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## Fields of Interest

- Teaching: Urban/Regional, Labor, PE/History of Economic Thought, Environmental
- Research: Regional, Labor, Inequality

## Education

- Colorado State University: MA; PhD Candidate in Economics (ABD), expected graduation May 2019  
*Dissertation: "Three Essays on Entrepreneurship and Regional Development"*  
*Committee: Stephan Weiler (advisor), Alex Bernasek, Martin Shields, Dawn Thilmany*
- Wheaton College, Massachusetts: B.A. in Economics with Honors, Suma Cum Laude – May 2011

## Teaching Experience

- Labor Economics (University of Denver – Visiting): Spring 2019
- Environmental Economics: Spring 2019
- Principles of Macroeconomics: Fall 2018
- Principles of Microeconomics: Spring 2018, Fall 2017
- Economics of Social Issues: Spring 2018
- Recent Economic Thought: Fall 2017
- History of Economic Institutions and Thought: Spring 2017, on-campus and online
- Intermediate Macroeconomics: Fall 2016
- Teaching Assistant: Principles of Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, History of Economic Thought
- Grader: Graduate Microeconomics II - Game Theory, Fall 2015

## Academic Awards

- ODE Outstanding Graduate Teacher, Spring 2018
- ODE Best Graduate Paper, Spring 2014
- Jean Mulcahy Keefe '44 Prize in Economics, Wheaton College, Spring 2011

## Conference Presentations

- "The More Dynamic the Better? Effects of Entrepreneurship on Local Growth, Distribution, and Resilience," at the Colorado State University Seminar Series, September 2018
- "Entrepreneurship and Poverty Reduction in Rural America," at the Research Workshop on Expanding Opportunities Through Economic Development and Workforce Development Initiatives, hosted by the Atlanta Regional Federal Reserve Bank and the W.E. Upjohn Institute, May 2018
- "Entrepreneurship, Information Spillovers, and Poverty Reduction," at the Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, March 2018
- "Information Spillovers, Employment Growth, and the Great Recession," at the RSAI North American Regional Sciences Council, Nov. 2017
- "Exploring the Sectoral Specificity of Information Spillovers from Entrepreneurship," at the RSAI North American Regional Sciences Council, Nov. 2017

## **Papers, Reports, and Policy Briefs**

- **Migration, Housing, and the Future of Colorado's Growing Economy**, with Jonathan Care, October 2018
- **The Great Recession and the Startup Slowdown**, with Stephan Weiler, June 2017
- **Inside the Rise of the Gig Economy**, with Stephan Weiler, April 2017
- **Innovation in Colorado and the West Midlands**, September 2016
- "The More Dynamic the Better? Effects of Entrepreneurship on Local Growth, Distribution, and Resilience" – Working Paper
- "Entrepreneurship and Resilience in the US and UK: Implications for Regional Development" – Working Paper, with Anastasios Kitsos, Jacob Moore, Raquel Ortega Argiles, Luke Petach and Stephan Weiler. Presented by Raquel Ortega Argiles at the 58<sup>th</sup> European Regional Sciences Congress, August 2018
- "Urban-Rural Bridges: An Analysis of Potential Employment Dispersion from the National Western Center Redevelopment" – Working Paper
- "Escaping the Prisoner's Dilemma of Overwork: Self Employment as an Alternative to Unsatisfactory Work Hours" – Working Paper

## **Selected Work Experience**

- Founding Graduate Research Assistant, Regional Economic Development Institute at CSU (REDI@CSU), Summer 2016 – present
- National Western Center Redevelopment Advisory Team, Summer 2018 – present
- Primary Graduate Research Assistant, "Rural-Urban Economic Linkages and the Impact of Water Transfers out of Agriculture," Summer 2015 – Summer 2016
- Outreach Coordinator, Schumacher Center for a New Economics, Great Barrington, MA, June 2011-June 2012
- Special Education Paraprofessional and After-School Advanced Math Coach, Plympton Elementary School, Waltham MA, August 2012 - July 2013
- Economic Development Intern, AHEAD Inc., Kisarawe, Tanzania, Summer 2009

## **Languages**

- English
- French – conversational

## **References**

Dr. Stephan Weiler (advisor) - Professor of Economics, William E. Morgan Chair; Director, Regional Economic Development Institute (REDI@CSU) - Stephan.Weiler@colostate.edu, 970-491-5538

Dr. Alexandra Bernasek - Professor of Economics; Senior Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts - Alexandra.Bernasek@colostate.edu, 970-491-3454

Dr. Dawn Thilmany – Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Outreach Coordinator, Associate Department Head – Dawn.Thilmany@colostate.edu, 970-491-7220

Dr. Jo Burgess Barbier (teaching reference) – Assistant Professor of Economics – Jo.Barbier@colostate.edu, 970-491-1984