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**Research Interests**

Urban and regional economics, environmental economics

**Employment**

University of Houston, Department of Economics  
Associate Professor, 1990-present  
Assistant Professor, 1983-1989  
Visiting Assistant Professor, 1982-1983.

Hunter College, Department of Economics  
Associate Professor, 1990-1991.

Michigan State University, Department of Economics  
Assistant Professor, 1980-1982.

University of Pennsylvania, Department of Regional Science  
Lecturer, 1979-80.

Regional Science Research Institute, Philadelphia  
Research Associate, 1976-77.

**Education**

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia  
Ph.D., 1980, Department of Regional Science, dissertation title - "The Effects of the New Demography on Labor Supply and Housing Demand: A Demand System Approach"

M.A., Regional Science, 1977.

University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana  
B.A., Economics, 1975, summa cum laude. Honors: Bronze Plaque, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, James Scholar.

**Publications**

"The Effect of Urbanization on Labor Turnover," (with Miles Finney), *Journal of Regional Science*, vol. 48(2), May 2008, pp. 311-328.

"Firm Location in a Polycentric City: the Effects of Taxes and Agglomeration Economies on Location Decisions," (with Xiahong Ju), *Environment and Planning C*, vol. 25, October 2007, pp. 671-691.

"The Economic Role of Small Businesses Using Large Data Sets: An Analysis of the Contribution of Small Firms to Urban Growth," (with Steven G. Craig), *SBA Office of Advocacy Research Papers #287*, December, 2006, available at URL <http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/state.html>.

"Cities, Regions, and the Decline in Transport Costs," (with Edward L. Glaeser), *Papers of the Regional Science Association*, vol. 83, January 2004, pp.197-228. Also available on NBER website, <http://papers.nber.org/papers/W9886>.

"Evaluating Quality of Life Risks in a Comparative Risk Project: Perspectives from Houston Environmental Foresight," (with Sabrina Strawn and John Wilson and), *Urban Ecosystems*, vol. 3, July 1999, pp 113-129.

"Introduction to the Report of the Socioeconomic Subpanel," in *Houston Environment 1995*, J. D. Wilson, S. Strawn and D. Hitchcock, eds., Houston Advanced Research Center, 1996, pp. 249-259.

"Public Perception of Environmental Risk," (with S. Klineberg) in *Houston Environment 1995*, J. D. Wilson, S. Strawn and D. Hitchcock, eds., Houston Advanced Research Center, 1996, pp. 260-267.

"Constructed Scales for Socioeconomic Activity," in *Houston Environment 1995*, J. D. Wilson, S. Strawn and D. Hitchcock, eds., Houston Advanced Research Center, 1996, pp. 269-278.

"Statistical Overview of the Eight-County Houston Region," in *Houston Environment 1995*, J. D. Wilson, S. Strawn and D. Hitchcock, eds., Houston Advanced Research Center, 1996, pp. 279-283.

"Contaminated and Abandoned Sites," in *Houston Environment 1995*, J. D. Wilson, S. Strawn and D. Hitchcock, eds., Houston Advanced Research Center, 1996, pp. 313-323.

"Lead in Homes and Soil," in *Houston Environment 1995*, J. D. Wilson, S. Strawn and D. Hitchcock, eds., Houston Advanced Research Center, 1996, pp. 411-413.

"Economic Cost of Occupational Injury and Illness in Texas," ch. 5 in *Occupational Injury and Illness in Texas*, Mark Rothstein et.al., March, 1993.

- "A Spatial Theory of Social Contract Formation," with Steven Craig and Hiroshi Ohta, in *Issues in the Concepts and Forms of Contracts*, Y. Hayami and T. Minato (eds.), Research Institute of Aoyama Gakuin University, 1992.
- "The Impact of Toxic Waste Sites on Housing Values," *Journal of Urban Economics*, vol. 30, July 1991, pp.1-26 (lead article).
- "Chaos Theory and Microeconomics: An Application to Model Specification and Hedonic Estimation," (with Steven Craig and David Papell), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 73, May 1991, pp.208-215. also reprinted in *Chaos Theory in Economics: Methods, Models and Evidence*, W. D. Dechert (ed.), New York: Edward Elgar, 1996, ch. 29, pp. 583-90.
- "Loschian Spatial Competition and the Related Labor Market," (with Hiroshi Ohta), *Environment and Planning A*, vol. 22, Sept. 1990, pp.1223-1238.
- "Land, Labor and Product Markets Under Spatial Monopoly and Spatial Competition," (with Yasushi Asami and Hiroshi Ohta) in M. Chatterji and R. Kuenne (eds.), *New Frontiers in Regional Science*, MacMillan Press, 1990, ch. 6, pp.95-111.
- "General Equilibrium of Spatial Product and Labor Markets" (with Hiroshi Ohta), *Journal of Regional Science*, vol. 29, November 1989, pp.537-553.
- "The Earnings of Soviet Workers: Evidence from the Soviet Interview Project," (with Paul Gregory), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 70, Feb. 1988, pp. 23-35.
- "Labor Supply and Housing Demand for One- and Two- Earner Households," *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 68, Feb. 1986, pp. 48-57.
- "Why There Is Not a Unified Welfare System: Fiscal Federalism From an Agency Approach," (with Steven G. Craig), *Perspectives on Local Public Finance and Public Policy*, 1985, Vol. 2, JAI Press, pp. 81-99.
- "Local Government Revenue: Tax Reliance, Revenue Diversification and Metropolitan Finance," (with Ronald C. Fisher), *Research in Urban Economics*, 1984, vol. 4, JAI Press, pp. 205-227.
- "The Effects of the New Demography on Labor Supply and Housing Demand," *Research in Urban Economics*, 1982, vol. 2, JAI Press, pp. 131-170.
- "Fiscal Problems and Policies of the Cities," (with Ronald C. Fisher), in H.E. Brazer (ed.), in *Michigan's Fiscal and Economic Structure*, 1982, University of Michigan Press, pp. 854-892.

### **Book Reviews**

*Handbook of Regional and Urban Economics, Vol. 3: Applied Urban Economics*, (1999), edited by P.C. Cheshire and E. S. Mills in *Journal of Regional Science*, Vol. 42, May 2002, pp. 166-172.

*Homeowners and Neighborhood Reinvestment* by G.C. Galster, (1987) and *The Economics of a Regulated Housing Market* by A. Anas et al., (1987), in *Journal of Regional Science*, Vol. 29, May 1989, pp. 282-286.

### **Working Papers**

"Cities and Suburbs: Expenditure Patterns in the Urban Fiscal System," (with Steven Craig, Andrew Austin and Stephanie Botello)

"Spatial Mismatch and Urban Labor Markets in the United States: Evidence for Blacks, Immigrants and Hispanics," (with Jia-Huey Lin), Dec. 2008.

"Employment Subcenters and the Distribution of Economic Activity," (with Steven Craig), June 2008.

"The Interaction between Residential Mobility, Voting, and Government Behavior," (with Steven Craig and Hiroshi Ohta), August 2004.

### **Research in Progress**

"Spatial Mismatch, Immigrants and Minorities," (with Jia-Huey Lin)

"Hotel Location and Quality Differentials," (with Jia-Huey Lin)

"Urban Growth and Public Policy" (with Steven Craig)

"Housing Auctions vs. Brokered Sales: Efficiency in the Housing Market" (with Miles Finney)

### **Grant Awards**

"Firm Location, Public Policy, and Economic Growth in Cities," UH Small Grants Program award, 2008-2009.

"The Use of Geographic Information Systems in the Economics Curriculum," UH QEP Curriculum Development Grant, 2008-2009.

"Contributions of Small Firms to Urban Growth," (with S. Craig), Small Business Administration, 2004-2005.

- "Economic, Scientific and Technological Implications of the Disruption of the Carbon Cycle," Co-PI (with G. Fox, M. Heller, R. Willson, B. Beloff), Shell Interdisciplinary Scholars Grant, March 2000 - Feb. 2001.
- "Sustainable Development in the Face of Possible Global Warming," PI (with B. Beloff, G. Fox, M. Heller, R. Willson), Shell Interdisciplinary Scholars Grant, Jan.-Dec. 1999.
- "Bioremediation: Scientific, Social and Business Issues," PI, (with B. Beloff, G. Fox, M. Heller, R. Willson), Shell Interdisciplinary Scholars Grant, Feb. 1997 - Jan. 1999.
- "Occupational Injury and Illness in Texas: the Economics of Worker's Compensation," (with S. Craig, A. Austin, M. Palumbo), Health Law and Policy Institute, 1992.
- "Chaos Theory and the Houston Housing Market: Assessing the Social Cost of Toxic Waste Sites," (with Steven Craig), Advanced Research Program, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, September 1989- September 1992.
- "The Success of Housing Auctions as a Method for Disposing of Distressed Property," Research Facilitation Grant, Center for Public Policy, University of Houston, Summer 1989.
- "An Analysis of Oil Dependent Economies" (with Barton Smith), Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 20 months, September 1987-June 1989.
- National Science Foundation travel grant to conferences in China and Korea, summer 1987.
- "The Impact of Toxic Waste Sites on Housing Values," Research Facilitation Grant, Center for Public Policy, University of Houston, Summer 1986.
- "The Effects of Changes in Household Status on Individual Behavior," Research Initiation Grant, University of Houston, Summer 1984.

### **Professional Activities and Awards**

#### Associate

Editor: *Journal of Regional Science*, 1997-present  
*Evaluation Review*, 1989-1993

#### Editorial

Board: *Papers in Regional Science*, 1998-2004  
*The Annals of Regional Science*, 2005-present

#### Science

Panel: National Science Foundation senior review panel for geography and regional science 2002-2003

Award: Shell Interdisciplinary Scholar

Review

Panel: GDN Regional Research Competition, at CERGE-EI, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, August 2004

Referee:

*American Economic Review*  
*Annals of Regional Science*  
*Environment and Planning A*  
*Feminist Economics*  
*Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*  
*Journal of Urban Economics*  
*Papers of the Regional Science Association*  
*Regional Science and Urban Economics*  
*Regional Science Perspectives*  
*Review of Economics and Statistics*  
*Urban Studies*  
National Science Foundation

Regional Science Association International (RSAI)

Chair of North American Council (NARSC) 2003  
Executive Committee of NARSC 2003-2004  
Member of NARSC, 1990-1993, 2000-present  
RSAI Council, 1993-1996  
Co-Chair, Organizing Committee 1993 RSAI Houston meetings  
Organizing Committee Member RSAI meetings 2002, 2003  
Treasurer, 1980-1987  
Protocol Committee, 1991-1993  
Best Practices Committee, 2000-present  
Committee on Administration, 1988-1989  
Dissertation Award Committee 1994  
Other Memberships  
American Economic Association  
American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association  
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists  
Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession  
National Tax Association - Tax Institute of America  
Women in Regional Science