



Call for papers

A Special Issue in Memory of Professor Maureen Kilkenny:

Rural Economics and Rural Development

Submission deadline: **April 30, 2027**

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The *International Regional Science Review* would like to announce an open call for papers for this special issue in memory of the late Professor Maureen Kilkenny.

This special issue will feature current research inspired by the work of Professor Maureen Kilkenny, honoring her insightful and sustained contributions to the study of rural economies and rural development, including computable general equilibrium modeling of rural–urban linkages and agricultural and welfare policy, empirical tests of export base theory, and spatial analysis of transport costs and the location of firms and households.

Maureen Kilkenny earned her Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota (1987) and held research or teaching appointments at the USDA Economic Research Service, Pennsylvania State University, the University of Colorado, and Iowa State University, and she ended her academic career as a full professor at the University of Nevada, Reno. She was a Senior Fellow of the National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy (NCFAP) from 2010 to 2025 and, with her partner, Dr. Stanley Johnson, managed NCFAP and its programs. She passed away on December 14, 2025. Colleagues remember her for her passion for excellence and collaboration. In May 2026, the Iowa State University Foundation recognized her with its Order of the Knoll Faculty and Staff Award.

We are soliciting submissions related to Professor Kilkenny's work on topics such as:

- rural–urban linkages
- computable general equilibrium modeling
- agricultural policy
- export base and rural growth
- transport costs and location
- agglomeration economies and the new rural economy
- social capital and small business

- public finance and social policy, including economic development incentives, school finance, and welfare and food assistance
- rural development policy

We welcome empirical, theoretical, methodological, and policy-oriented papers, as well as short commentaries or reflections from colleagues and co-authors. Papers need not build directly on her publications; work on related themes is welcome.

The **deadline for submission** is April 30, 2027, and our goal is to have the issue published by early 2028. Authors are encouraged, but not required, to send a title and short abstract to the guest editor by January 15, 2027 to help with planning.

Should you have any questions, please email: haddad@iastate.edu.

Manuscripts should be submitted online through the *International Regional Science Review* submission system. Authors must select **SI: Maureen Kilkenney Tribute** when they reach the “Article Type” step in the online submission process.

Submitted manuscripts should present original contributions and must not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. Authors should consult the journal’s Instructions for Authors for manuscript length and formatting requirements. All papers will be peer reviewed according to the high standards of the *International Regional Science Review*.

Keywords: rural development, rural–urban interdependence, computable general equilibrium, agricultural policy, transport costs, firm and household location, export base, economic geography, agglomeration economies, welfare and food assistance, school finance, social capital, spatial economics.