

ARDC Newsletter

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A report of activities of the Atlanta Research Data Center

Welcome Tulane University!

On January 1, 2018, Tulane University (located in New Orleans, LA) became the latest member of the Atlanta RDC. The Atlanta RDC now has members spanning five states! Tulane University is a private, nonsectarian research university in New Orleans. It is considered the top university and most selective institution of higher education in the state of Louisiana.



James Gaboardi (Florida State) Awarded CES Dissertation Mentorship



James' research (joint with David Folch, Ph.D., Geography, FSU) is entitled, "A Polygon-Based Approach to Spatial Network Allocation: Optimal Facility Location Modeling and Network Analysis." The project is expected to improve the utility of Census data by developing a novel method, PolyPop2Net or PP2N (Population Polygons to Networks), for allocating populations to networks utilizing restricted 2010 Decennial microdata and the restricted 2010 Master Address File as the benchmark truth. Publicly available data will then be used to develop a synthetic population data approach. This research will benefit the Census Bureau

under Criterion 3, Title 13, Chapter 5 by increasing the utility of Census Bureau data for analyzing public programs, public policy, and/or demographic, economic, or social conditions.

CES assists doctoral candidates who are actively engaged in dissertation research in economics, sociology, demography, or a related field using Census Bureau microdata at a Research Data Center. One or more CES staff economists are assigned as mentors and advise the participant. Awardees also visit CES where they meet with staff economists and present research in progress. More information about the program is available online [here](#).

Moving to Opportunity (MTO) Data Available in the RDCs

MTO is a unique random assignment research effort designed to help very low-income families with children living in public housing or Section 8 project-based housing in extremely poor neighborhoods relocate to "opportunity neighborhoods" for greater self-sufficiency and improved individual and family well-being. The MTO demonstration ran in five large cities -- Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York -- between September 1994 and August 1998. A total of 4,608 families enrolled in the MTO demonstration. The records are PIK'd so they can be linked to other Census Data. More information is available online [here](#).

Approved and Active Projects

See the ARDC web site (<http://atlantardc.org>) for information and links for writing proposals. The list below reflects only those projects that are active, or are approved but not yet started.

University of Tennessee-Knoxville:

"Imputing Small Area Sample Weights for Public Use Microdata: Increasing the Geographic Scope of the PUMS"

Nicholas Nagle, Kevin Krivacsy; and Barbara Buttenfield and Stefan Leyke (U of CO)

"Contextual Effects of Community Characteristics on Health Care Behaviors among Older Foreign-born Individuals"

Sunha Choi

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:

"The Role of Social Capital in Labor Markets, Migration, and Survey Response"

Julie Hotchkiss, Anil Rupasingha (USDA); Tom Qu and Kalee Burns (GSU)

"Wage Rigidity and the Cross-Sectional Stock Returns"

Bin Wei, Lei Fang; Vivian Yue (Emory), Tom Qu (GSU)

"Business Cycles and the Behavior of Constrained and Unconstrained Firms"

Patrick Higgins and Tao Zha; Kaiji Chen, Anne Hannusch, and Tong Xu (Emory)

University of Georgia:

"The Impact of Health Insurance Coverage on the Labor Supply of Welfare Recipients"

Vincent Pohl

"LEHD Infrastructure Project"

Ian Schmutte and others at Cornell University

"Employee Risk Tolerance and Corporate Decisions"

Jack He, Tao Shu, Xiao Ren; Lei Li (University of Kansas)

"Home Equity Lending and Small Business: Relaxing Constraints in Texas"

Ian Schmutte, William Lastrapes, and Thor Watson

"Cyclical Changes in Patient Satisfaction and Prescription Drug Demand"

Kimberly D. Groover, Meghan Skira, W. David Bradford, and Vincent Pohl

"Volunteering and Community Context"

Rebecca Nesbit; Laurie Paarlberg (Texas A&M)

University of Alabama:

"Disability Insurance and Employment Decisions"

Susan Chen; Tanya Byker, John Bound, Peter Hudomiet, Ann Rodgers, Bryan Stuart,

Desmond Toohey (University of Michigan); and Angela VanDerwerken (University of Albany)

Georgia State University:

- "Racial Preference in Real Estate Transactions and Its Impacts on Neighborhood"
Vincent Yao; Geng Li (Federal Reserve Board of Governors), Danielle Sandler (Census)
- "The Effect of Medical Marijuana Laws on Prescription Drugs"
Pelin Ozluk and Charles Courtemanche
- "Consequence of Earnings Nonresponse in CPS"
Barry Hirsch; Chris Bollinger, Charles Hokayem, Jim Ziliak (U of KY)
- "An Econometric Framework for Causal Analysis of Obesity Policy Alternatives"
Charles Courtemanche
- "Estimating Long-run Determinants of Social, Demographic, and Economic Characteristics" by
Spencer Banzhaf, Melissa Banzhaf (Census), Martha Bailey (U of Michigan), Janet Currie
(Princeton), and W. Reed Walker (UC – Berkeley)
- "Identifying Agglomeration Spillovers: New Evidence from Large Plant Openings"
Carlianne Patrick and Mark Partridge (Ohio State U)
- "Do Big Box Grocers Improve Food Security?"
Charles Courtemanche
- "The Effect of Regulating Meals and Gifts to Prescribers"
J. Dustin Tracy
- "Did the Great Recession 'Great Recession of 2008-2009' Modify the Health Status of US
Adults?" Charles Courtemanche, Jaesang Sung, and Doug Roblin
- "Impacts of the Affordable Care Act on Health Care Utilization"
Charles Courtemanche, James Marton, Pelin Ozluk; Benjamin Ukert (Univ. of PA)
- "The Effect of the Affordable Care Act on High-Risk Tobacco Users" Michael Pesko and Marc
Sleiman

Georgia Institute of Technology:

- "Organizations in the Digital Economy: Information Technology Use, Complementary
Investments, and Their Impacts on Firm Outcomes"
Patricia Angle; Kristina McElheran (U of Toronto); Chris Forman (Cornell), Lynn Riggs
(Baylor), Naomi Hausman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem); Robert Bray (Northwestern);
and Mercedes Delgado (Temple University)
- "Searching, matching, and the transfer of information in international trade relationships" Seung
hoon Lee, Tongyang Yang; Jackie M. L. Chan (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Florida State University:

- "Improving the Connection Between the Spatial and the Survey Sciences"
David Folch, James Gaboardi; Nicholas Nagle and Parmanand Sinha (UT-Knoxville); and Seth
Spielman (U of CO), Chris Fowler (Penn State)
- "Should My Car Move or Should I? A Model of Residential and Commuting Choices"

Christopher Clapp

“A Polygon-Based Approach to Spatial Network Allocation: Optimal Facility Location Modeling and Network Analysis” James Gaboardi and David Folch

Emory University:

“Assess the Effect of Indoor Tanning on Melanoma”

Yang Liu

“The Roles of Health Condition, Health Behaviors and Socioeconomic Factors in Racial Disparities in Sepsis”

Jordan Kempker, Greg Martin, Michael Kramer, and Lance Waller

“The Impact of Pain Management Drugs after Joint Replacement on Health Costs and Outcomes”

Kenneth Thorpe and Peter Joski

“Understanding Medicaid Coverage Discontinuity”

Xu Ji, Janet Cummings, Benjamin Druss, and Adam Wilk

“The Affordable Care Act and Health Care and Outcomes Among Cancer Patients and Survivors”

Xuesong Han

Other:

“Top-coded Earnings”

Zhiqi Zhao and Chungsang Tom Lam (Clemson University)



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