



NARSC NEWS



Welcome from the Executive Director



Hello everyone, and welcome to the December NARSC Newsletter.

The 72nd North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, sponsored by the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), took place in Denver last month. It was wonderful to return and connect with so many friends and colleagues, especially the large number of first-time attendees and young scholars.

The success of the meeting relies on our dedicated group of volunteers. A special thank you to Elham Erfanian and Caleb Stair for their continued, outstanding support for NARSC and myself. As many regular attendees know, they are essential to the conference, handling everything from ensuring projectors are working and coffee breaks are ready, to year-round tasks like printing name tags, editing documents, and managing countless details.

We also thank Neil Reid, who not only delivered a great Presidential Address on beer but also served as this year's Program Chair, a role that proved to be significant. We missed our Federal friends who were unable to attend, as well as others affected by airline cancellations.

Thank you to Dawn Thilmany and Matt McFadden, who stored our equipment (projectors and other conference items) throughout the year and delivered them to the hotel on time. This approach to storing equipment near the conference site saves significant shipping and rental costs.

I also want to thank our regional organizations—WRSA, SRSA, MCRSA, CRSA, and NERSA—for their year-round assistance.

Finally, we are grateful to our sponsors: IMPLAN, REMI, and the WV Regional Research Institute. A special thank you to Edward Elger Publishing for providing excellent books for our student award winners.

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As 2025 draws to a close, we are actively planning for the 2026 conference. We will provide location information as soon as the final contract is signed. We are continuously looking for ways to advance Regional Science; please consider joining one of our organizations as a leader. This offers exposure to new colleagues and provides a valuable opportunity to help direct the future of Regional Science. Please also remember that NARSC is a 501(c)(3) organization, and we encourage you to consider making a donation.

Another way you can directly support NARSC is by staying at the host hotel during the conference. NARSC contracts for a set number of rooms, and meeting these obligations is vital for the future of our organization.

Congratulations to Janet Kohlhase, who will serve as the NARSC President for 2026, and to Christina Miller and Brian Whitacre, who were elected to the NARSC Council. I look forward to working with them. Neil Reid will once again be the Program Chair, so please start thinking about your presentation for 2026 and organizing special sessions.

John Sporing
NARSC Executive Director

Words from the Editor



I am delighted to present the December 2025 issue of the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Newsletter. I was unable to join everyone for the 72nd North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International in Denver this year, due to the U.S. government shutdown. So, the process of creating the Newsletter was particularly rewarding, as I got to learn about all the accomplishments of our NARSC members and organizations over the past year.

This issue starts with news from NARSC, which highlights Neil Reid's 2025 Presidential Address and new leadership within the NARSC Council. The Denver meetings also feature prominently in the membership section, where members honored throughout the year are featured. Next is news from our parent association, the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), and our subregional associations. The publishing in regional science section follows, which focuses on the progress and goals of several journals, as well as some upcoming changes. There are also calls for submissions to special issues of *Reaching Regions* and the *Review of Regional Studies*. Finally, issue ends with the calls for applicants for the Stevens Fellowship and abstracts for upcoming meetings.

As always, please contact me at newsletter@narsc.org or at my USDA email if you have any suggestions for upcoming issues or would like to contribute to the newsletter. See you in Denver next year!

Liz Dobis
Newsletter Editor

NARSC News

NARSC Presidential Address

It was a tremendous honor to serve as the 2025 NARSC President and deliver the Presidential Address at our annual conference in Denver, Colorado. My talk, titled **“Rebels, Renegades, and Revolutionaries: The New Geography of the American Brewing Industry,”** explored the dramatic transformation of beer production in the United States.

By 1981, the five largest brewing companies in the United States controlled 75.9% of the domestic beer market. Their success stemmed largely from producing massive quantities of beer that matched the preferences of the average American drinker. This beer was the bland-tasting American Pale Lager, brewed in just a few dozen facilities nationwide. Because all major breweries focused on the same style, it became increasingly difficult for consumers to distinguish one mass-produced Lager from another.

For a small segment of beer enthusiasts, this uniformity left a bad taste—literally and figuratively. To them, American beer had grown bland, boring, and predictable. Seeking something more exciting, some began brewing their own beer at home. Starting in the late 1970s, homebrewing clubs sprang up across the country. These hobbyists experimented beyond traditional Lagers, crafting Brown Ales, India Pale Ales, Stouts, and Porters. These clubs became vital incubators for the emerging craft beer movement, serving as spaces where brewers shared tacit knowledge, refined techniques, and expanded their skills.

While most homebrewers were content to keep brewing as a hobby, a small number took the leap into commercial brewing. Today, roughly 90% of craft brewery founders began as homebrewers—a testament to the pivotal role these early enthusiasts played in reshaping America’s beer landscape.

Today, the United States is home to more than 9,700 craft breweries (Figure 1). The surge in craft beer’s popularity has been largely fueled by the millennial generation. Its appeal rests on two key factors.

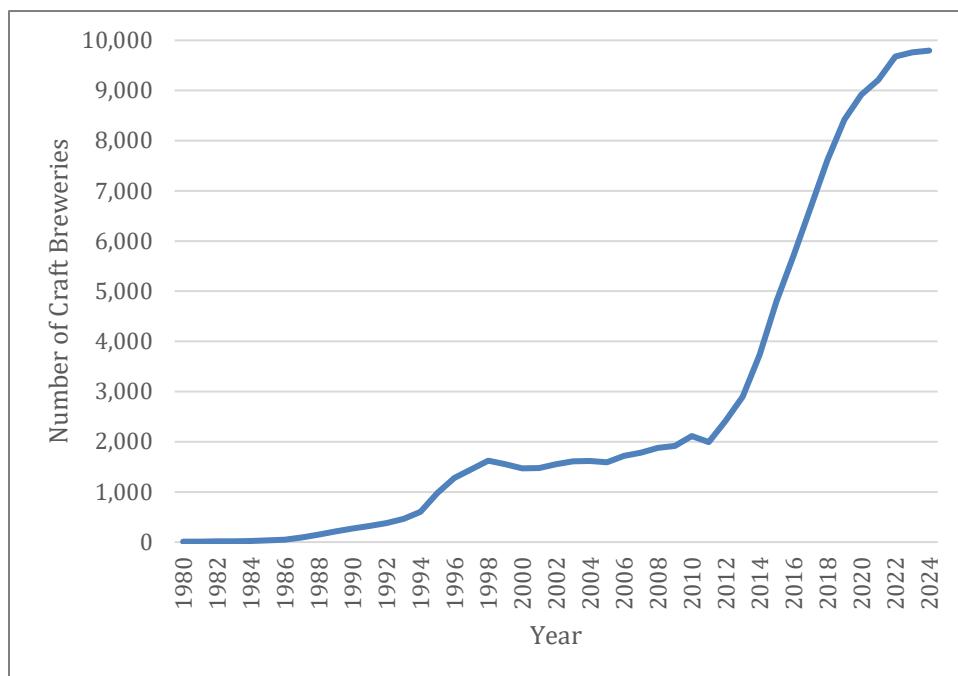


Figure 1: Number of Craft Breweries in the United States 1980-2014



Figure 2: Beer Menu at Yellow Springs Brewery in Yellow Springs, OH

First, craft breweries offer diversity. While beer falls into two main categories—Lager and Ale—there are over 120 recognized styles and substyles. Although no single brewery produces all of them, a typical craft brewery will feature up to a dozen different styles at any given time (Figure 2). Beyond style, craft beer also varies in strength. Whereas most mass-produced lagers hover around 4.5% ABV (Alcohol by Volume), craft beers range anywhere from 3.5% to as high as 13%.

Second, craft breweries are predominantly locally owned. This local focus aligns with the broader neolocalism movement, where consumers increasingly favor supporting independent, community-based producers over large corporations.

As locally owned businesses, craft breweries are deeply embedded within their communities, often positioning themselves as neighborhood “Third Places”—informal gathering spots that foster social interaction. Many breweries extend this role by hosting activities such as yoga classes, book clubs, and serving as meeting points for local running and cycling groups (Strohacker et al., 2021).

Recognizing their role as community hubs, some of my research—conducted in collaboration with Isabelle Nilsson of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte—has explored the impact of craft breweries on neighborhood real estate values. Focusing on properties within a half-mile radius (a walkable distance) of a brewery, we employed hedonic pricing models and a difference-in-difference approach using Charlotte as a case study. Our findings revealed that the opening of a craft brewery in the city center was associated with a 9.8% increase in single-family home values and a 3.2% increase in condominium values (Nilsson and Reid, 2019).

In a subsequent study, we analyzed text-based data from residential real estate listings in Charlotte to determine whether craft breweries were marketed as neighborhood amenities. The results confirmed this trend. Homes that mentioned proximity to craft breweries were typically located in historic, walkable neighborhoods rich in amenities such as coffee shops and restaurants. These listings frequently highlighted breweries alongside other local attractions as selling points. The homes themselves were often renovated bungalows featuring a blend of modern updates and original architectural elements.

The story of American brewing is one of reinvention—a shift from homogenization to diversity, from corporate dominance to local entrepreneurship, and from predictable products to bold innovation. Craft breweries have not only transformed the beer industry but have also reshaped communities, creating spaces that foster social connection and even influence neighborhood real estate markets. This

evolution underscores a broader cultural movement toward authenticity, locality, and experiential consumption. As Regional Scientists, understanding these dynamics offers valuable insights into how industries, places, and people interact to create vibrant, resilient communities.

Neil Reid
University of Toledo

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Meet your new NARSC President: Janet Kohlhase



The role of the President goes to a distinguished regional scientist. The next NARSC President is Janet Kohlhase. Dr. Kohlhase is a Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Houston. Her research focuses on urban and regional economics, including studies of how household formation impacts housing demand, on the economic impacts of hazardous waste sites measured through housing changes, on the impact of transportation cost changes, and on how decentralization of employment has impacted urban economies. Dr. Kohlhase's education includes a B.A. in Economics from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Regional Science from the University of Pennsylvania.

Throughout her career, Dr. Kohlhase has been an active member of the regional science community. In addition to her new role as NARSC President, she is currently a Board Member for the Western Regional Science Association (WRSA) and Treasurer of the Urban Economics Association. Dr. Kohlhase has served as Council Member and Treasurer for the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) and was elected as the incoming RSAI President for 2027-28. She also served as President of WRSA and as both a Member and Chair of the NARSC Council. She was awarded the Boyce Award for Distinguished Service to Regional Science (2011), was a Shell Interdisciplinary Scholar (1997-2002), and was appointed a Fellow of the RSAI in 2018.

Dr. Kohlhase is Editor of the *Annals of Regional Science*, Associate Editor of the *Journal of Regional Science*, and has served on the Editorial Boards of *Papers in Regional Science*, *Annals of Regional Science*, and *Global Challenges & Regional Science*. She also served on the committees for several prominent regional science awards, including the Alonso Prize, Stevens Fellowship, NARSC Student Paper Award, Springer Award, Tiebout Award.

Please welcome Janet as our new NARSC President!

Meet your new NARSC Chair: Christa Court



Christa Court is an Assistant Professor of Regional Economics at the University of Florida (UF). Her research and extension program focus on regional economic modeling and integrated modeling of human and natural systems. Dr. Court is the Director of the Economic Impact Analysis Program, which conducts regional economic analyses for funded research projects, industry organizations, and government agencies, analyzing a wide range of activities and industries including agriculture, forestry, fisheries, education, and health care. She also leads work related to disaster impact analysis for agriculture, natural resource, and food industries.

Dr. Court is Co-executive Director and Secretary of the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA) and is serving as a Councilor-at-Large for NARSC. She holds a M.S. and a Ph.D. in Economics from West Virginia University and is an affiliate faculty member with Florida Sea Grant, UF School of Natural Resources and Environment, the UF Water Institute, the Regional Research Institute at West Virginia University, and the University of the Westfjords in Ísafjörður, Iceland.

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Meet your new NARSC Councilor: Cristina Miller



Cristina Miller is a Research Economist in the Innovation Center at USDA Rural Development. She is also a Research Fellow with the IZA – Institute of Labor Economics and GLO – Global Labor Organization. Dr. Miller's research focuses on rural health and development. She is President of the Society of Government Economists in Washington, DC and Chair of the NARSC Community Engagement Committee. She also serves as part of the Editorial Boards for the *Journal of Rural Health*, *Review of Regional Studies*, and the *Journal of Agromedicine*.

Dr. Miller received her Ph.D. and an M.A. in Economics from the University of Illinois at Chicago, an M.S. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Birmingham (UK). She earned her Bachelor of Business

Administration in Economics and Marketing from Baylor University and was a Fulbright scholar in Germany.

Meet your new NARSC Councilor: Brian Whitacre



Economics Network.

Brian Whitacre is a Professor and Jean & Patsy Neustadt Chair in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University. His main area of interest is rural economic development, with a focus on the role that technology can play. Dr. Whitacre has published over 80 peer-reviewed journal articles, with most exploring the relationship between Internet access and rural development. He has developed innovative outreach programs that help small towns benefit from the Internet, winning several awards for his work from organizations such as the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) and the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP). Dr. Whitacre has also won regional and national awards for his research and teaching and served as Chair of the AAEA Community and Regional

Dr. Whitacre earned B.S. degrees in mathematics and economics from the University of Mary Washington in 1998. He went on to study agricultural economics at Virginia Tech, earning an M.S. in 2003 and a Ph.D. in 2005. He has been at Oklahoma State University since 2006.

Member Accomplishments

Philip McCann and Dan Rickman receive the 2025 Isard Award

The Walter Isard Award for Scholarly Achievement pays tribute to regional scientists who have made significant theoretical and methodological contributions to the field of Regional Science throughout their careers. This year, we are lucky to have two winners of the Isard Award.

The first winner of the 2025 Walter Isard Award for Scholarly Achievement is Dr. Philip McCann. Dr. McCann is the Sir Terry Leahy Chair of Urban and Regional Economics at The Productivity Institute in the University of Manchester's Alliance Manchester Business School. He is among the most influential regional scientists and economic geographers globally. Over more than 30 years, he has authored over 140 peer-reviewed articles, six monographs, 12 edited volumes, and 75 book chapters, with works translated into multiple languages. His co-authored 2012 paper in the *Journal of Regional Science* is the most cited in the journal's history, reshaping debates on spatial inequality and regional policy.

Dr. McCann ranks top worldwide in Regional Policy and holds leading positions in Urban Studies and Economic Geography, with over 31,000 citations and an H-index of 75. He has edited major journals and book series, participated in 76 Regional Science Association International (RSAI) conferences, and earned eight international awards, including the European Regional Science Association's (ERSA)



Philip McCann

European Prize. Beyond research, he has supervised more than 30 Ph.D. students globally and influenced policy for the European Union, United Kingdom, and New Zealand. His work bridges academic rigor and practical policy impact like few others.

The second winner of the 2025 Walter Isard Award for Scholarly Achievement is Dr. Dan Rickman. Dr. Rickman is a Regents Professor in the Department of Economics at Oklahoma State University. He is a leading figure in regional science whose work combines theoretical rigor with practical policy relevance. He has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles in top regional science and economics journals, earning over 8,000 citations. His research spans the topics of migration, regional growth, unemployment, rural poverty, and place-based policy, influencing both academic thought and policy modeling.

Rickman has served as President of NARSC and the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA), is a Fellow of RSAI and SRSA, and has received the David Boyce Award for Distinguished Service to Regional Science. He has also provided editorial leadership for major journals and boards, cementing his role as a scholar and leader in regional science.

NARSC is pleased to award the **2025 Walter Isard Award** for Scholarly Achievement to Drs. Philip McCann and Dan Rickman.



Dan Rickman

Eleni Bardaka receives the 2025 Hewings Award



Pictured left to right: Neil Reid and Eleni Bardaka

The Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Award recognizes distinguished contributions to Regional Science research by scholars who have recently completed doctoral studies. **The winner of the 2025 Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Award is Dr. Eleni Bardaka.** Dr. Bardaka is an Associate Professor in the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering at North Carolina State University. She is recognized for innovative, interdisciplinary research at the intersection of transportation, regional science, and econometrics. Her work on causal spatial spillover effects and transportation impacts has advanced theory and informed policy globally. She leads a \$1.8M National Science Foundation (NSF) project on AI-driven micro-transportation systems, demonstrating creativity and policy relevance.

Dr. Bardaka has published in top journals, mentored numerous graduate students, and provided significant professional service through editorial roles, conference leadership, and diversity initiatives, exemplifying scholarly excellence and commitment to the regional science community.

NARSC is pleased to award the **2025 Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Award** to Dr. Eleni Bardaka.

Christa Court receives the 2025 Boyce Award



Pictured left to right: Neil Reid and Christa Court

The David Boyce Award for Service to Regional Science acknowledges the service contributions of members to Regional Science organizations. **The winner of the 2025 David Boyce Award for Service to Regional Science Dr. Christa Court.** Dr. Court is an Associate Professor in the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida (UF) and Director of the UF/IFAS Economic Impact Analysis Program. She is honored for nearly two decades of leadership and service to regional science. She has advanced the discipline through active roles in NARSC and SRSA, mentoring early-career scholars, organizing sessions, and guest-editing special issues.

At UF, she has built a nationally recognized program for economic impact and disaster-response modeling, producing influential reports for federal and state agencies. Her efforts have strengthened ties between regional science and policy institutions like the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), while raising the field's visibility and fostering collaboration across academia and practice.

NARSC is pleased to award the **2025 David Boyce Award for Service to Regional Science** to Dr. Christa Court.

Sandy Dall'Erba receives the 2025 Stough Award

The Roger R. Stough Outstanding Mentor Award recognizes regional scientists who have been exceptional mentors to students, junior faculty members, and underrepresented populations and communities over a lifelong career. **The winner of the 2025 Roger Stough Outstanding Mentor Award is Dr. Sandy Dall'Erba.** Dr. Dall'Erba is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the Director of the Center for Climate, Regional, Environmental And Trade Economics (CREATE). He is honored for exceptional mentorship of graduate students and junior faculty. He fosters collaborative research, co-authoring numerous publications with students, and provides guidance in interdisciplinary methods, curriculum development, and policy applications. His mentees have advanced to careers in academia, government, and industry.

Beyond individual advising, he builds a supportive research community through weekly group meetings, wellbeing initiatives, and advocacy for students' success. His commitment to both professional development and personal wellbeing exemplifies outstanding mentorship in regional science.

NARSC is pleased to award the **2025 Roger R. Stough Outstanding Mentor Award** to Dr. Sandy Dall'Erba.



Pictured left to right: Neil Reid and Sandy Dall'Erba

Thomas Gifford receives the Inaugural Weiler Award



Pictured left to right: Thomas Gifford and Tessa Conroy

This year the inaugural Stephan Weiler Award for Research Excellence in Regional and Rural Development was awarded. This award recognizes outstanding research presented in the Regional/Rural Development sessions of the NARSC conference, particularly focusing on early-career scholars. Awardees have produced research with high potential for impact: novel or unique questions, strong theoretical grounding, rigorous data and methods, and clear communication. The winner of the inaugural Stephan Weiler Award for Research Excellence in Regional and Rural Development is Thomas Gifford. Mr. Gifford is a Ph.D. candidate at Colorado State University. He was awarded the Weiler Award for his work on and presentation of the paper, Long Term Effects of Large Wildfires on Tourism Spending in Colorado, coauthored by Edward Barbier (Colorado State University).

Stephan Weiler is an impactful scholar in the field of regional and rural economic development. For over 30 years he has blended theory, empirical analysis and policy insight. He has been deeply involved in building the community of scholars around these issues, especially through his service as co-organizer of the Regional/Rural Development sessions since 2001. The Regional/Rural Development sessions are a forum for exploring the unique challenges and opportunities of rural towns, regional economies, peripheral areas, and the communities that call these places home. By naming this award after Stephan, we honor his scholarly contributions and his dedication to fostering the next generation of regional science researchers.

Corredor and Zhong win the 2025 NARSC Student Paper Competitions

The NARSC Graduate Student Paper Competitions are held annually in conjunction with the North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) and with the support of a sponsorship by Edward Elgar. These competitions encourage the participation of young scholars by providing a forum for paper presentation and discussion by senior scholars in the field of regional science.

The chairs of the 2025 NARSC Graduate Student Paper Competitions, Christa D. Court (University of Florida) and Claudia Montañá (University of Arizona), would like to thank the reading committee for reviewing the submissions that were received (five graduate-student-led and seven graduate-student-authored papers). Two finalists were selected for each competition, all four of whom presented their papers in a special session.

Congratulations to this year's finalists!



Pictured left to right: Claudia Montañá, Xiaoting Zhong, Christa Court, and Federico Corredor

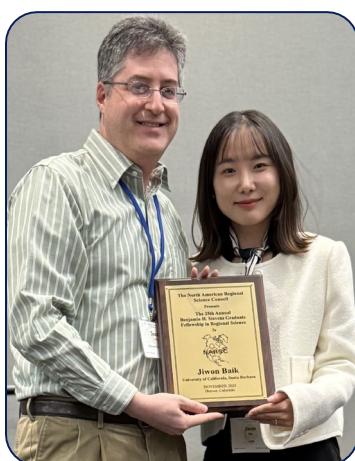
The winner of the Graduate-Student-Authored Paper Competition is Federico Corredor from Georgia State University for his paper, "Local Government Resilience to Federal Tax Reform: Evidence from the SALT Deduction Cap." The **runner-up** for the Graduate-Student-Authored Paper Competition is **Caroline Welter** from West Virginia University for her paper titled, "The Impact of SSA Field Office Closures on Disability Program Participation."

The winner of the Graduate-Student-Led Paper Competition is Xiaoting Zhong from Renmin University of China for the paper, "Shadows haunting: How does high-speed rail affect the spatial pattern of regional economic growth across China?" He co-authored the paper with Wei Chen, Renmin University of China. The **runner-up** for the Graduate-Student-Led Paper Competition is **Youngjae Song** from Kongju National University for the paper, "The Impact of View Obstruction by High-Rise Buildings on Housing Prices: Evidence from the LCT Complex in Busan, South Korea." He co-authored the paper with Tae-Hwa Kim, Kongju National University.

This year's collection of submissions suggests a bright future for regional science research, and we encourage everyone to start spreading the word and encouraging submissions for the 2026 competitions. As a reminder, NARSC is not the only association to hold graduate student paper competitions. We encourage everyone to check the eligibility requirements and apply to the graduate student paper competitions hosted by our regional associations:

- **Barry M. Moriarty Graduate Paper Competition**, awarded by the Southern Regional Science Association (submissions typically due in February)
- **M. Jarvin Emerson Student Paper Competition**, awarded by the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (submissions typically due in March/April)
- **Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science**, awarded by the Western Regional Science Association (submissions typically due in October)

Jiwon Baik wins the 25th Stevens Fellowship



Pictured left to right: Joshua Drucker and Jiwon Baik

Jiwon Baik, a Ph.D. candidate in Geography at the University of California, Santa Barbara, has been selected as the winner of the 25th Annual **Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science**. The Fellowship will provide a 2025–26 Academic Year stipend of \$36,000 to support Mr. Baik's dissertation research on "Advancing Regional Fire Resilience: Spatio-Temporal GeoAI and Spatial Optimization."

Ms. Baik's winning proposal presents a compelling framework and research design that promises to improve wildfire risk modeling and optimization of disaster resiliency efforts, an important and certainly a timely topic in regional science as well as for current public policy. Her dissertation research will develop a comprehensive and widely adaptable modeling approach for fire risk assessment that will produce upgraded tools for determining efficient and code-compliant infrastructure access, enhancing fire and other emergency response capacities. The Selection Committee was especially impressed with the combination of intellectual

ambition and on-the-ground relevance represented in the proposal, which includes provisions to deliver the research findings to local planners and wildfire responders as part of the UCSB Wildfire Resilience Initiative. Ms. Price's doctoral research is supervised by Alan Murray, Distinguished Professor of Geography and Wildfire Resilience Initiative Director.

In addition to selecting the Fellowship recipient, the Selection Committee identified two applicants as meriting special recognition as finalists in the 25th Annual Competition: *Donghwan Ki* from the City and Regional Planning Section of the Knowlton School of Architecture at The Ohio State University, advised by Zhenhua Chen; and *Daniel Centuriao* from the Department of Economics at West Virginia University, advised by Brad Humphreys. The 25th competition winner and finalists were recognized at the awards luncheon of the 72nd North American Meetings of the RSAI in Denver. The Committee thanks the 26 students who entered the competition, as well as their dissertation supervisors.

The Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science was established in 1998 in memory of Dr. Benjamin H. Stevens (1929-97), an intellectual leader whose selfless devotion to graduate students as teacher, advisor, mentor, and friend had a profound impact on the field of Regional Science. Graduate students enrolled in Ph.D. programs in North America are eligible to compete for the Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in support of their dissertation research in Regional Science.

The Stevens Fellowship Committee administers the Stevens Fellowship Fund on behalf of the North American Regional Science Council. The new Committee includes: Joao-Pedro Ferreira, University of Virginia; Amanda Weinstein, Center on Rural Innovation; Elizabeth Mack, Michigan State University; John Sporing, NARSC Executive Director.

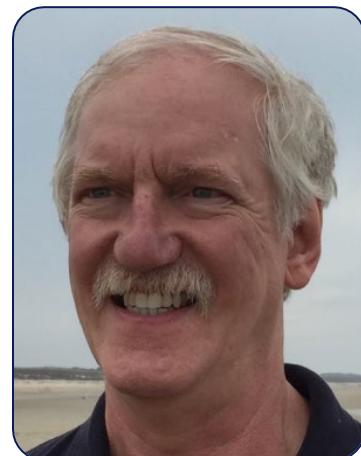
Fundraising to support the Stevens Fellowship Fund, begun in 1998, is ongoing. **Donations may be made either via credit card by accessing the User Area of the NARSC website or by sending a check to:**

The Stevens Fellowship Fund
First Financial Bank, Attn: Danville Trust Department
One Towne Center
Danville, IL 61832 USA

Luc Anselin wins the 2025 Paelinck RSAI Award

The Jean Paelinck Award for Distinguished Sustained Scholarship in Regional Science Methods recognizes and honors the truly outstanding scholarly achievement of a senior and internationally recognized regional scientist in the field of Regional Science Methods throughout the recipient's career. **The winner of the 2025 Jean Paelinck RSAI Award is Dr. Luc Anselin.** Dr. Luc Anselin is the Stein-Freiler Distinguished Service Professor of Sociology and the College and Director of the Center for Spatial Data Science at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Anselin has made outstanding contributions to regional science, especially in the field of spatial econometrics methods and techniques. His



research activities have marked a truly innovative pathway, pioneering the formal integration of spatial dependence into econometric models. His seminal work laid the foundations for what is now a thriving field of spatial econometrics, setting methodological standards that have since been adopted across a wide range of disciplines, from regional science and economics to political science, epidemiology, and environmental studies. Dr. Anselin's scholarship has been instrumental in transforming how we conceptualize and measure spatial processes, particularly through his development of local indicators of spatial association (LISA) and his rigorous treatment of spatial lag and error models.

Dr. Anselin has empowered generations of scholars and practitioners through the creation of accessible, open-source software platforms like SpaceStat, GeoDa, and PySAL. These tools have democratized spatial analysis and enabled users worldwide to apply cutting-edge techniques in spatial econometrics with transparency and rigor. His intellectual leadership has been matched by a deep commitment to community-building, serving as director of key research centers, mentoring young scholars, and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration. Dr. Luc Anselin embodies the spirit of Jean Paelinck through his relentless pursuit of methodological clarity, his devotion to spatial analytical thinking, and his enduring impact on the scientific infrastructure of regional science.

Congratulations to Luc on receiving the 2025 Jean Paelinck RSAI Award!

Sarah Low and Daoqin Tong named RSAI Fellows

Sarah Low, Professor and Head of the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics within the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, **and Daoqin Tong**, Professor in the School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning at Arizona State University, **have been named Fellows of the Regional Science Association International**—the highest honor in the field of regional science. This honor is reserved for scholars who have made outstanding and sustained contributions to the advancement of regional science, an interdisciplinary field that examines the spatial dimensions of economics, geography, and planning.



Sarah Low (left picture) and Daoqin Tong (right picture) receive their Fellows Awards from RSAI President Hiroyuki Shibusawa.

Congratulations to Sarah and Daoqin on becoming Fellows of the RSAI!

RSAI Announcements

The next RSAI World Congress will be held May 25–28, 2026 in Quito, Ecuador. The meeting is open to the world-wide regional science community. It aims to bring together the key elements of multidisciplinary regional science research and to provide a scientific platform for presenting and discussing research that advances our understanding of wellbeing and sustainability across regions and communities.

The RSAI also inducted four new Fellows in 2025: Daniela-Luminita Constantin from Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania; Sarah Low from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA; Daoqin Tong from the School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning at Arizona State University, USA; and Hans Westlund from the KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm and Jönköping International Business School, Jönköping, Sweden.

In addition to promoting the development of regional science through conferences and the RSAI journals, RSAI also offers a Nurturing new talent program. This program offers resources to co-finance workshops and summer institutes intended to provide substantive training to pre-doctoral researchers. It has been a few years since a NARSC-based organization has used this program, so RSAI leadership is urging NARSC members to keep it in mind when planning educational initiatives.

On January 1, 2025, Dr. Ana Viñuela from the University of Oviedo, Spain started as the RSAI Executive Director, and the current RSAI President for 2025–26 is Dr. Hiroyuki Shibusawa from the Toyohashi University of Technology, Japan. The next RSAI president will be Janet Kohlhase from the University of Houston, USA. She will be serving as RSAI Vice President in 2026.

The RSAI Communications Committee is looking for NARSC content to highlight worldwide. To submit suggestions, contact Christa Court (ccourt@ufl.edu). For more information on RSAI current events, check out the latest issue of the [RSAI Newsletter](#).

Reports from the Regional Associations

Canadian Regional Science Association

The Canadian Regional Science Association (CRSA) continues to publish the *Canadian Journal of Regional Science* (<https://idjs.ca/en/cjrs>), including 2 issues in 2025. Submissions continue to be sourced from around the world, with a particular emphasis on Canadian and French authors.



Led by Sébastien Breau and Jean Dubé, the CRSA recently submitted a request for funding to Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to renew our Aid to Scholarly Journal support. This is key for the CRSA to be able to support the journal's activities over the next few years. Funding announcements are expected in April 2026. Future submissions for funding will require a

more robust report of members. Further administrative support for the journal will be provided through Laval University (with the assistance of Jean Dubé). The intent is to also engage in re-building a mailing list and increased social media profile.

Mid-Continent Regional Science Association

The Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (MCRSA) held a joint conference with IMPLAN and Midwest Public Affairs Conference (MPAC) in Kansas City at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2025. There were 50 attendees for MCRSA and IMPLAN, with an additional 15 attending MPAC. MCRSA, IMPLAN, and MPAC are planning another joint conference in Chicago that is scheduled for June.



Josh Hall is stepping down as editor of *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy (JRAP)* on December 31, 2025. Amir Neto will be filling the remainder of the term as editor through 2028.

Northeast Regional Science Association

The Northeastern Regional Science Association (NERSA) has made substantial progress during the 2025 reporting year in advancing its mission to promote excellence in regional science research, education, and professional development, particularly for early career scholars. The Association's accomplishments this year reflect strengthened organizational capacity, expanded programming, and enhanced engagement within the broader regional science community.

Organizational and Administrative Development

NERSA successfully completed the process of obtaining 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, thereby formalizing its tax-exempt standing and ensuring greater transparency and sustainability in its operations. A dedicated bank account has been established to manage program funds and administrative expenditures efficiently. Initial corporate donation and program participant registration fees are received, totaling \$3,300.

To facilitate communication and information sharing among members and collaborators, NERSA also launched several digital platforms, including LinkedIn, Discord, and a shared Google Drive repository. These platforms enhance member connectivity, promote scholarly collaboration, and serve as a central hub for organizational resources.

Programmatic Initiatives and Proposal Development

In partnership with the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), supported by the RSAI, IMPLAN, and representatives from WRSA, SRSA, and CSA, NERSA launched the **Early Career Regional Science Scholars Program**, an 18-month initiative focused on Migration and Regional Science. The program emphasizes not only technical skills but also conceptual understanding and policy relevance, fostering a holistic perspective on regional dynamics and migration processes.

The Summer 2025 Lecture Series, the first phase of the program, had 10 virtual sessions attended by 23 early-career scholars, 11 speakers, 7 mentors. The series featured distinguished speakers such as Bruce Newbold, David Plane, Kyle Mangum, and Ashish Shenoy, who shared insights on migration theory,

data resources, spatial analysis, and advanced quantitative methods including econometrics, network modeling, and machine learning. Participants engaged actively in discussions and collaborative exchanges, demonstrating strong commitment and intellectual curiosity. The program will continue with routine virtual meetings to support ongoing research development and collaboration. These meetings are intended to sustain momentum, promote peer learning, and strengthen the sense of scholarly community among participants.

At the NARSC 2025 Annual Meeting, two participants from the Summer Scholars Program presented their research project proposals in a designated NERSA session. The session also hosted an exploratory discussion to gather feedback and ideas to further strengthen and refine the Early Career Regional Science Scholars Program. At the NARSC 2026 Annual Meeting, a greater number of first cohort participants are expected to present their research progress and final results, along with welcoming the second cohort. NERSA plans to use available grant funding to support participant travel and to organize a NERSA networking and socialization event to foster deeper scholarly exchange, collaboration, and community-building among early-career and senior regional scientists.

NERSA Leadership 2025

- *Special Advisers*: Kieran Donaghy, City and Regional Planning, Cornell University; and Bruce Newbold, School of Earth, Environment & Society (SEES), McMaster University
- *NERSA President*: Ting Zhang, Merrick School of Business, University of Baltimore
- *NERSA Vice President*: Keith Waters, Center for Regional Analysis and Stephen S. Fuller Institute, George Mason University
- *Secretary*: Eli Knaap, Urban Planning and Public Policy, University of California, Irvine
- *Treasurer*: John Carruthers, Architecture Art Planning – City & Regional Planning, Cornell University
- *NARSC Representative*: Andrew Van Leuven, Department of Community Development & Applied Economics, University of Vermont

Southern Regional Science Association

The 64th Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA) was held in Louisville, Kentucky April 3–5, 2025. The conference had 96 registrants (64 full registrations and 32 student registrations) and 27 sessions, including an undergraduate poster session, the Fellow's Address, and the Presidential Address. The annual Undergraduate Poster Session was chaired by Heather Stephens (Regional Research Institute, West Virginia University) and Sebastian Leguizamon (Western Kentucky University) and had 8 poster presenters.



The 2025 Barry M. Moriarty Graduate Student Award went to Sukriti Beniwal from Georgia State University for the paper titled "Midwifery Model of Care & Medicaid Population". The 2024 Dan Rickman Best Paper Award, awarded by The Review of Regional Studies, went to Gustavo Barboza and Valerien Pede for their paper titled, "Weak Vs. Strong Knowledge Spillover Effects: Evidence from Geographic Distribution of Innovative Startup in Italy".

The selection committee for the Miernyk Research Excellence Medal, presented by the Regional Research Institute at West Virginia University, chose not to award a medal for 2025.

At the annual meeting in 2025, Amanda Weinstein (Center on Rural Innovation) was elected as the SRSA 2026 Program Chair and President-Elect, João Ferreira (University of Virginia) and Nyakundi Michieka (California State University - Bakersfield) were elected to the Executive Council, and one new SRSA Fellow was named, Dayton Lambert (Oklahoma State University).

The 2026 SRSA Conference will be held March 19–21, 2026 at The Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

Western Regional Science Association

The 64th Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association (WRSA) was held February 12–15, 2025 in Las Vegas, NV. There were 147 participants from 14 countries (122 paper presentations), 66 of which were graduate students or emerging scholars who earned a Ph.D. within the last five years. Additionally, 18 mentees and 17 mentors participated in the mentorship program. The 12th Annual Getis-Ord Lecture in Spatial Analysis was given by Dr. Sergio Rey from San Diego State University on “Mind the Gap and the Map: Measuring Distributional and Spatial Income Polarization.”



Seula Lee from the University of Southern California (advisor: Marlon Boarnet) was announced as the winner of the 39th Tiebout Prize. Annie Yu-Hsin Hsu from Indiana University was announced as the winner of the Stough-Johansson Springer Award of The Annals of Regional Science, the official journal of WRSA. During our annual board meeting, Marlon Boarnet from the University of Southern California was selected as WRSA’s 2025–26 Vice President.

WRSA will hold its 65th Annual Meeting in the Santa Fe, NM from February 11–14, 2026. The final paper submission due date was extended to November 30th, to accommodate the submissions from the NARSC meeting attendees. WRSA’s 2027 meeting will be held February 14–17 in Carlsbad, CA. The 2028 WRSA meetings will be co-hosted with the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO), and while the meeting place is still undecided, it will most likely be in Hawaii.

Publishing in Regional Science



PiRS continues standing as a top journal

A new Editorial Team of *Papers in Regional Science* (*PiRS*) began its term on January 1, 2025. In the 2024–25 period, the journal has maintained submission levels despite the transition to gold open access, upheld the quality of accepted manuscripts, and diversified published topics to include gender and regional science, regional cultural heritage, climate change, natural disasters, and regional

development. The journal's CiteScore increased from 4.4 to 4.8. *PiRS* has retained its rankings—Q1 in Geography and Q2 in Economics (JCR)—confirming its leading position in Scopus-indexed journals. Efforts continue to create a dedicated data repository to support transparency and replicability in regional science research.



RSPP strives to become top journal on regional policies

The Editorial Team of *Regional Science Policy & Practice* (*RSPP*) are working to not only to make *RSPP* the policy journal of the RSAI but also to make it the reference journal of the best papers on regional policies, as well as on the regional impacts of space-blind policies, for all disciplines. To achieve this goal, they are strengthening *RSPP*'s scientific identity, further increasing the average quality of what the journal publishes, and improving the journal's indexation in major national academic rankings.

The recent switch to gold open access status was made to increase exposure and visibility of the articles published in *RSPP*. For a policy and practice journal, this is especially important to help bridge the gap between policymaking and scientific research. While article processing charges (APCs) are mandatory, several measures are in place to support authors:

- The Research4Life program offers full waivers for authors from low-income countries.
- RSAI members receive a 20% discount on APCs.
- Elsevier has signed transformative agreements with institutions and countries to cover APCs for eligible authors.

Please send your best spatial policy papers to our journal. Let's make *RSPP* the reference journal in the field of regional and urban policies!



Reaching Regions publishes inaugural issue and calls for submissions

The inaugural issue of *Reaching Regions*, the official outreach journal of NARSC, is now available! The inaugural issue was published in March 2025 and includes four papers and an Editors' introduction. The issue was marketed via email and LinkedIn and already has thousands of article views. Subsequently, one paper was published in July, one paper has been accepted but not yet published, and one paper is under revise and resubmit. In total, four submissions have been rejected so far.

To make *Reaching Regions* a success, we need more submissions, so please submit your work! We are seeking guest editors to organize special issues. *Reaching Regions* is a peer-reviewed, open access journal. The Editors also invite proposals for one or more special themed collections. Please contact [Heather Stephens](#) and [John Winters](#) with proposal submissions or questions.

For more information, check out the journal's website: <https://www.iastatedigitalpress.com/rreg/>.

Call for Submissions: Special Issue on Tax Increment Financing

Reaching Regions is seeking outreach-oriented submissions for a special issue on Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Improving the TIF evaluation and implementation process
- Political economy aspects of TIF implementation
- Impacts on overlapping jurisdictions, including school districts
- Citizen responses to TIF
- Legal aspects of TIF
- Policies to improve TIF accountability and transparency
- Case studies on TIF implementation and outcomes

Deadline for submission to the special issue is February 15, 2026. Articles should follow submission instructions and be submitted via the [journal website](#). The submission fee will be waived for all articles submitted to the special issue.

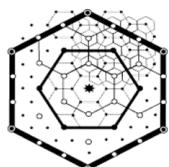
For questions contact:

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John Winters, Editor, winters1@iastate.edu

About Reaching Regions: *Reaching Regions* is the official outreach journal of the North American Regional Science Council. *Reaching Regions* is open access, peer-reviewed, and publishes outreach articles targeted to non-academic audiences.



Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy

JRAP submissions decline but prompt publication of articles continues

The number of submissions to the *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy* (*JRAP*) declined in 2024. There were 47 unique submissions (down from 65 in 2023) and 10 papers were published. Nearly 70 percent of the submissions were summarily rejected by the editor due to a lack of fit with the journal's focus on policy from a regional science/regional economics perspective. *JRAP* operates with just-in-time

publication; publication and pagination occurs when the formatted accepted article is approved by the author.

All papers sent to referees receive referee reports. Time to decision is a function of how long it takes for referees to submit their reports. For articles going out to review the average time to a reject decision was 84 days, while the average time to a revise and resubmit was 38.3 days. The diligence of JRAP referees in returning their reviews in a timely manner has been crucial. The editorial team would like to thank all the referees who reviewed for JRAP in 2024 for their service.

This summary was adapted from the JRAP 2024 Editor's Report. The full report is available [here](#).



Review of Regional Studies

Call for Submissions: Special Issue on Rural Livability

The *Review of Regional Studies* (RRS) invites submissions for a **Special Issue on Rural Livability**, guest edited by Steven Deller (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and Tessa Conroy (University of Wisconsin-Madison).

Across the United States and beyond, rural communities are shifting from a narrow focus on growth to a more holistic framework of place-making: strengthening the assets, institutions, and relationships that enhance quality of life and foster resilience. This special issue explores research, policy, and practice concerning all aspects of rural livability. We welcome both theoretical and empirical contributions examining how rural livability manifests across diverse regions and contexts.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- The role of community capitals (social, human, natural, physical, financial, and cultural) in shaping livability
- Individual participation, civic engagement, and social innovation as drivers of rural vitality
- Policy changes at the state or federal levels and their impact on rural well-being and development
- Migration, demographic change, and workforce dynamics in rural communities
- The intersection of livability, sustainability, and resilience in rural economies
- Place-based policies for housing, infrastructure, broadband, and health care
- Measurement and evaluation of rural livability across spatial and temporal scales
- Extension, outreach, and community partnerships supporting local prosperity and inclusion
- The impact of AI on rural communities

Submissions should be made through the Scholastic RRS portal under "Special Issue on Rural Livability": <https://rrs.scholasticahq.com/for-authors>. Manuscripts should follow the RRS author guidelines available on our Author Instructions page. All papers will undergo a double-blind peer review process. **Submissions are due March 15, 2026**, with first-round decisions expected no later than May 31, 2026.

For questions regarding this special issue, please contact Guest Editor, Dr. Steven Deller, at scdeller@wisc.edu. For questions regarding the *Review of Regional Studies*, please contact journal editor, Dr. Yong Chen, at Yong.Chen@oregonstate.edu.

About RRS: The *Review of Regional Studies* (ISSN 0048-749X) publishes high-quality theoretical and empirical social science research in which the spatial dimension plays a fundamental role. The journal is the official publication of the Southern Regional Science Association and provides an open-access platform for interdisciplinary scholarship that informs regional policy and practice.

Upcoming Meetings

Western Regional Science Association (WRSA 2026)



The 65th Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association will be held **February 11–14, 2026 in Santa Fe, New Mexico**. The meeting will start on Wednesday, February 11, with our traditional opening plenary session and welcoming reception. Three full days of sessions follow on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 12–14. Only full papers (draft format acceptable) will be accepted for this conference. **The deadline for submission was extended to November 30, 2025.** All submissions will be reviewed and will be assigned to a discussant on the program.

WRSA 2026 will be held at the *Eldorado Hotel & Spa*, a luxury Santa Fe hotel that blends Southwestern design with rich New Mexican culture. Conveniently situated in the heart of downtown Santa Fe, it's just two blocks from the historic Plaza and the Palace of the Governors, and a short walk to the renowned Canyon Road arts district. Our negotiated daily room rate is \$199, plus applicable taxes and a reduced amenity fee of \$15. The amenity fee covers valet parking, luggage service, access to the business center with printer, daily newspapers available in the lobby, complimentary bottled water and snacks in your guestroom, basic wired & wireless Internet in sleeping rooms, and full access to the hotel's recreational facilities. See the [hotel information](#) on the WRSA website for booking details. **After January 9, 2026, or as soon as our block fills, the hotel will no longer honor our special room rate.** Be sure to book early!

WRSA will provide a **Travel Grant for Graduate Students and Early-Career Scholars** (who earned a Ph.D. after 2020). The Travel Grant will cover partial Hotel Accommodation at the conference hotel. The WRSA Program Committee will review the submitted papers by Graduate Students and Early-Career Scholars and notify the selected recipients by the end of December 2025.

Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA 2026)

SRSA 2026

March 19–21, 2026
Louisville, Kentucky



The 2025 meeting was so nice, we decided to meet in Louisville, KY twice! The 65th Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association will be held **March 19–21, 2026 in Louisville, Kentucky**. Louisville is a fabulous, family-friendly city with a lot of history, culture, and southern charm. Whether you are a fan of boxing, baseball, bridles, or bourbon, you will find something interesting nearby! The meeting will be held at **The Brown Hotel**, a landmark hotel in the heart of Louisville, just blocks from Whiskey Row.

Please join us for a wonderful meeting including an undergraduate poster session and the Barry M. Moriarty Graduate Student Paper Competition. **Abstracts and organized session proposals are due January 30, 2026**. Questions concerning abstract submission or organized session proposals can be submitted to the Program Chair, Amanda Weinstein at conference@srsa.org. For more information on registration, accommodations, and deadlines for the undergraduate poster session, Moriarty Student Paper Competition, and Miernyk Research Excellence Medal are available on the [conference website](#).

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (MCRSA 2026)



MCRSA 2026

June 10–12, 2026
Chicago, Illinois

The 56th Annual Mid-Continent Regional Science Association Conference and the IMPLAN Summit is scheduled for **June 10–12, 2026 in Chicago, Illinois** at the University of Illinois Chicago's College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. The 2026 MCRSA conference/IMPLAN Summit will again be joint with the Midwest Public Affairs Conference (MPAC). A full “[Introduction to IMPLAN](#)” training class is scheduled for June 8–10 prior to the conference. The call for papers will go out early 2026.

RSAI World Congress 2026



The 15th World Conference of the Regional Science Association International will be held **June 9–12, 2026** at the Faculty of Administrative Sciences of Escuela Politécnica Nacional (EPN) in Quito, Ecuador. The theme is “Wellbeing and Sustainability: Regional Science Discussions at the Earth’s Core.” The conference is jointly organized by the RSAI and the Ecuadorian Regional Science Network (RECiR).

The meeting is open to the world-wide regional science community. It aims to bring together the key elements of multidisciplinary regional science research and to provide a scientific platform for presenting and discussing research that advances our understanding of wellbeing and sustainability across regions and communities. Key topics include wellbeing; regional, rural, and city development; spatial planning; climate and environmental change; sustainable development; governance; resilience; innovation; data science; and artificial intelligence. The congress will host several events, including special sessions and semi-plenary policy sessions. **Proposals for special sessions are due January 5, 2026, and the abstract submission deadline is January 30, 2026.**

Call for Applications

The Benjamin H. Stevens 2026–27 Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science

Graduate students enrolled in Ph.D. programs in North America are encouraged to apply for the Twenty-Sixth Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship in Regional Science, administered by the North American Regional Science Council of the Regional Science Association International. This Fellowship, in support of dissertation research in regional science, is awarded annually in memory of Dr. Benjamin H. Stevens, an intellectual leader whose selfless devotion to graduate students as teacher, advisor, mentor, and friend had a profound impact on the field. Regional Science is a multidisciplinary field concerned with urban and regional phenomena. Regional Scientists apply theoretical and empirical frameworks and methods of the social and other sciences, as well as develop new ones specifically for regional analysis and policy.

Eligible students should have completed all degree requirements except for their dissertation by the time the Fellowship commences (typically on July 1). A requirement of the Fellowship is that the recipient have no duties other than dissertation research during the period of the Fellowship, although the recipient may hold other fellowships concurrently. Applications from students working in any area and any North American Ph.D. program are welcome as long as their dissertation research addresses

a research question in Regional Science. Previous involvement with North American regional science organizations and journals will be looked upon favorably by the Selection Committee.

The Fellowship consists of a stipend in the amount of \$36,000 (U.S.), paid over a twelve-month period. Applications for the 2026–2027 Fellowship should be sent electronically by the applicant to the Selection Committee Chair, Professor Heather Stephens, heather.stephens@mail.wvu.edu by the **deadline of February 20, 2026**.

An application consists of the following materials:

1. A curriculum vita of no more than two (2) pages in length. Previous involvement with North American regional science organizations and journals should be annotated.
2. A statement in ten (10) pages or less explaining the questions and issues to be addressed, the approach to be used, and the product expected from the dissertation research, preceded by a summary (1-page maximum) describing the intellectual merit of the proposed research and the broader impacts that may result. The 10-page limit is inclusive of references but exclusive of tables and figures. This text should be in 12-point or larger font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins; references may be single-spaced.
3. Copies of the candidate's transcripts for all graduate study. Unofficial copies are acceptable.

In addition, the dissertation supervisor shall provide a confidential letter sent separately as an attachment from her/his email account with the student's name in the subject line to Professor Stephens. In the letter, the supervisor should assess the quality and significance of the proposed dissertation research, specify the current state of progress toward the candidate's degree, and provide a commitment by the dissertation supervisor to obtain a tuition waiver for the candidate for the year of the Fellowship. A condition of the Fellowship is the granting of a tuition waiver for the year of the Fellowship by the university, or an equivalent payment of the student's tuition.

Applications should be emailed to Professor [Heather Stephens](#). Questions should also be sent to her. For information about the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), go to www.narsc.org. For information about the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), go to www.regionalscience.org.

Chapters for the Handbook of the Geography of Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Brett Gilbert and Larry Plummer are co-editing **the Handbook of the Geography of Entrepreneurship and Innovation** for De Gruyter Publishing, slated for publication in 2027. This handbook aims to capture current discussions, critique existing discourses, and outline agendas for future research in this dynamic field. We are seeking contributions that address key themes such as:

- Theory and current developments
- Empirical methods and applications
- Critiques and agendas
- Intersections and interactions
- Atypical geographies (e.g., island nations, atypical communities)

- Sustainability
- Policy

We would like to invite you to submit a chapter topic for consideration. We are more than happy to meet with you to discuss topic ideas. All submissions will undergo a peer review process among book contributors. For expression of interest, submission of topics and chapters, or questions, please email us at: geoiehandbook@gmail.com.

About the Handbook: The geography of entrepreneurship and innovation is about understanding where and why innovation and new venture creation thrive. It involves mapping out the diverse landscapes where creativity, risk-taking, and ingenuity converge to drive progress and prosperity. From bustling urban centers to remote rural regions, the terrain of innovative and entrepreneurial activity varies widely, shaped by a multitude of factors including culture, infrastructure, access to resources, and regulatory environments. This book aims to 1) capture current discussions and debates on the geography of entrepreneurship and innovation across scholarly domains; 2) critique extant discourses related to the geography of innovation and entrepreneurship; and 3) outline agendas and offer tools for future research on the geography of entrepreneurship and innovation, including sources of data, analytical and research methods, limitations of existing practices, and the promise of new methods and approaches.