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EDUCATION: Ph.D., Arizona State University, Geography, 1991; M.A., Miami University, Geography, 1987; M.A., The University of Glasgow, Geography, 1985.

CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS: Director, The Urban Affairs Center, The University of Toledo, 2006-Present; Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, The University of Toledo, 1997-06

RESEARCH INTERESTS: I am an industrial geographer. My current research focuses on the growth mechanisms that underpin local economic development. I have a particular interest in the theory and practice of industrial clusters and the role that these can play in helping local economies remain globally competitive. Currently, much of my research is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This funding is being used to assist the northwest Ohio greenhouse industry develop and implement a cluster-based strategy to enhance that industry's economic competitiveness. In addition to being an Associate Professor of Geography and Planning I am Director of the University of Toledo's Urban Affairs Center (UAC). The UAC is an applied research unit that works with faculty from across campus to help the local community address critical issues in the areas of community, neighborhood, and economic development. I currently serve as Vice Chair of the International Geographical Union's Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces. I also serve as \Editor for the Americas for the journal *Regional Science Policy and Practice* and serve on the editorial board of *Applied Geography*. My research has been published in a variety of journals. Most recently, these include *Annals of Regional Science*, *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Economic Development Journal*, and *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*.