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## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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Urban/Regional Economics, Health, Labor, Development

## EDUCATION

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**Michigan State University**

Expected May 2024

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

Committee: Scott Loveridge (Co-Chair), Craig Carpenter (Co-Chair), Mark Skidmore, Elizabeth Mack, Ajin Lee, & John Mann

*Dissertation Title: Regional Health Economics in the US: From Food Assistance to Pharmaceutical Markets*

**Loyola University Chicago**

May 2018

B.A. in Economics & Jazz Studies

*summa cum laude*, Overall GPA: 3.913

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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The Effects of SNAP Work Requirements on Labor Market and Health Outcomes ([Abstract](#))

## DISSERTATION CHAPTERS

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

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

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Mack, E., Loveridge, S., **Keene, T.**, & Mann, J. An Analysis of the Literature on Linkages between Broadband and Rural Development (1995-2022). *Forthcoming in International Regional Science Review*.

**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>

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

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Business Activity in Tribal Areas during the Self-Determination & Nation-to-Nation Eras: Parametric and Semi-Parametric Approaches. **Draft available upon request**  
*with Elizabeth Mack, Scott Loveridge, John Mann, Miranda Gollnow, and Brian Kowalkowski*

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Mid-Continent Regional Science Association** Jun 2023  
“Broadband Access and knowledge spillover influence on SBIR Phase II awards in nonmetropolitan regions”
- Mid-Continent Regional Science Association** Jun 2023  
“Business Activity in Tribal Areas during the Self-Determination & Nation-to-Nation Eras: Parametric and Semi-Parametric Approaches”
- North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) Webinar** Feb 2023  
“Mapping Local Broadband Provision in the US”  
*with Elizabeth Mack*
- MSU AFRE Brown Bag Seminar** Sep 2022  
“We’re All in this Together: Student-Led Writing Groups”
- North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association (NARSC)** Nov 2021  
“Does Federal R&D Impact Rural and Urban Areas Differently?”
- Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA)** Apr 2021  
“A Comparison of Business Mix in Tribal and Non-Tribal Counties Over Time”  
*Lead Author, Presented by Scott Loveridge*
- North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association (NARSC)** Nov 2020  
“Open Payments And Opioid Overdoses: Provider payments and overdose mortalities in the United States”
- North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association (NARSC)** Nov 2020  
“A Comparison of Business Mix in Tribal and Non-Tribal Counties Over Time”
- Undergraduate Research Symposium, Loyola University Chicago** May 2018  
“Implications of Euro Adoption for Poland”

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Michigan State University** Aug 2019 - Present  
Graduate Research Assistant  
*Scott Loveridge (2019 - )*  
*Elizabeth Mack (2020 - )*  
*Craig Carpenter (2023 - )*
- Global Economics Group** May 2018 - May 2019  
Research Analyst
- Loyola University Chicago** Aug 2017 - May 2018  
Undergraduate Research Fellow  
LUC Provost Fellowship. *Advised by Marc Hayford*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Michigan State University** 2022 - 2023  
**Instructor of Record (Spring 2023)**, AFRE 206: World Food, Population, and Poverty  
Student Instructional Review System Score (1 is Superior, 4 is Inferior):  
1.64 in Instructor Involvement  
1.64 in Student Instructor Interaction  
1.95 in Course Demands

1.87 in Course Organization  
Grader (Fall 2022), AFRE 206

## SERVICE

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**Graduate Student Representative** 2022-2023  
Teaching and Academic Policy Committee (TAPC), MSU College of Ag. and Nat. Res.

**Coordinator & Founder** 2022  
Graduate Student Writing Group, MSU AFRE

## HONORS, AWARDS, & DESIGNATIONS

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- 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

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R, STATA, SAS, ArcGIS, Microsoft Office Suite, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

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

## REFERENCES

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