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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Urban/Regional Economics, Health, Labor, Development

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

University of Kentucky

2024 - Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics

EDUCATION

Michigan State University

2019 - 2024

Ph.D. in Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics & Economics (Dual Degree)

Loyola University Chicago

2014 - 2018

B.A. in Economics & Jazz Studies, *summa cum laude*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

4. **Keene, T.**, Loveridge, S., Mann, J., & Mack, E. (2024). Prospects for Innovative Rural Firms in an Era of Broadband Expansion. *Choices Magazine*. [Available Online](#)
3. Mack, E., Loveridge, S., **Keene, T.**, & Mann, J. (2023). A Review of the Literature about Broadband Internet Connections and Rural Development (1995-2022). *International Regional Science Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01600176231202457>
2. **Keene, T.**, Mann, J., Mack, E., & Loveridge, S. (2023). Broadband Access and Knowledge Spillover Influence on SBIR Phase II Awards in Nonmetropolitan Regions. *The Annals of Regional Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00168-023-01228-z>
1. Mack, E., Helderop, E., **Keene, T.**, Loveridge, S., Mann, J., Grubestic, T., Kowalkowski, B., & Gollnow, M. (2022). A Longitudinal Analysis of Broadband Provision in Tribal Areas. *Telecommunications Policy* 46(5). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.telpol.2022.102333>

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Business Activity in Tribal Areas during the Self-Determination & Nation-to-Nation Eras. **Draft available upon request**

with Elizabeth Mack, Scott Loveridge, John Mann, Miranda Gollnow, and Brian Kowalkowski

The Impact of Food Assistance Work Requirements on Labor Market and Health Outcomes ([Abstract](#))

with Craig Carpenter

Open Payments and Opioid Overdose Mortalities in the United States. ([Abstract](#))

with Scott Loveridge

Intrahousehold Bargaining and Diet Quality Education Programs for Children: Evidence from SNAP Households ([Abstract](#))

with Craig Carpenter

BOOK ENTRIES

1. Keene, T. (*Forthcoming*). New Technology - Spatial Access Barriers. In P. Nijkamp, K. Kourtit, K. Haynes, & Z. Elburz (Eds.), *The World of Regional Science — The Thematic Encyclopedia of Regional Science*. Edward Elgar.

PRESENTATIONS

MSU AFRE Brown Bag Seminar "My Experience on the 2023-2024 Job Market"	Apr 2024
MSU AFRE Brown Bag Seminar "SPLS, Student-Focused Pedagogy, and DEI as a Student Instructor"	Apr 2024
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interim Virtual Conference "The Effect of SNAP Policy on Labor Market and Health Outcomes"	Dec 2023
North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association (NARSC) "The Impact of Food Assistance Work Requirements on Labor Market and Health Outcomes"	Nov 2023
North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association (NARSC) "Intrahousehold Bargaining and Diet Quality Education Programs for Children: Evidence from SNAP Households"	Nov 2023
MSU Economics Spatial/Urban Reading Group "The Geography of Food Assistance Work Requirements"	Nov 2023
Mid-Continent Regional Science Association "Broadband Access and Knowledge Spillover Influence on SBIR Phase II Awards in Nonmetropolitan Regions"	Jun 2023
Mid-Continent Regional Science Association "Business Activity in Tribal Areas during the Self-Determination & Nation-to-Nation Eras: Parametric and Semi-Parametric Approaches"	Jun 2023
North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) Webinar "Mapping Local Broadband Provision in the US" <i>with Elizabeth Mack</i>	Feb 2023
MSU AFRE Brown Bag Seminar "We're All in this Together: Student-Led Writing Groups"	Sep 2022
North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association (NARSC) "Does Federal R&D Impact Rural and Urban Areas Differently?"	Nov 2021
Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA) "A Comparison of Business Mix in Tribal and Non-Tribal Counties Over Time" <i>Lead Author, Presented by Scott Loveridge</i>	Apr 2021
North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association (NARSC) "Open Payments And Opioid Overdoses: Provider payments and overdose mortalities in the United States"	Nov 2020
Undergraduate Research Symposium, Loyola University Chicago "Implications of Euro Adoption for Poland"	May 2018

PAST RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University Graduate Research Assistant <i>Supervised by Scott Loveridge (2019 - 2024); Elizabeth Mack (2020 - 2024); Craig Carpenter (2023 - 2024)</i>	Aug 2019 - May 2024
Global Economics Group Research Analyst	May 2018 - May 2019
Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Fellow Provost Fellowship (\$1000) <i>Advised by Marc Hayford</i>	Aug 2017 - May 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University <i>Instructor of Record (Spring 2023), AFRE 206: World Food, Population, and Poverty</i> <i>Grader (Fall 2022), AFRE 206</i>	2022 - 2023
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SERVICE

Graduate Student Representative Teaching and Academic Policy Committee (TAPC), MSU College of Ag. and Nat. Res.	2022-2024
Coordinator & Founder Graduate Student Writing Group, MSU AFRE	2022

HONORS, AWARDS, & DESIGNATIONS

- Travel Fellowship (\$600), The Graduate School, Michigan State University. Spring 2024
- Special Sworn Status at US Census Bureau
- Pass with Distinction, Econometrics Qualifying Exam, Department of Economics, Michigan State University. Spring 2020
- Economics Department Key Award, Department of Economics, Loyola University Chicago. 1 of 2 in department. 2018
- Ignatian Full-Tuition Merit Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago. 1 of 10 in university. Four-year scholarship awarded annually. 2014-2018
- Academic Excellence in Literature, LUC John Felice Rome Center, Rome, Italy. 1 of 1 in center. December 2016
- Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society

SKILLS

R, STATA, SAS, ArcGIS, Microsoft Office Suite, \LaTeX

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples, Mid-Continent Regional Science Association, Regional Science Association International