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DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, KNOWLEDGE, AND EVALUATION

Leads the Research, Knowledge, and Evaluation team in providing a better understanding of the economic dynamics of rural America and evaluating programs guiding communities toward tech-driven prosperity using rigorous analysis and real-world insight.

EDUCATION

<i>PhD, Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics</i> The Ohio State University	2013
<i>MS, Operations Research</i> The Air Force Institute of Technology	2005
<i>BS, Mathematics</i> United States Air Force Academy	2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<i>Center on Rural Innovation, Hartland, VT</i> Director of Research, Knowledge, and Evaluation	2023 - Present
<i>Ohio Chamber of Commerce</i> Economic Advisor Council Member	2023 - Present
<i>Ohio River Valley Institute</i> Advisory Board Member	2020 - Present
<i>Journal of Regional Science</i> Associate Editor	2024 - Present
<i>Regional Studies, Regional Science</i> Associate Editor	2015 - Present
<i>The University of Akron, Akron, OH</i> Associate Professor	2020 - 2023
Assistant Professor	2013 - 2020

Courses Taught: Regional Economic Analysis & Development, Urban Economics, Economics of Natural Resources and the Environment, Women and the Economy, Applications of Math Models to Economics, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Economics, Applied Econometrics 1, Business Statistics, Statistics for Decision-Making, Managerial Mathematics

Consultant
The Knight Foundation, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Open Road Renewables, Ohio's Future Foundation, Southern Poverty Law Center, Welty Building Company, Office of the Ohio Consumers' Council, OECD Regional Development Policy Division

C. William Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy, Columbus, OH Research Assistant	2009 - 2013
BearingPoint, Dayton, OH Sr. Management Analyst	2007 - 2008
Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright Patterson Air Force Base Scientific Analyst, Lieutenant, US Air Force	2004 - 2007

RESEARCH

Publications

- Patrick, C., Stephens, H., & Weinstein, A. (2024). Born to care (or not): How gender role attitudes affect occupational sorting. *Labour*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/labr.12261>
- Weinstein, A.L., Hicks, M. & Wornell, E. (2023). An aggregate approach to estimating quality of life in micropolitan areas. *Ann Reg Sci* 70, 447–476 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00168-022-01155-5>
- Reynolds, C. L., & Weinstein, A. L. (2021). Gender differences in quality of life and preferences for location-specific amenities across cities. *Journal of Regional Science*, 61(5), 916-943. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jors.12520>
- Weinstein, A., & Patrick, C. (2020). Recession-proof skills, cities, and resilience in economic downturns. *Journal of Regional Science*, 60(2), 348-373. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jors.12446>
- Partridge, M., Rohlin, S.M. & Weinstein, A.L. (2020). Firm formation and survival in the shale boom. *Small Bus Econ* 55, 975–996. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11187-019-00162-9>
- Stephens, H. M., & Weinstein, A. L. (2019). Household valuation of energy development in amenity-rich regions. *Growth and Change*, 50(4), 1375-1410. <https://doi.org/10.1111/grow.12335>
- Francesco Renna & Amanda Weinstein (2019). The veteran wage differential, *Applied Economics*, 51(12), 1284-1302, DOI: 10.1080/00036846.2018.1527445
- Weinstein, A. L., Partridge, M. D., & Tsvetkova, A. (2018). Follow the money: Aggregate, sectoral and spatial effects of an energy boom on local earnings. *Resources Policy*, 55, 196-209. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.resourpol.2017.11.018>
- Weinstein, A. L. (2017). Working women in the city and urban wage growth in the United States. *Journal of Regional Science*, 57(4), 591-610. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jors.12336>
- Patrick, C., Stephens, H. & Weinstein, A. (2016). Where are all the self-employed women? Push and pull factors influencing female labor market decisions. *Small Bus Econ* 46, 365–390. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11187-015-9697-2>
- Weinstein, A.L. (2014). Local Labor Market Restructuring in the Shale Boom. *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*, 44(1), 71-92. DOI: 10.22004/ag.econ.243965
- Partridge, M.D. & Weinstein, A.L. (2013). Rising Inequality in an Era of Austerity: The Case of the US. *European Planning Studies*, 21(3), 388-410, DOI: 10.1080/09654313.2012.716247
- Weinstein, A. & Schumacher, C. (2007). UAV scheduling via the vehicle routing problem with time windows. *Proc. AIAA Infotech@Aerospace Conf. Exhib.*, p. 2839.

Book Chapters

- Ghosh, S., Weinstein, A. (2021). The Impact of Emigration on Source Countries. In: Kourtit, K., Newbold, B., Nijkamp, P., Partridge, M. (eds) *The Economic Geography of Cross-Border Migration. Footprints of Regional Science()*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-48291-6_19

Weinstein, A. & Partridge, M. (2014). Economic Implications of Unconventional Fossil Fuel Production. In (Ed. Don Albrecht) Our Energy Future, Socioeconomic Implications and Policy Options for Rural America. New York: Routledge.

Partridge, M. & Weinstein, A. (2014). Green Jobs. In Timothy C. Haab and John C. Whitehead (Eds.) Environmental and Natural Resource Economics: An Encyclopedia. Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood.

Reports and Articles

Weinstein, A.; Dewbury, A. (2024). "Beyond the rural vote: Economic anxiety and the 2024 presidential election." Election Analysis

Weinstein, A., Erouart, M., & Dewbury, A. (2024). "Beyond Connectivity: The Role of Broadband in Rural Economic Growth and Resilience." Center on Rural Innovation.

Weinstein, A. & Erouart, M. (2024). "Swimming upstream on the path to thriving." Center on Rural Innovation.

Rohlin, S. & Weinstein, A. (2023). "Akron Civic Theatre Economic Impact Report."

Rohlin, S. & Weinstein, A. (2023). "Economic Impact Study of Summit Lake Nature Center."

Austin, J., Weinstein, A., Hicks, M., & Wornell, E. (January 26, 2022). "Improving quality of life—not just business—is the best path to Midwestern rejuvenation," Brookings.

Rohlin, S. & Weinstein, A. (2021). "The Economic Benefit of the Blossom Solar Project."

Weinstein, A. & Reynolds, C.L. (November 29, 2021). "Auburn vs. College Station, Greeley vs. Flagstaff – the surprising difference in where men and women prefer to live," MarketWatch.

Rohlin, S. & Weinstein, A. (2021). "The Economic Benefit of the Harvey Solar Project" with Shawn Rohlin.

Weinstein, A., Hicks, M., & Wornell, E. (December, 2020). "Falling Behind: How Ohio Continues to Lose its Place in the U.S. Economy," The University of Akron.

Weinstein, A. (November 2020). "A movable force: the armed forces voting bloc" Election Analysis – United States.

Weinstein, A. (November 2020). "The pandemic did not produce the predominant headwinds that changed the course of the country" Election Analysis – United States.

Weinstein, A., Greenhalgh-Stanley, N., & Rohlin, S. (May 2019). "The Economic Impact of the Bowery Project in Downtown Akron".

Weinstein, A. (January 31, 2018). "When More Women Join the Workforce, Wages Rise — Including for Men." Harvard Business Review.

AWARDS & GRANTS

ECMC Research Grant 2024
Local Anchors, Local Growth: Examining the Role of Rural Postsecondary Institutions in Entrepreneurial Ecosystems

NSF EAGER Research Grant 2024
Exploring Place-Based Innovation for Sustainable Economic Growth and Community Well-Being: A Mixed-Methods Approach

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Research Grant 2024

Redefining the narrative on rural investment strategies to cultivate equity and inclusion in funding for places facing the deepest disadvantages

Mid-Continent Regional Science Association 2023
Research Impact Award for the Most Outstanding Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy Article

enFocus Research Grant 2023
Entrepreneurship and Quality of Life

Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society 2021

Institute for Advanced Learning & Research and Robert Wood Johnson Research Grant 2019
Charting a More Prosperous Future for America's Micropolitan Regions

The University of Akron 2018
Summer Fellowship Program Award Winner

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy 2016
Scholars Program Award Winner

The University of Akron 2016
Summer Fellowship Program Award Winner

USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Grant 2014
Maximizing the Gains of Old and New Energy Development for America's Rural Communities

Mid-Continent Regional Science Association 2013
M. Jarvin Emerson Student Paper Competition Award

The Ohio State University Center for Urban and Regional Analysis 2013
Travel Award

The Ohio State University International Poverty Solutions Center 2012
Travel Award

Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women 2011
Graduate Studies Grant for Research on Women, Gender or Gender Equity

The Ohio State University 2008
Graduate Studies Fellowship

SELECTED MEDIA

["Report: Broadband Can Transform a Rural Community"](#) Daily Yonder, November 12, 2024.

["Small Providers, More Fiber Help Rural Economies: Study"](#) Telecompetitor, October 2, 2024.

["Middle America's 'Doom Loop'."](#) Business Insider, June 22, 2023.

["The Fresh Economic Development Strategy Emerging in the Midwest."](#) Route Fifty, December 28, 2022.

["Sky-high rural property values squeeze Ohio farmers looking to expand."](#) The Columbus Dispatch, December 8, 2022.

["Why Ohio's Top Oil and Gas Producing Counties Continue to Lag in Jobs."](#) Ohio Capital Journal, November 29, 2022.

["Senate race in Ohio is ground zero for hopes of more manufacturing jobs."](#) Washington Post, October 16, 2022.

["Promoting Economic Participation through Regional Equity"](#) SF Fed Blog, August 10, 2022.

["Quality of Life and Place as Economic Development: 5 Questions with Amanda Weinstein and John Austin"](#) Medium, July 19, 2022.

["Could quality of life improvements help revitalize the Midwest?"](#) Wisconsin Public Radio, March 14, 2022.

["Opinion: Auburn vs. College Station, Greeley vs. Flagstaff — the surprising differences in where men and women prefer to live"](#) MarketWatch, Dec 31, 2021.

["Greene County works toward sustainable economic drivers"](#) Pittsburgh Business Times, July 20, 2021.

["Economic Outlook in Northeast Ohio"](#) Forum 360, June 2021.

["As the overall job market stumbles back, women still struggle to recover lost employment"](#) NBC News, May 7, 2021.

["Lack of office workers devastates Downtown restaurants"](#) Columbus Dispatch, May 27, 2020.

["U.S. shale bust slams rural economies as oil checks shrivel"](#) Reuters, May 22, 2020.

["Women, young workers hit hard by coronavirus unemployment"](#) Cleveland.Com, May 22, 2020.

["Becoming The Majority Of The Workforce Is Not A Positive Step For Women"](#) Forbes, February 4, 2020.

["Women Are Now the Majority of the U.S. Workforce — But Working Women Still Face Serious Challenges"](#) TIME, January 16, 2020.

["Study: Colorado homes near oil wells face lower values"](#) AP News, December 9, 2019.

["Colorado homes near oil wells face lower values, new study finds"](#) The Denver Post, December 8, 2019.

["Empower the VA with the tools to help our veterans"](#) The Hill, August 6, 2019.

["Research Finds Veterans Earn More than Non-veterans"](#) MilitaryTimes, July 31, 2019.

["How 3 Skill Sets Explain U.S. Economic Geography"](#) CityLab, July 16, 2019.

["Lordstown, Ohio Ponders Life after General Motors' Departure"](#) Fox News, March 13, 2019.

["Study: Drilling Could Stifle Other Business in Marcellus Region"](#) Akron Beacon Journal, February 18, 2019.

["Entrepreneurship growing faster among single women than married women, men"](#) Atlanta Business Chronicle, February 11, 2016.

["Once temples of American commerce, indoor malls lose shoppers to e-stores"](#) PBS Newshour interview on November 28, 2014.

["Great Lakes Now Connect: Investing in Nature"](#) Detroit Public Television, August 13, 2013.

["Community Economic Development"](#) Town Hall Ohio radio interview with the Ohio Farm Bureau, January 21, 2013.

["The Economic Value of Shale Natural Gas in Ohio"](#) [America's Workforce Radio](#), January 20, 2012.

"Shale Gas Will Not Create 200,000 Ohio Jobs by 2015, OSU Says of Industry Claims" The Plain Dealer, December 16, 2011.