuality
Urban spaces
Organizations
Sex Work



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Water / Environmental / Agricultural Economics and Policy
Alternative Policy Instruments for Pollution Control
Salinity and Drainage Management and Policy
Nonmarket Valuation



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Areas of research:

Immigration, race/ethnicity, gender, and urban labor market
Entrepreneurship and community and regional development
Mobility and transnational migration of the highly-skilled
Higher education as knowledge-production industry



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Areas of research:

Spatial optimization
Spatial statistics
Spatial data uncertainty
Quantitative methods
Geographic Information Science
Transportation
Public health
Natural resource management
Environmental planning