Readings Econ 563 (* required)

1. Introduction—
   a. The role of space in economics
   b. Defining regional economics and regions:
   c. Describing an economy

*William A. Schaffer. 2010.  
   Chapter 1: Place and Space  
   Chapter 2: What is a Region?  
Web Book of Regional Science:  
http://rri.wvu.edu/WebBook/Schaffer/Chapters%201&2%20S10%20for%20WVa.pdf

Penn State University  
http://cecd.aers.psu.edu/pubs/using_employment_data_to_better.htm

2. Location—What happens where and why? This section looks at various theories, empirical tests and policies related to location of firms and households.

FIRMS

What factors influence the location decisions of profit maximizing/cost minimizing firms?

General Literature Reviews

Empirical Studies in Industrial Location: An Assessment of Their Methods and Results.  
Journal of Regional Science 50(3):685-711  


Transportation and Infrastructure: Early ideas of firm location center on transportation costs, with respect to either input or output markets.

Chapter 1 in Urban and Regional Economics. Oxford University Press.

Economics.

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B6V89-4TNCG93-1&_user=5593168&_rdoc=1&_fmt=&_orig=search&_sort=d&_docanchor=&view=c&_searchStrId=1005956854&_rerunOrigin=scholar.google&_acct=C000050221&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=5593168&md5=124105929a43dc9b8578860275d782d9

Regulation


http://www.cserge.ucl.ac.uk/Jeffe%20et%20al%201995.pdf

Business Climate


Taxes: A huge literature, worthy of its own 6 week course.

Literature Reviews

http://ideas.repec.org/a/fip/fedbne/v1997imarp37-52.html


Theoretical Papers

*Charles E. McLure, Jr. 1970. Taxation, Substitution, and Industrial Location
Journal of Political Economy 78(1):112-132
Empirical Papers

  [http://www.jstor.org/pss/1924411](http://www.jstor.org/pss/1924411)


Incentives


Policy Discussions


*The Economic War Among the States.* A policy workshop sponsored by the Minneapolis Fed that looks at state economic competition for firms via incentives. [http://www.minneapolisfed.org/publications_papers/issue.cfm?id=196](http://www.minneapolisfed.org/publications_papers/issue.cfm?id=196)


Agglomeration


**HOUSEHOLDS**


**School Choice**


**3. Regional Growth**

**Export base**

Neoclassical Growth


Convergence


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NEIGHBORHOOD EFFECTS


**LAND RENTS AND SPRAWL**


**SEGREGATION AND GHETTOS**
